



Primary School

## Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025

We've had another fantastic week at Gosfield, filled with inspiring learning, joyful activities, and shared experiences across the school.

As part of our Black History Month celebrations, we've been exploring the theme for 2025: "Standing Firm In Power and Pride." This powerful message has guided our reflections and discussions throughout the week. We talked about what it means to stand firm in the power of doing the right thing, and how we can act with pride in everything we do—whether in our learning, our friendships, or how we treat others.

Children learned about two significant figures from Black history:

- **Walter Tull**, a trailblazing footballer and World War I officer who broke barriers with courage and dignity.
- **Mary Prince**, a brave abolitionist whose autobiography helped change public opinion on slavery

Their stories inspired us to think deeply about resilience, justice, and the importance of using our voices for good.

In our Open the Book assembly, we explored the Bible story of Creation, reflecting on the beauty of the world and our role in caring for it. It was a lovely moment of calm and connection for the whole school.

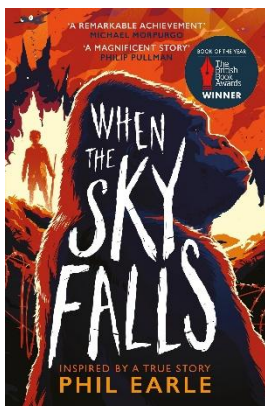
I've had the pleasure of teaching across different classes this week; exploring the intricate patterns and symbolism in Islamic art with class 3, sharing one of my favourite children's books, *When the Sky Falls* in Class 5 and continue to support some of our Year 1s with their reading.

A highlight for many was the Hockey Festival, where children from both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 took part with great enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see their teamwork, determination, and sheer enjoyment on the field.

As we round off another great week at Gosfield, we continue to be proud of our pupils' curiosity, kindness, and love of learning. Thank you for your ongoing support – it truly makes our school community special.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Mrs Bower



## Gold Book and Good Citizen Awards

Each Friday we hold a celebration assembly for the whole school. Each teacher chooses two Gold Book awards and one Good Citizen award for children who have hit a key milestone, achieved a personal target, worked above and beyond expectations or who have shown our school values.

	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
Gold Book Awards	John Wilson	Harper Strudwick	Flo Warwick	Jamie Stewart	Noah Stanbury
	Jasper Harris-Little	Roman Bowles	Frankie Boreham	Adam Somerville	Isla Mason
Good Citizen Awards	Ella Williams	Daisy-Belle Haynes	Kellymarie Simmons	Ava Turner	Orla Wright

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

As we prepare for our Harvest Festival on Tuesday 22nd October at the church, we kindly ask families to bring in donations for the local food bank. Non-perishable items such as tins, pasta, rice, cereals, and toiletries are all greatly appreciated. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to support those in need and reflect on the importance of generosity and gratitude. Thank you in advance for your kindness and contributions.

## WEAR IT YELLOW DAY

A big thank you to everyone who took part in **Wear It Yellow Day**—the children looked absolutely brilliant dressed in their sunny shades of yellow! It was heartwarming to see the school filled with colour and smiles, all in support of a great cause. We're proud to share that we raised **£117.06** to support Young Minds showing once again the generosity and spirit of our Gosfield community.



Gosfield Community Primary School has been chosen as a lucky winner of a Buddy Bench! Each bench comes with two planters and a supply of daffodil bulbs—so our school can bloom in cheerful yellow all year round!

## **HOCKEY FESTIVAL**

Children had a fantastic time at the Hockey Festival, where they took part in fun, game-like sessions designed to teach key hockey skills. For some, it was their first time playing hockey, and they showed incredible resilience, enthusiasm, and even a few glimpses of real talent! It was a brilliant opportunity to try a new sport in a supportive and energetic environment. We were also delighted to have members of Braintree Hockey Club leading the sessions—their encouragement and expertise made the experience even more special. Please see the flyer sent home about membership opportunities with the club for any children interested in continuing their hockey journey.

## **SPORTING EVENTS**

We're thrilled to see so many children enjoying the wide range of sporting events available this term. To ensure fairness and opportunity for all, class teachers have been selecting children for each event, with the commitment that every child will be chosen for at least one sporting event across the academic year. We're encouraging pupils to try new sports, and teachers have carefully considered group dynamics, enthusiasm, and inclusivity when making selections.

Some events are organised by the North West Essex Schools Sports Partnership (NWESSP), which occasionally sets specific criteria—such as limiting participation to certain year groups, including children with additional needs, or capping the number of pupils a school can bring. These guidelines help shape how places are allocated. For example, some competitions are specifically for Years 5 and 6, such as football and rugby.

Please be assured that selection is not based on ability. Teachers have worked thoughtfully to meet NWESSP requirements, ensure a positive team experience, and include children who haven't yet attended in upcoming spring or summer term events.

We understand that this may have caused some disappointment, and we sincerely apologise if any child has felt left out. We are committed to making sure every child has the chance to take part. A huge thank you to our staff for their hard work in setting up this new system and creating these exciting opportunities—it's been a big task, and we're proud of what's been achieved so far.

## **PARENTS' EVENING**

Parents' Evening bookings will be available via Arbor from next week. Appointments will take place in the school hall and will be 10 minutes long. If your child requires a One Planning meeting, this will also be scheduled during these evenings, and you will be allocated a 20-minute slot to allow for a more detailed discussion. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing your child's progress.

