

The Gorseley Weekly

PUPIL PARLIAMENT 2024-25

One of the things we are most proud of at Gorseley is our Pupil Parliament programme which gives our children a voice in the running of a variety of different areas of school life. The groups (see below) are named after real government departments and our elected members meet weekly to discuss and act on ways in which they can improve their respective areas for all other pupils in the school.

The parliament was the recipient of particular praise in our 2023 Ofsted inspection with the team commenting that,

'Pupils embrace their various leadership responsibilities. For example, they enjoy acting as members of different parliamentary groups. Pupils make a highly tangible contribution to the life of the school through these roles'

In last week's assembly we launched this year's Parliament, shared our previous successes and talked to the children about how they can get involved. Since then applications have been flooding in from the children keen to represent the school in one of the following groups:

- The Home Office
- The Treasury
- The Department for Education
- The Department for Digital Culture
- The Department for Sport
- The Department for Health and Care
- The Department for the environment
- The Ministry of Justice
- The Arts Council

All the groups are led by a different member of school staff and we look forward to sharing with you the members of each group and the work they will be doing over the coming weeks.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

We are looking forward to welcoming you all into school for the first Parents' Evenings of the year next week. These meetings are intended to be pastoral in nature and focus on how your child has settled into their new class and school year. They provide an opportunity for you hear from and spend time with their new Class Teacher but also for the team here to gain more of an insight for yourselves as the people who know the children best!

Hopefully by now most of you have been able to book an appointment. If you have any problems with this please feel free to contact the school office.

Our next round of Parents' Evenings in January will focus far more on academic progress and will include a discussion on the outcomes of assessments done with all children at the end of the Autumn term.

THIS WEEK'S HOUSE POINT TOTALS



UNICEF Rights Respecting School

Article 12

Every child has the right to an opinion and for it to be listened to and taken seriously

WE ARE A UNICEF GOLD RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

Children's rights are learned, understood and lived in this school.



EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUB PICK UP

Pick up from all extra curricular club (excluding Kids Club) is now from the Reception playground at the front of school. Whichever club your child is in, they will either be brought through school and exit via the Reception classrooms, or be brought across the playground.

This is to ensure safe handover of the children and for safeguarding reasons to minimise the areas of school grounds that can be accessed after core school hours and normal school pick up.

UPDATES AND REMINDERS

Rear site entrance

We appreciate that this has caused delays in the morning and thank you for your patience whilst this is being rectified. The annual tree survey has now been completed but there is considerably more work to do than we had hoped before we can reopen this gate again. The contractor has been instructed to carry out the work and we hope to have an update on timings early next week.

PE Kits

All pupils must be in school sports kit for every PE lesson. This is part of school uniform and children may be prevented from taking part in PE lessons if they are repetitively in non-school sports kit. Full guidance and how to purchase this can be found on the [uniform page of our website](#).

Water bottles

All pupils should have their own plastic water bottle with them each day (these are stored in purpose built crates so preferably of normal size and ideally the school bottles).

SAFEGUARDING

Should any parents ever have any concerns about the safety of a child, either in school or out, they should request a conversation with myself as Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or Mrs Bell as Deputy Lead (DDSL). This will of course be treated in the strictest of confidence.

Should a concern arise outside of school hours, parents are advised to contact and [Cheshire East Consultation Service \(ChECS\)](#) on 0300 123 5022.

PTA UPDATE - ASDA

Asda Cashpot for Schools is a great way to raise a little extra money for the PTA and is as easy as 1, 2, 3...



1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools (make sure you have the latest version of the app installed)
2. Choose Gorsey Bank Primary School by searching the name or postcode (SK9 5NQ)
3. Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at [Asda.com](#) and start filling your Cashpot as you shop

SEPT 2025 RECEPTION APPLICATIONS

We may still be welcoming our new Reception pupils into the Gorsey family for this year but applications are already open for our 2025 cohort!

If you or anyone you know has a child who will be of Reception age next academic year they can apply for a place with us through the [Cheshire East admissions website which can be accessed here](#).

For anyone new to the school community, we run weekly school tour which take place on a Monday at 9.30 led by a member of the Senior Leadership Team and we also have our first Open Morning of the year taking place on Friday 4th October. Both of these can be booked via our website or by calling the school office in 01625 468040.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 9th-10th Oct - Parents' Evenings
- 17th Oct - SF said author visit
- 17th Oct - PTA Discos
- 25th Oct - Last day of term
- 4th Nov - INSET Day
- 5th Nov - Start of term
- 12th Nov - Parent Council Meeting
- 5th-6th Dec - Rex Christmas Cinema Visits
- 22nd Dec - End of term