

Gorsley Goffs Primary School



NEWSLETTER



Our value for
September has
been



September 2



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



A very warm welcome to Delilah who has joined us in Acorn, Frankie in Lynders and Rory in Oxenhall.

Vibe Dance and The Courtyard Theatre Company have got off to a great start taking our PPA sessions on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Rikki and Tara have been teaching the children street dance and the children absolutely love showing off their dancing skills. The children were also delighted to have drama back on the curriculum with The Courtyard Theatre, Hereford, for years 5 & 6 on Wednesdays.

Forest Schools has got off to an amazing start and with the introduction of sessions for reception children, this has been a great addition enhancing opportunities for Acorn Class.

All classes have been practising their harvest performances to delight you with at the Harvest Service on Friday, 16th October.

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)

Wye Class Responsibilities

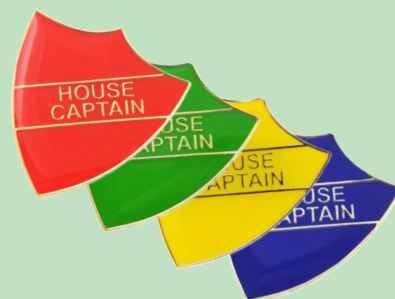
Each Year 6 child was asked to complete an application form and then prepare a presentation, which stated what skills they can bring to their chosen role.



The children presented their case to Miss Voss, Mr Manning and Mrs Dyer. The presentations were completed and delivered to a very high standard and the children spoke clearly and confidently. We would like to congratulate the children for their hard work and we are confident that the children will continue to lead by example.

The results are as follows:

School Captains – Chloe, Josh



House Captains:

Goodrich – Celina, Eva

Wilton – Oliver, Florence

Eastnor – Annabelle

Raglan – Eden, Faith, Amber



Hall monitors – Liam, Ashleigh, Tilly, Blake

Sports Leaders – Winnie, Niamh, Boris, Aoife, Rio, Cormac, Addison, Oscar, George, Blake

Drama monitor – Amelie, Heidi

Librarians – Polina, Heidi, Ameli, Alex, Spencer, Rosie, Logan



Guitar and Ukulele lessons are currently available at school. They are a great way to help children's creativity and help boost confidence. Lessons take place in school on Thursdays in term time. Please call or text Mark Leedham on 07813 643175 or email markleedham@yahoo.co.uk if your son or daughter would be interested in taking lessons.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done to our
Gorsley Champions!



Medical and dental

appointments should be made for after school where possible please. Bear in mind attendance matters ALL DAY, EVERY DAY!

If you do have medical appointments during the school day please send proof of appointment/time to the school office as we are now required to see this.

The School Photographer is in School on Monday, 5th October 2026

All children will have individual photographs and family groups taken with brothers or sisters in school unless you instruct us otherwise.



Also, parents with pre-school children are welcome to come along to the school hall, between 8.00-8.30 am, to have a group photo with their brothers or sisters. Please let the School Office know in advance if you want to attend with pre-school children at this earlier time.

Reception admissions for 2027-2028

The online portal for parents to apply for a reception class place for the academic year 2027/28 is now open and closes on 15th January 2027. The website can be accessed by clicking the following link [Apply for a reception class place academic year 2027/28](https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/schools-education/primary-school-admissions)
www.herefordshire.gov.uk/schools-education/primary-school-admissions

Closing date for Secondary applications for 2027 is 31st October

Parents are advised to read the relevant information regarding the admissions process before making an application <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/schools-education/secondary-school-admissions>

If applications are not submitted by the 31st October they will be classed as late (unless a genuine reason for lateness) and will not be looked at until after all on-time applicants have been allocated a school.

For further information please contact the school admissions team on 01432 260926.



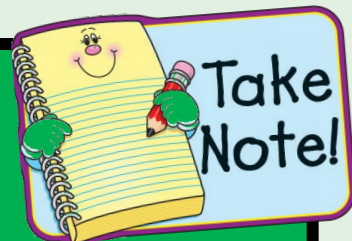
We appreciate that the dropoff in the mornings is sometimes tricky. We please ask that you try where possible not to arrive prior to 8.25 am, and **DO NOT PARK** and wait in the hatchings immediately off the main road. This needs to be kept clear at all times, so that we can minimise congestion on the road both ways. Please can we remind you that children need to be ready to get out of the car

promptly. If children are a little bit reluctant to come into school, please ensure you do not use drop zone and instead park up further down the lane where you can take your time providing reassurance. We are encouraging children in Key Stage 2 that they can open/close the doors themselves, but they are only to do this once the car is stopped and in the drop zone area, so that they can safely carry on into school on the path. We are hoping that this may move cars through dropzone safely and promptly which will help ease congestion on the road.