## PARENT SURVEY

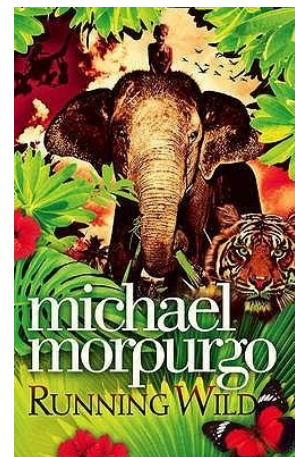
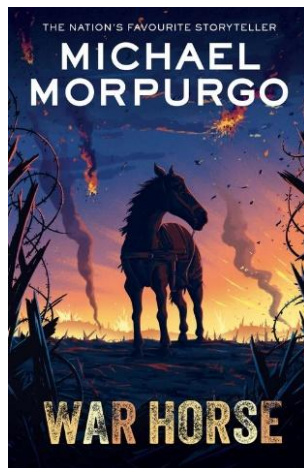
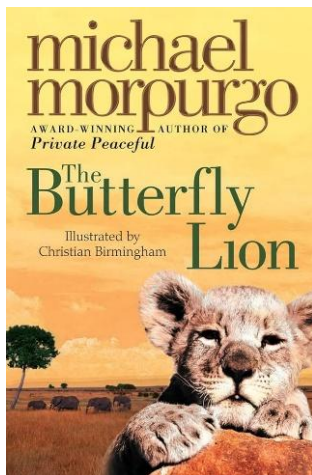
A huge thank you to all parents who took the time to complete our September 2025 Parent Survey. Your feedback is incredibly valuable and helps us continue to grow and improve as a school. We've summarised the results in the image below, which highlights key areas of strength and where we can continue to develop. Your support and engagement are truly appreciated!



## AUTHOR OF THE WEEK

In this week's reading assembly, we shared the beautifully written story *The Butterfly Lion* by Michael Morpurgo. The children were captivated by the tale of Bertie, a young boy who rescues a white lion cub in Africa and forms a lifelong bond with it, even as life takes them on separate journeys. The story explores themes of friendship, courage, and perseverance, and sparked some lovely reflections from the children.

We also took time to learn more about Michael Morpurgo, one of Britain's most beloved children's authors. With over 150 books to his name, including *War Horse*, *Private Peaceful*, *Kensuke's Kingdom*, and *Why the Whales Came*, Morpurgo is known for his magical storytelling, vivid settings, and heartfelt themes. His stories often highlight the triumph of the outsider, the beauty of nature, and the strength found in kindness and resilience. It was a joy to introduce his work to the children and celebrate the power of storytelling together.



## WINNING WORD COUNT

In this week's reading assembly, we celebrated our top reader by announcing the child with the highest word count, calculated through the number of books they've quizzed on using our Accelerated Reader (AR) system. Children are encouraged to become Millionaire Readers, and those who reach this milestone will be invited to join Mrs Bower's Millionaires' Tea Party to celebrate their achievement. We'll also be tracking which Key Stage 2 class has the highest word count each week—adding a fun layer of competition alongside our weekly reading raffle.

This week our class winner was: **Class 5**

Well done to **Isabel Archer** who currently has the highest word count at an incredible **328,762 words!**



## UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Year 5 & 6 Rugby Competition-** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October (more details to follow)

**PTFA Halloween Disco-** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 3.15- 4.30

**Parents' Evening** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

**Harvest Festival-** Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October afternoon

**Cross Country** at St. Peter's, Sible Hedingham- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 3.30pm (more details to follow)

**CHRISTMAS DATES-** more details to follow nearer

**PTFA CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT-** Friday 5th December 3.10-5.45

**CLASS 1 & 2 NATIVITY-** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 9.15 & Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 5.30

**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY and CHRISTMAS DINNER-** Thursday 11th December

**CLASS 3, 4 & 5 Christmas Concert-** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2.30 & Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 5.30

**CAROLS ON THE PLAYGROUND-** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2.30

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

Over the next two weeks, children will be designing their very own Christmas cards, which will be professionally printed by Cauliflower Cards. Each child's unique artwork will be transformed into a festive card that families can order and enjoy. Your child will soon bring home an individual order form, tailored specifically to them. Please complete your order online using the details provided on the form, and return the completed form to school by Wednesday 22nd October. Your child's original design will be securely attached to the form before being sent away for production. It's a wonderful way to celebrate their creativity and share it with loved ones this Christmas!

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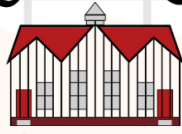


## WELL DONE!

A huge well done to Thomas for being awarded Player of the Match this week—your hard work and determination on the pitch really stood out! Congratulations also to Ollie, who was named Parent Player—a fantastic effort and great team spirit shown. We're proud of both of you!



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## School Development Priorities

2025-2026

Oracy

Writing Outcomes

Adapted maths curriculum

Personal development through sports, clubs and trips

Establish new leadership team and confidence with subject leadership

Enhance provision for PPG and SEND pupils

Develop EYFS environment and continuous provision



# halloween disco

GOSFIELD COMMUNITY  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

£4  
PER CHILD

THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER  
3.15 - 4.45PM

PURCHASE TICKETS BY BACS PAYMENT  
FRIENDS OF GOSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL  
ACC NO: 58313868.  
S/C: 30-90-89.  
REFERENCE: CHILD'S FULL NAME & CLASS



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