



Primary School

Friday 11th September 2026

What an incredible week it has been at Gosfield, and what a truly special day we shared yesterday as we officially opened our David Degnan Library. The atmosphere was filled with joy, pride, and a deep sense of community as we welcomed members of Mr Degnan's family, our governors, and a representative from the Open the Book team to celebrate with us.

The library is more than a beautiful space - it is a legacy. A legacy of kindness, generosity, and a lifelong belief in the power of reading. One of the things we remember most fondly about Mr Degnan was his love of hearing children read. He would sit with them, listen intently, and encourage them with his famous saying: "Read with me." Those three words captured everything he stood for - togetherness, curiosity, and the joy of learning. He knew that reading opens doors, builds confidence, and helps children discover who they are and who they can become. Yesterday's celebration felt like a perfect tribute to that spirit.

We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Mrs Parker-Smith for her incredible creativity and dedication in designing and installing the beautiful wall decals that bring the library to life. They are stunning, thoughtful, and truly elevate the space. A huge thank you as well to Mr Crook, who has spent countless weekends and late evenings painting our corridors. His hard work has transformed our school environment into something fresh, vibrant, and deeply welcoming.

This week, the first pieces of our new furniture have begun to arrive, and the school is looking absolutely incredible - inspiring, safe, and a place where children feel a real sense of belonging. In assembly, we talked about the importance of respecting our school environment and taking care of it. Research shows that "the aesthetic features of a school foster a strong sense of belonging that, in turn, can generate an enthusiasm for learning." Our children are already showing pride in their surroundings, and it is wonderful to see.

What has stood out most over these past few weeks is the real community spirit that has made all of this possible. Staff, families, governors, volunteers, and friends of the school have come together with generosity, time, creativity, and care. This is Gosfield at its very best - a community united by the belief that our children deserve the very finest opportunities and environments in which to grow.

Thank you for being part of this journey with us.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Bower



BREAKFAST CLUB

It has been so lovely to see the children joining Breakfast Club this week, and thank you for your patience while we sorted out the technical issues with Arbor. Breakfast Club currently runs on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, starting at 7:30am and priced at £4.50. If there are a number of families who would benefit from additional days, we are very happy to look at extending our provision. Please remember that sessions need to be booked on Arbor before 1pm the day before to ensure we have the correct staffing in place.

CLUBS

Clubs will begin next week, and the full details will be shared separately. These can be booked on Arbor, and we hope your children are excited to get involved. Our wraparound care, provided by Primary Education, is also available to book and offers different pick-up times to support families with varying schedules. We have included the new QR code below for easy access. If you are unsure about how to book any club or wraparound session, please do come and speak to us. We are more than happy to help, and we want to make this as smooth and successful as possible for everyone involved.



WEEKLY AWARDS

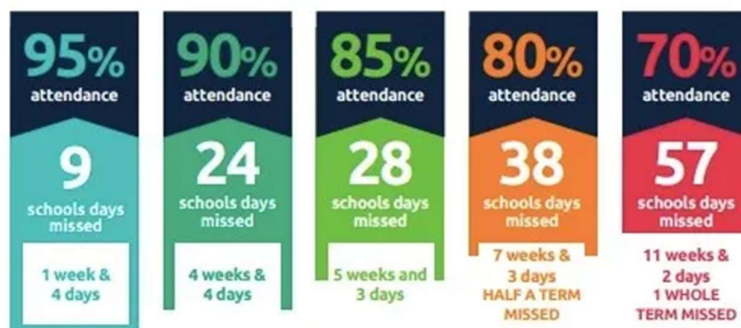
Every Friday in our Celebration Assembly, we come together to recognise the fantastic achievements of our children. We present our RAISE Award to someone who has truly demonstrated our Gosfield values of Respect, Aspiration, Integrity, Safety and Empathy. We also celebrate our Writer of the Week and Mathematician of the Week, shining a light on children who have produced exceptional work or shown real determination in their learning. From next week, we will also begin collecting our Accelerated Reader word counts to see who has read the most words - and we're already wondering who our first Millionaire Reader of the year will be. It's a wonderful way to end the week by celebrating effort, progress and pride across our school community.

Class	RAISE award	Mathematician of the week	Writer of the week
Class 1	Freddie Norris	Zander Gow	Lola Benfield
Class 2	Jude Holman	Libby Jacobs	Roman Henshaw
Class 3	Aria Porter	Hudson Borghys-Ansah	Sophia May
Class 4	Daisy Roughan	Hudson Riseborough	Seren Goodchild
Class 5	Ollie Law	Gabe Saunders	Ella Slaven

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

We know that good attendance and punctuality make a huge difference to children's learning, wellbeing and confidence, and it's something we can only achieve by working together. Even small drops in attendance add up quickly over the year.

Every day in school counts...



and every minute counts...



UPCOMING DATES FOR THE TERM

Monday 14th September- Democracy week

Thursday 17th September- Class 5 djembe lessons (in class)

Friday 18th September- Head Boy and Head Girl interviews

Wednesday 23rd September- individual and sibling photos

Friday 2nd October- deadline for Cauliflower Christmas cards (more details to follow)

Friday 9th October- Hello Yellow Day for Young Minds (more details to follow)

Monday 12th October- Thursday 15th October- Book Fair after school

Friday 16th October- Flu immunisations

Wednesday 21st October- Class 5 Crucial Crew visit (more details to follow)

Tuesday 20th October and Thursday 22nd October- Parents Evening (more details to follow)

Friday 23rd October- INSET day

Monday 18th January- Young Voices at the o2.

