

Gorsley Goffs Primary School



NEWSLETTER



Our values for January was
'Respect' and 'Tolerance'

SPRING 1



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

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings - 9th & 12th March

We will notify you shortly when bookings go live on School Cloud. When notified, please familiarise yourself with logging on/ booking prior to the booking going live. We can then try and assist with any log in problems before the bookings go live.

Could parents please note that appointments are for ten minutes only and that if you, or the teacher, feels it is necessary to speak for longer than this then another appointment must be made. Please also bear in mind that there is only one appointment per child and separated parents should agree a mutual time to attend together. You will also have opportunity to peruse your children's work either before or after your appointment. If your child has an Individual Education Plan you will be offered a longer meeting with their class teacher. The Teacher will be in touch in due course to arrange a convenient time. You will receive a separate letter informing you of this and will not be offered a 10 minute slot as well, nor be able to book through the School Cloud system.

The teachers always do their best to keep to the appointment times and we appreciate that on occasions the appointments can run late. However, if you can help the process by being prompt and being aware that ten minutes goes very quickly, it would be greatly appreciated.



A very warm welcome to James in year 2. We hope you enjoy your time at Gorsley Goffs.

If you have any problems with booking please contact the school office.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are noticing that a lot of children are not in the correct uniform. We would appreciate your co-operation in helping us, and the children, to take pride and being smart in our School uniform. Please ensure you pay particular attention to the following:

- Children should not be wearing brightly coloured tights or socks.
- Shoes should be black and not of the canvas/trainer variety.
- Children with pierced ears should only be wearing studs for school and they need to be removed for PE (or taped over) and swimming.
- No nail varnish should be worn to school

Thank you for your continued support with this to ensure our children always look smart.

No dangly earrings please!



Just a friendly reminder...

Please could we remind parents that they should be emailing the school office with queries, home time arrangements etc to admin@gorsleygoffs.hereford.sch.uk and **not** email teachers direct.



Should I keep my child off school?

Please scan the QR code for NHS illness guidance.



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 January draw were:

**£50 Harry Fields
£25 Nicki Manning
£10 Di Atkinson**

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

Rewards

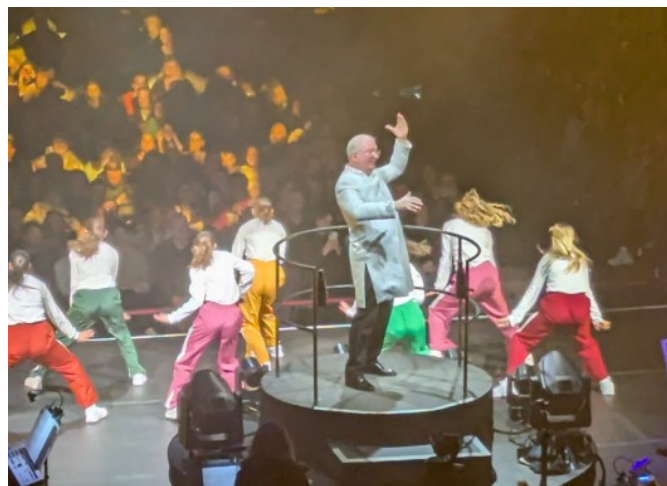
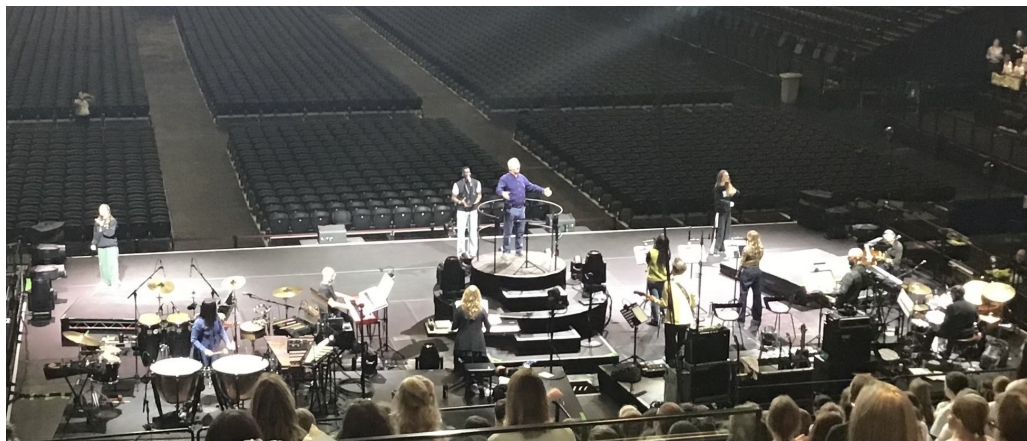


