



Primary School

Friday 18th September 2026

We have had a fantastic week in school celebrating Democracy Week. The children have shown a brilliant understanding of what it truly means to take part in a democratic process - from listening respectfully to the views of others, to accepting decisions even when the outcome isn't what they hoped for. Their maturity and kindness have shone through.

Across the school, children have been busy voting for their School Council representatives, and we are incredibly proud of how seriously they approached this responsibility.

They also took part in a second vote - choosing the new names for their classes. Each class selected from one of our inspiring categories:

- Artists
- Environmentalists
- Multicultural Figures
- Scientists
- Change Makers

The excitement around these new identities has been wonderful to see, and we look forward to sharing the final names with you below.

A reminder that club uptake has been low, so please do ensure you book your child onto any clubs they wish to attend. Please click on the Clubs section in Arbor to view the clubs currently available for your child and to secure their place. These opportunities enrich their school experience, help them develop new interests, and build confidence - we would love to see more children taking part.

We are pleased to introduce a new Empower Lunchtime Club, run by Empower, who regularly deliver assemblies in school exploring stories from the Bible. In this club, children will learn a story throughout the term and work together to prepare a short performance, which they will share in an assembly at the end of term. It promises to be a thoughtful, creative and reflective experience for those who join.

A huge thank you to Mr Coburn, who kindly came in this week to help assemble more of our new furniture - the sense of community spirit has been incredible, and the school looks absolutely fabulous; everyone who visits comments on how wonderful it feels.

Good luck to Thomas F as he sits his 11+ exam this weekend - he's worked so hard and will shine.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Bower

DEMOCRACY WEEK RESULTS

The Year 6 children who applied for Head Boy and Head Girl deserve a huge thank you for the thoughtful time and care they put into their application forms. Today, they attended interviews with Mrs Bower, Mrs Anderson, Mrs Wilson and Rev. Sue, speaking with maturity, honesty and real passion about how they would represent and help shape our school. We are incredibly proud of each of them for having the courage to step forward, share their ideas and show such commitment to our school community.

Head Boy	Gabe Saunders
Head Girl	Ella Slaven
Deputy Head Boy	Zack Reynolds
Deputy Head Girl	Mia Smith

Our new House Captains have now been elected, and we are also proud to introduce our Pupil Forum Ambassadors, who will represent Gosfield in a collaborative project with the other Attain schools, ensuring our pupils' voices help shape wider school improvement.

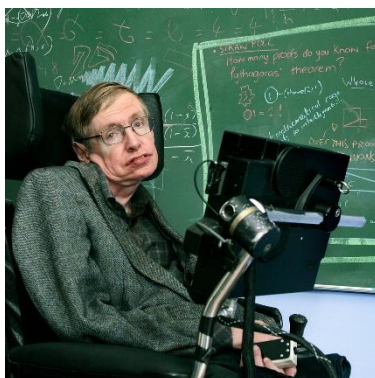
Cowell House	Ayda Hermes and Jamie Stewart
Donaldson House	Emmanuel Chavura and Ollie Laws
Morpurgo House	Thomas Cox and Violet Fox
Rosen House	Hugo McKinley and Thomas Field

Pupil Forum	Ava Turner and Harriet Illingworth
Play Leaders	Frankie Mentesh, Oscar Travers and Ivy Williams

Reception and Year 6 children met their buddies this week, beginning those all-important friendships that help them look after one another, build confidence, and strengthen the caring, supportive community we are so proud of.

We had a wonderful time exploring a whole range of inspiring figures who could become our new class names - from artists like Picasso, to courageous changemakers such as Rosa Parks and Gandhi, to environmental heroes like Steve Irwin and Greta Thunberg, and pioneering scientists like Marie Curie. The children loved learning about these remarkable people and thinking about the values they represent, and we are all incredibly excited to reveal and celebrate our new class names.

Class 1	Kahlo Class
Class 2	Attenborough Class
Class 3	Jemison Class
Class 4	Hawkin Class
Class 5	Luther King Class



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Good attendance makes a huge difference to children's learning, confidence and progress, and to celebrate this every child who achieves 100% attendance this term will join Mrs Bower for a special hot chocolate treat on the last day of term.

Kahlo Class (Class 1)	96.2%
Attenborough Class (Class 2)	97.2%
Jemison (Class 3)	98.3%
Hawkin Class (Class 4)	100%
Luther King Class (Class 5)	99.4%
Whole school	98.3%

READING AT HOME

At our school, we expect all children to read at home every night for a minimum of 10 minutes. Each reading session must be recorded in their reading diary, and an adult should sign the diary at least twice a week. Reading is a fundamental skill that underpins success across the curriculum and is essential for every child's development. To help raise standards and strengthen our culture of reading, children who do not complete their home reading will be asked to attend Friday lunchtime Reading Club, where they will spend five minutes reading for each evening missed during the week. We are committed to raising the bar and ensuring high expectations for all our children. We are fortunate to have a wonderful collection of beautiful books for children to enjoy, and together we can promote a positive reading culture that fosters a lifelong love of reading.

We kindly ask that all Key Stage 1 reading books are returned by **Friday** each week. This allows teachers to change books and ensure that every child receives a new Little Wandle reading book and a sharing book to enjoy at home during the following week. Returning books on time helps us keep our reading programme running smoothly and ensures that children always have appropriate, engaging books to support their reading journey. Thank you for your support in helping us foster a love of reading and make the most of the wonderful books available to our children.

CAR PARK & PARKING

To ensure the safety of everyone in our school community, our car park is reserved exclusively for Blue Badge holders. We kindly remind both parents and children that they should not walk through the car park and should instead use the Hall Drive entrance at all times. Looking ahead, when our new fencing is installed, the car park will become a gated area with access limited to staff, deliveries, and Blue Badge users only. We also ask all members of our community to park considerately on Hall Drive and Meadway, taking care not to block residents' driveways or cause inconvenience to our neighbours. By working together and following these expectations, we can help keep our children, families, staff, and local residents safe and respected.

MUSIC LESSONS

We are very lucky to have Front Row Music delivering guitar, ukulele, keyboard and drum lessons in school, with Mrs Jacobs kindly running a recorder club at lunchtimes, Mrs Conway and Mrs Bower leading our choir, and Luther King Class now enjoying weekly djembe lessons; if there are other instruments you would like your child to learn, please let us know and we will happily explore tutors.

WRAP AROUND CLUB

Our wraparound club, delivered by Primary Education, has been full of fun this week, with children enjoying a calm, welcoming space at the end of the school day. We are delighted to see how confidently they have settled into the routines and activities. To sign up, please follow the link below so we can ensure your child has a place and continue to make this provision successful for everyone.

<https://primary-education.co.uk/gosfield-primary-school/>

ACL COURSES

ACL run a wide range of FREE family learning workshops/ courses for parents and carers including parenting style courses and workshops including managing big emotions, understanding children's anxiety, SEND support, positive parenting, supporting your neurodiverse child and more.

Details in the table below are taken from ACL website

www.aclessex.com/community-family-learning/

UPCOMING DATES FOR THE TERM

Wednesday 23rd September- individual and sibling photos

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

Friday 9th October- Harvest Festival at St. Catherine's church- donations to the local area Foodbank

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

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

Wednesday 14th October- Cross- Country @ Gosfield School (more details to follow)

Friday 16th October- Flu immunisations

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

Wednesday 21st October- Cross-Country @ St. Peter's, Sible Hedingham (more details to follow)

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

Friday 23rd October- INSET day

Thursday 19th November- Class 1 and 2 trip to Hedingham Castle (more details to follow)

Monday 18th January- Young Voices at the o2.