PANTO TRIP

Our whole school pantomime trip this year is to see Cinderella at The Courtyard Theatre on 8th December. The payment item will soon appear on Parent Pay.



Parents' Evening appointments for 15th and 19th

October have gone live for bookings on School Cloud. If you have any difficulty booking please contact the school office.



October		
5 th	Am	School Photographer
7 th	Am	Year 1 walk to the woods
9 th		Nursing Team delivering talk on bullying and friendships
15 th	3:30-6:30 pm	Parents' Evening (no teacher led clubs on this day)
16 th	9.30 am	Harvest Festival at Gorsley Baptist Church
16 th		Last swimming for Lynders Class
19 th	3:30-6:30 pm	Parents' Evening (no teacher led clubs on this day)
23 rd		INSET day – no school for children



The winners for our 100 Club September draw were:

£50 Paula Hill
£25 Jodie Oseman
£10 Liz Fishpool

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

REMINDER

A reminder that we break up for half term on Thursday, 22nd October at 3.15 pm and return to school on 2nd November.



The Gorsley Goffs Duck Race

This term's PTFA fundraiser is going to be a bit different. Instead of a first term disco there will be a Virtual Duck Race. Each class will 'adopt' their own duck, and it's a class effort to see who can raise the most and get their duck over the finish line first. More details on how to sponsor your class duck coming on Friday, 9 October.

Get ready to get behind your child's class duck!

About Christmas

Christmas raffle tickets should be in book bags by the last day of this term.

There will be as PTFA non-uniform day on Friday, 27 November.

The Christmas Bazaar is set for Thursday, 3 December and the annual festive wreath making evening on Friday, 4 December.

Bookings for wreath making are open now. More details about all Christmas activities will be shared over the coming weeks.

Uniform Please

There have been loads of requests for second hand branded uniform, so if you have any jumpers, cardis, nice white golf T's with the school logo etc that you're looking to find a new home for, give it to a PTFA member or hand in at reception.

The termly second-hand uniform sales are usually on the first Thursday that school is back.

Committee and EGM Update

Unfortunately, a permanent Chair was not elected at the AGM in September, and without one in place the PTFA cannot continue to operate as a charity. We have an interim Chair in place until October half term and an EGM set in order to review this status. All welcome to join either in person or via Teams. We would love to see as many parents as possible get involved, whether as a general committee member or by putting your name forward for the Chair role!

The EGM will take place on Tuesday 20th October at 7.30pm in the School Hall.



Gorsley Goffs Primary School



**OPEN
AFTERNOON
2026**

**Thursday, 5th
November
1.30 to 3.00 pm**

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- An on-site Forest School and extensive outdoor learning environment
- Nutritious, healthy meals freshly prepared on-site
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Can't make our Open Afternoon? We'd be delighted to arrange a personal tour. Please call 01989 720321 to book an appointment at a convenient time.

Email: admin@gorsleygofts.hereford.sch.uk



Join us for a festive

wreath making evening

Friday, 4 December 2026 | 7pm

Gorsley Goffs Primary School
(Ross-on-Wye, HR9 7SE)

£20
per person

Materials, mince pie and glass
of mulled wine provided

Book at



Gorsley Goffs
Duck Race
9 - 21 October 2026

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OPEN MORNINGS

 **Dates** 6th • 7th • 8th October 2026

 **Time** 9.30 AM – 11.30 AM



OPEN EVENING

 **Date** Thursday 22nd October 2026

 **Time** 5 PM – 7.30 PM

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*"I look forward
to welcoming you
to our Open Events"*

