

Gorsley Goffs Primary School



NEWSLETTER



Our value for this month was



Welcome to our first newsletter of the year!

A warm welcome to our new children in Acorn Class. They have settled in beautifully. New friendships are being forged whilst old friendships are being reinforced. They have been learning all the school routines, how to co-operate with each other, share resources and be helpful. Although a lot of fun is being had, a lot of learning is also happening already.



Year R - Acorn



A very warm welcome also to Boris who has joined us in Year 5.

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)



New look to our website

Today we are launching our new school website. Whilst it appears very similar to the previous one, it does allow greater functionality and is much easier to navigate using smart phones or tablets. We will continue to update the site as regularly as we can and future newsletters will have links to class pages and events.

www.gorsleygoffsprimary.co.uk



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, Mrs Hargreaves 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 – Arthur and Tatty

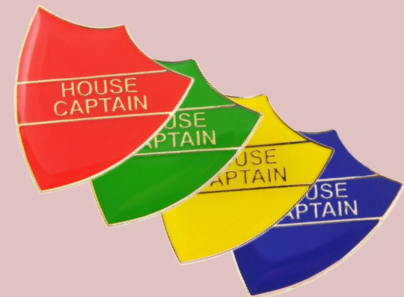
House Captains:

Goodrich – Alice and Logan

Wilton – Ciara and Frankie

Eastnor – Will and Summer

Raglan - Zach, Eti and Ffion



Hall monitors – Martha, Betsy, Casper, Mia, Mason and Theo

Sports Leaders – Mila, Violet, Charlie, James, Amelia, Bobby, Frankie, Belle, Alice and Isaac

Drama monitor – Cerys

Music monitor – Lottie

Librarians – Tilly, Anika, Lottie, Victoria, Holly, Summer, Lilly, Logan and Anna



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 if your son or daughter would be interested in taking lessons.



We have had lots of school

improvements over the summer holiday including:

- Complete toilet refurbishment for years 1 & 2, and years 3 & 4
- New flooring for year 3 & 4 cloakroom area, Kempley cloakroom, the Snug and the old yellow room (which has now also been painted so is no longer yellow)
- New entrance and corridor for year 5 & 6
- Skylights in the hall, and years 1, 3 & 4 classrooms

Acorn Class had a wonderful new outside shelter made during the summer holidays.

The previous shelter had leaked for many years and was in need of replacement. This now enables the children to make full use of the outdoor space and we are delighted with the results.



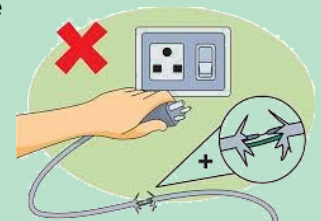
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Mrs Harris is extremely pleased with the improvement which has created a nicer environment for the children.



Belated special thanks to Mr Mark Gooch of Mark Gooch Electrical for giving up your time and expertise to install and upgrade the electrics to the field shed. The PTFA very kindly paid for all materials

and we are very grateful that these improvements will enable all electrical equipment to be safe and run effectively when we have events on the field. We are very grateful, thank you!



ELECTRIC SAFETY



Remember!

Residential instalment deadline:

19th September- Whitemoor Lakes 2026.
Some instalments have still not been made.

30th September– London 2026 for Yr 6. The instalment for £83.75 is due by this date.

We are having to pay for these trips/excursions which have already been booked, so we must receive payment promptly please!

DATA COLLECTION SHEET

Please remember to notify us if you have changed your mobile numbers. If you would like a copy of your child's data collection sheet to check the information we hold, please get in touch with the school office.

Thank You!

We are extremely grateful that The Church Hall Trust at Christ Church in Gorsley have very generously given us a donation of £1,000.00 towards the cost of our recent security school improvements. Mr Alan Oastler and Malcolm Dalby came to have a tour of the school and saw first hand the challenges we face with regard to ongoing costs towards such enhancements imposed by lockdown procedures that we must put in place.

The Church Hall existed next to Christ Church Gorsley between 1954 and 1992. It had been a Church of England school but in 1954 it was sold by the Gloucester Diocesan Council of Education to Trustees appointed by the Parochial Church Council of Christ Church Gorsley. The Trust was established as a Church Charity for the benefit of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Christ Church Gorsley.

Due to mounting maintenance costs, the Hall was sold by the Trust in 1992 for conversion to a dwelling and proceeds were invested so that interest and earnings could be used on an annual basis for Charitable Purposes within the Parish.



The School Photographer is in School on

Monday, 6th October 2025

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 email the School Office to inform us if you will be attending with pre-school children at this earlier time.

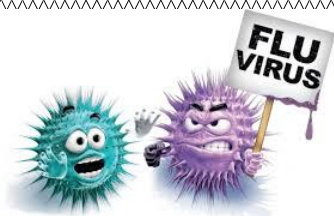
KS2 children who have PE on a Monday please come into school in your school uniform with your PE kit to change in to after photographs.

