

Gorsley Goffs Primary School



NEWSLETTER



Our value for November is
Trust and thankfulness

November



Please click on the links above to see the latest information for your child's class and Forest Schools.



Pudsey visited us for Children in Need

The children enjoyed seeing

Pudsey this year! Thank you so much for all your donations. We made a fantastic £243 from non-school uniform and £648.73 from sale of merchandise. We hope Blush will be able to join Pudsey for a visit next year.



Welcome

A very warm welcome to Amber in year 5. We hope you enjoy your time at Gorsley Goffs.

BBC
CHILDREN
IN NEED

Sad farewell to class drama at Gorsley Goffs

We sent a letter informing you that Mrs O'Neill was sadly leaving us at the end of term and not continuing with her drama during lesson times. We are however pleased to confirm that she has agreed to continue with her Drama After School Club on Wednesdays.

Some children like to give a small gift when a staff member leaves. Our staff are donating towards a leaving present in recognition of her many years providing drama at Gorsley Goffs and if you wish to contribute towards this shared collection please pass this to Mrs Harris.

**SORRY
TO SEE
YOU GO**

**PUT THIS
on YOUR
CALENDAR!**

NB A reminder that school finishes at 2.00 pm on Friday, 19th December when we break up for Christmas. There is no after school club care on this day.



**The Safeguarding
Team at Gorsley
Goffs**

If you have any concerns about a child's welfare or safety, please speak to a member of the safeguarding team by phoning
01989 720321:

**Mr S Pascoe - Designated
Safeguarding Lead (DSL)**

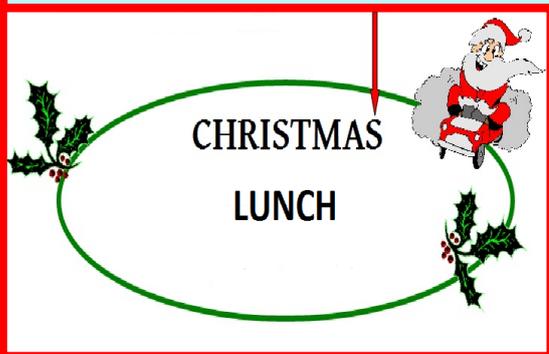
**Mr S Manning and Miss L Baugh -
Deputy Designated Safeguarding
Leads (DDSL)**

The winners for our 100 Club
November draw were:

£50 Katie Osmond
£25 Jodie Oseman
£10 Liz Fishpool

Please contact the school
office if you would like infor-
mation on how to join our fundraising 100 Club.





REMINDER—the Christmas lunch on 12th December needs to be ordered/paid for on Parent Pay by **Thursday, 4th December**. We will not be taking late orders after this date due to managing catering requirements and you will need to provide a packed lunch if you've not ordered. If you are finding it difficult with payment please contact the school office.

The children can wear a festive Christmas jumper to school on this day with their normal school uniform.



December		
w/c 1st		Last week of School Clubs (Drama continuing until last week of term)
2 nd	TBC	Hereford Cathedral Carol Service for Year 5/6 Larks
3 rd	TBC	Beehive – Larks and KS2 instrumentalists
4 th	ALL DAY	Lynders Class Trip to Technquest
4 th	pm	PTFA Christmas Bazaar
5 th	TBC	Year 5/6 Dodgeball at John Kyrle
10 th	1.30 pm	Year 2 Play - for parents
11 th	6.00 pm	Year 2 Play - for parents
12 th		Christmas Lunch
12 th	am	Last swimming for Lynders Class
15 th		R and Key Stage 1 Christmas Party Day
16 th		Key Stage 2 Christmas Party Day
17 th		Briery Class winter woodland walk
19 th	9.30 am	Christmas Carol Service (including Acorn Nativity) followed by refreshments at School

T4U

real people making
a real difference

T4U Christmas Shoebboxes

Thank you so much to everyone who donated and prepared a Christmas Shoebox. Sandy and Keith were delighted with our donations and they certainly left with a fully packed car!