Mr B Dumayne
Headteacher

*We can't
wait to
welcome you!*



TUES 6TH OCT

Open Morning
10.00am – 12.00pm



WEDS 7TH OCT

Open Morning
10.00am – 12.00pm



THURS 8TH OCT

Open Morning
10.00am – 12.00pm



THURS 8TH OCT

Open Evening
6.00pm – 8.00pm



WEDS 4TH NOV

Sixth Form Open Evening
5.00pm – 7.00pm



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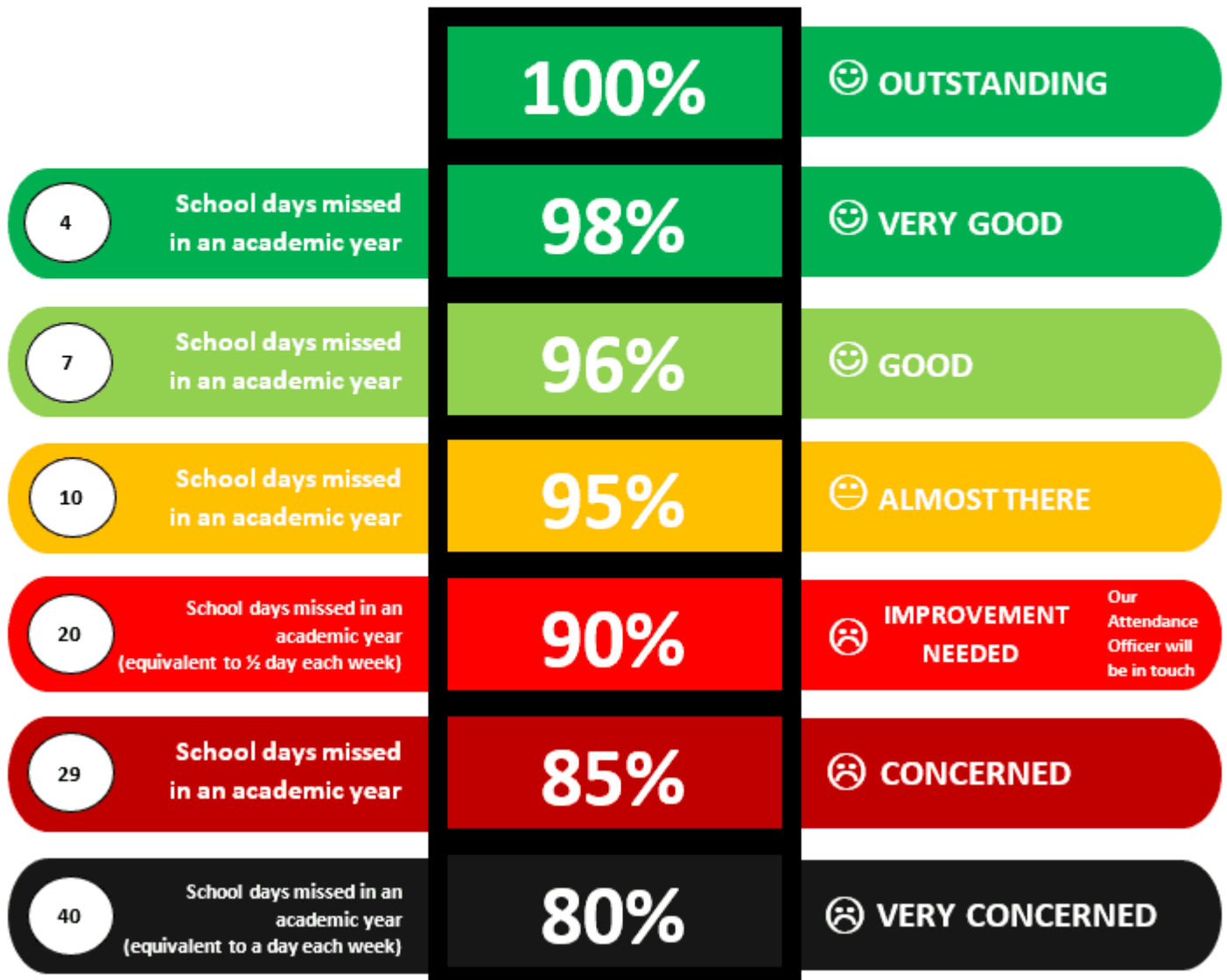
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Attendance Ladder



20+ days absence over the whole year
Under 90%
Detrimental to success and pro-

20 days absence over the whole year
90%
Less chance of success. Harder

5 days absence over the whole year
97% - 100%
Good chance of success and pro-