Whole School Reward



Rewards





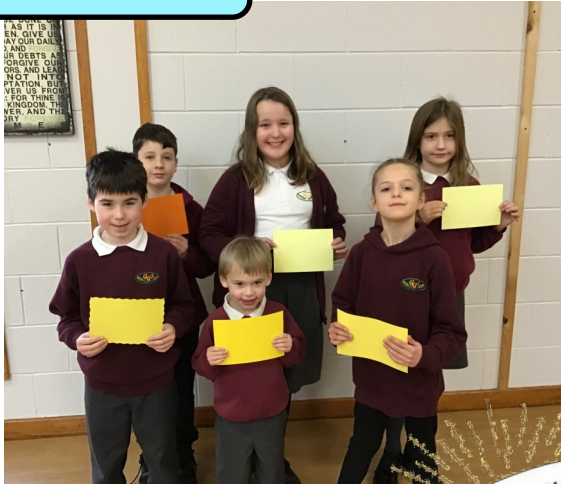
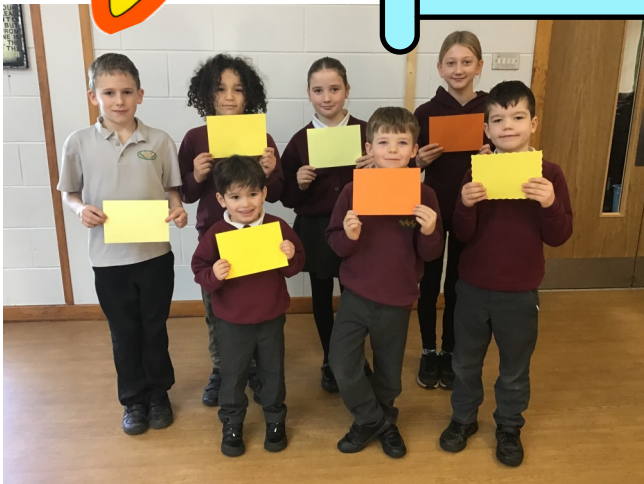
The children had a fantastic time at Young Voices at the BP Pulse Arena last week. Thank you to Mrs Harris, Mr Manning, Mrs Hargreaves, Mrs Speller, Mrs Black and Mrs Taylor for accompanying the children.





**Well done to our Gorsley
Champions!**

CONGRATULATIONS!



February diary dates

5 th	3:30-5:45	PTFA Disco	PTFA
10 th	am	Year 5 high school experience visit to John Kyrle High School	Miss Baugh
11 th	9 am	Rudhall Class Assembly for parents	Miss Baugh
11 th	1.30-3.30 pm	Toy Sale for Uganda	Mrs Caligari/Mr Pascoe
12 th	All Day	Acorn trip to <u>Perrygrove</u> Railway	Mrs Harris
13 th		Last swimming for Kempley Class	
Half term Monday, 16th February to 20th February 2026			
26 th	All day	Kempley trip to Sea Life Centre	Miss Hill
27 th	10.30 am	Swimming starts for Briery Class	Mr Grice

Children's Help and Advice Team (CHAT)

There's a helpline available for Herefordshire families that need some extra support.

The Children's Help and Advice Team (CHAT) phone line is aimed at families and young people who are finding family life or being a parent hard to manage or they just need someone to talk to and a helping hand.

The CHAT team can offer support, advice and guidance for families on the following topics:

- Family relationships
- Challenging behaviours
- Housing and financial matters
- Emotional and mental health worries
- Keeping your child safe (on-line and in the community)
- Child well-being and development
- Any issue affecting you and your family



Families and young people can call the CHAT team on 01432 260261 and speak with an experienced supporting families advisor.

The line is open from 9.00am to 4.45pm, Monday to Friday.

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.



Join us for a

FREE CRAFT EVENT FOR FAMILIES

Friday 20th February 2026

Holts Health Centre,
Watery Lane
Newent
Gloucestershire
GL18 1BA

10AM-2PM



Squash and biscuits provided

FEBRUARY HALF TERM INTENSIVE SWIMMING LESSONS

Our intensive lessons are perfect for children aged 4+ who are new to lessons, or children on our Learn to Swim programme wanting to progress to the next stage.

Designed to help build confidence, improve technique, and have fun, all in just 4 sessions!

Get 50% OFF your booking — only £15.75 total for 4 lessons!

That's just £3.94 per session!*

To view days and times visit www.haloleisure.org.uk/whats-on

Limited spots — don't miss out!
Call us on **01432 842075**, or pop in to your local pool to secure your child's place.



HEREFORDSHIRE FA TRAIN LIKE A LIONESS

Following the incredible success of our Train Like A Lioness camp, we're excited to announce the launch of our next series coming this February!

Get ready for more high-energy sessions, expert coaching, and the chance to develop your skills like never before. Players will be grouped based on age and ability. Spaces will be limited, so sign up early to secure your place.

📅 Thursday 19 & Friday 20 February 2026

📍 The Herefordshire FA, HR4 9NA (3G Pitch)

Sessions:

6- 16 Year Olds | 09:00-15:00

£25 per session or £40 for both days

For further details and to confirm your attendance, please use the link in the caption.