BOOKING GAS (After School Club) by 10.00am on day care is required please

A reminder please for Parents to book on to Parent Pay by 10 am each day care is required. We ask this as we must ensure we have the correct staff ratio available for the number of children attending. We will still allow emergency care for unavoidable changes to home time plans, but we ask that you call the School Office to inform us of this, rather than email where possible as emails are not always retrieved in time due to the nature of the impromptu work on reception. We hope you understand that after school club is very popular and we must know numbers attending. If at any time you call the office, and there is no answer, please do leave a message on the answerphone as the staff are probably delivering late home time messages.

Anti-Bullying week



Anti-Bullying Week & Odd Socks Day

Our school proudly took part in **Anti-Bullying Week**, joining children and schools across the UK to promote kindness, respect and standing up for one another. We kicked things off with **Odd Socks Day**, where pupils and staff wore their brightest, boldest, and most mismatched socks to celebrate what makes each of us unique!

Throughout the week, classes took part in discussions or activities focused on friendship, empathy and how to speak up if something doesn't feel right. We are so proud of the thoughtful ideas shared by our pupils and the supportive atmosphere they continue to build every day.

Thank you to everyone for getting involved and helping us reinforce the message that **bullying is never okay and kindness matters**.

**STOP
BULLYING
NOW**
STAND UP • SPEAK OUT

Recommended by
NICE National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

Co-developed with young people, families, educators, clinicians & academics

Lumi Nova: Tales of Courage

- ✓ **NICE recommended digital therapy** through a fun mobile game (smartphone/tablet)
- ✓ For **7-12 year olds**
- ✓ Supports **mild to moderate fears, worries & anxiety**
- ✓ **Based on CBT** and provides **Exposure Therapy** (Gold standard treatment)
- ✓ **Low risk medical device** - Safe, effective & easy to use



On Tuesday, 11th November, the whole school marked remembrance through a range of art and writing activities. At 11.00 am we all participated in the National 2 minute silence to remember our fallen heroes. Just look at the amazing artwork by Year 6 children with remembrance poems, which is now proudly displayed in the Gorsley Church Coffee Shop windows.





Christmas Bazaar

Get ready for some festive fun!

More details to follow soon—but for now, pop the date in your diary!

Thursday, 4 December 2025 | 5:30PM – 7:30PM
Gorsley Goffs Primary School



Santa's Grotto:
We are operating a pre-booking system for 2025



CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done to our
Gorsley Champions!



A great course that covers essential topics for parents of children in the primary years

Parentalk

THE PRIMARY YEARS

Starting Wednesday 7th January 2026 6pm-7.30pm

Hosted at Gorsley Baptist Church

This is a free 6 week course

www.careforthefamily.org.uk





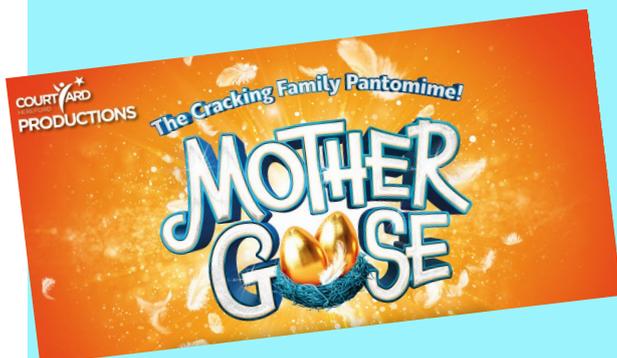
Mother Goose Pantomime at The Courtyard Theatre



The children had an amazing time watching Mother Goose yesterday at The Courtyard Theatre. This was a great start to the festive activities in school.



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Attendance

**The following changes came into force from
19th August 2024**

**An absence request form available from Reception must be completed for any
leave of absence.**

10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) UNAUTHORISED ATTENDANCE IN A TEN WEEK PERIOD

A single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered when 10 sessions (5 days) of any unauthorised attendance within a rolling 10 week school period. The ten week period may span different terms or school years

PENALTY FINE 1

An increase in the rate of penalty fine of £160.00 if paid within 28 days and £80.00 if paid within 21 days

PENALTY FINE 2

If a second penalty notice is issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling three-year period, the notice will be charged at the higher rate of £160.00 with no option for this second offence to be discharged at the lower rate of £80.00

FURTHER PENALTIES

A national limit of two penalty notices can be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling three-year period.

If a parent commits a third offence in a three-year rolling period, the Local Authority will consider options available to improve attendance, including prosecution.