Reminders:

- PTFA disco on 16th October. Please complete the Parent Pay payment item if you would like your child to attend.
- 17th October at 9.30 am—Harvest Festival at Gorsley Baptist Church— all welcome.
- Parents' evenings 20th & 23rd October 3.30-6.30 pm—no teacher led clubs this week. Drama and Prostars as normal.
- Briery Sharing Assembly for parents 22nd October at 9.00 am
- Friday, 24th October is INSET day for staff and therefore the children are not required to attend school.
- Half term 27th-31st October

The NHS Nasal flu vaccine for all children is on 20th October

It is really important that they receive an electronic consent form back for every child, **even if you do NOT wish for your child to receive the immunisation.** There is an option to decline. **Please complete the forms link below, if you have not already done so, to state whether you wish to consent or decline.** If you have



issues with the forms link please contact 01432 663085. [Vaccination UK Immunisation](#)

Reception admissions for 2026-2027



The online portal for parents to apply for a reception class place for the academic year 2026/27 is now open and closes on 15th January 2026. The website can be accessed by clicking the following link [Apply for a reception class place academic year 2026/27](#)
www.herefordshire.gov.uk/schools-education/primary-school-admissions

Closing date for Secondary applications for 2026 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.



A REMINDER THATThe school gates open at 8.25 am and close at 8.40 am. Your co-operation ensuring that the children arrive on time is much appreciated to ensure they have the best start to the day. If your child becomes reluctant to get out of the car whilst in drop zone please feel free to park up further down the lane.



We understand it is not always possible to gauge how busy the traffic will be, but if you arrive prior to 8.25 am please be respectful to our wishes to NOT park outside the cones. Even momentarily, this in turn will cause traffic to build up behind you and cause potential blockage on the main road. We apologise in advance, but we will politely ask you to move if you do this, and asked to either do another circuit around the school or park up down the lane. Thank you for your support with this in helping dropzone run smoothly.



The winners for our 100 Club draws were:
August

£50 Liz Fishpool
£25 Iona Harris
£10 Matt Brown

September

£50 Max Gough
£25 Lucy Selwyn
£10 Katie Osmond

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



Please log on to Parent Pay and consent/pay for your child to go to the whole school pantomime at The Courtyard if you have not already done so.



A big thank you to those parents who have already made payment on Parent Pay for Young Voices. The sooner everyone pays, the sooner we can order tickets and secure a good place in the arena for you. Tickets do sell out fast so please be prompt to avoid disappointment.

After School Club telephone number for emergency care after 5.30 pm only

if you are unavoidably delayed to pick up your child by 5.30 pm when Club finishes, you can telephone the school on **01989 720587 after 5.00 pm** to get hold of Mrs Taylor or Mrs Stevenson to let them know. This number is only to be used if you know you are going to arrive after 5.30 pm. After this time you pay an additional premium for childcare as you can appreciate wages will need to be covered.

For parents using Childcare Vouchers—please ensure you allow plenty of time for your childcare vouchers to be added to your Parent Pay account before the care is needed. We need to have sufficient time for your instruction to hit our bank account and the credit to be applied to your account. Please always ensure you email us as to how you want your payment applied, ie: whether for breakfast or after school club. Doing this in advance ensures the credit is applied so you can adhere to our request to book your child into the club when care is needed.

Also, if you are late picking up for any other after school club which finishes at 4.15 pm your child will be sent to GAS (Gorsley After School Care) to ensure they are safe and supervised until you arrive.

Mrs Popa provides a very nutritious snack or choice of fruit for club. This is included in the price for the first hour only.

A reminder that those children joining after 4.15 pm, when they have already been to a school club, need to bring their own snack to eat as one is not included in the price.



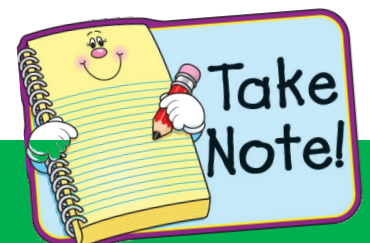
Parents **MUST** book onto Parent Pay by 10 am where possible on the day care is required. We will still allow emergency care for unavoidable changes to home time plans but please either telephone or email us of these changes.



COLD WEATHER

Now that the colder days are setting in, please ensure that your child has a suitable coat, hat and gloves to wear. Also joggers for outdoor PE is a good idea.

PLEASE make sure all items are named! We cannot return uniform back to rightful owners if there are no labels. Also, if you purchase second hand uniform it is important to label, as we are finding uniform with children's names in who have left the school .



There are no teacher led clubs week beginning 20th October due to Parents' Evenings. Drama Club will run as usual.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done to our
Gorsley Champions!





GORSLEY GOFFS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Invite prospective parents for Reception
September 2026 intake to an

Open Afternoon

Thursday, 13th November 2025

1.30– 2.45 pm

Tea and Coffee served and School Tours with Year 6 children. Come and see our vibrant school which offers wraparound care from 7.45 am until 5.30 pm.

OCTOBER 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!

Book before
26th October
**GET 50%
OFF!**

**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.

*Terms & conditions apply.


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**The DRAMA COMPANY are now introducing
monthly Saturday workshops:**

Sat 27th Sep(2—5pm)It's A Colourful, Wonderful World (£15)

Sat 25th Oct(10am—3pm)—Autumnastic Fun (£25)

Sat 22nd Nov(2—5pm)—Winter Wonderland (£15)

Sat 13th Dec(2pm—6pm)—Christmas Extravaganza (£20)



All Saturday workshops will be held at Walford Village Hall & include all snacks, craft activities and a take home goody bag. Lots of drama fun, games and creativity.

**** Early bird offer—£70 if all are booked before 27th Sep ****

Check us out on Facebook and Instagram #dramacompanyross



**Come & join
us for some
'Saturday
Sparkle'**

