



Primary School

Friday 25th September 2026

We have reached the end of another exciting week at Gosfield, and it has been truly lovely to share our wonderful school with Victoria McConnell from Essex County Council, who visited yesterday to lead our Inclusion Review.

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents she spoke to, the staff involved, and - most importantly - our children, who shone so brightly and represented our school with such confidence, honesty and pride. The review was thoroughly successful, and we look forward to sharing the full report with you once it becomes available in the next 10 days.

This week has also been filled with wonderful learning across the school:

- Hawkin and Jemison Class have been crafting some *amazing ghost stories*, full of atmosphere, imagination and beautifully developed suspense.
- Kahlo Class have embraced the season by creating stunning autumn crowns, celebrating nature and creativity in equal measure.
- Attenborough Class have been busy writing pumpkin and harvest poems, capturing the colours, rhythms and warmth of autumn.
- Luther King Jr Class have shown incredible effort and resilience in swimming, demonstrating determination, teamwork and pride in their progress.

These moments are such a powerful reminder of our vision: raising the bar in everything we do because our children deserve the very best.

Today, I have also sent home a letter explaining the new Ofsted framework and what an inspection now looks like, along with a parental survey. Please do take a few minutes to complete this - your feedback plays a vital role in shaping our next steps and driving our school forward.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Mrs Bower

RESIDENTIAL

We are excited to offer our PGL Residential Trip to Bawdsey Manor for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils, taking place from 9th to 11th June 2027. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to develop confidence, teamwork and independence whilst taking part in a range of exciting outdoor activities. A reminder that permission slips should be returned by today, and the deposit payment is due by Friday 2nd October. We will also be holding an information meeting on Monday in the school hall where parents and carers can find out more about the trip and ask any questions. We look forward to sharing this exciting experience with the children!



R

Respect



A

Aspiration



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Integrity



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Safety



E

Empathy

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Class	RAISE award	Mathematician of the week	Writer of the week
Kahol	Harriet	Teddy	Kit
Attenborough	Nancy	Jude K	Oscar
Jemison	Ella	Carson	Darcie
Hawkin	Jessica	Joshua	Coby
Luther King Jr.	Ayda	Frankie	Emmanuel

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Kahlo Class	99.6%
Attenborough Class	100%
Jemison	97.4%
Hawkin Class	98.4%
Luther King Class	98.7
Whole school	98.8

As part of our attendance tracking and procedures, we receive weekly data that compares us to other schools in Essex and Nationally. This runs from the start of the academic year (the first Monday in September) up to the previous Friday of the current active week, so the data below would have been taken up to Friday 18th September. Look at how amazing we rank in Essex! Thank you everyone for your support with this.

Attendance measure	Percentage	Ranking ⓘ
Overall attendance	98.2%	You are ranked 27th out of 440 schools
Overall absence	1.8%	You are ranked 27th out of 440 schools
Authorised absence	1.7%	You are ranked 122nd out of 440 schools
Unauthorised absence	0.1%	You are ranked 11th out of 440 schools
Persistently absent	0.0%	You are ranked 1st out of 440 schools
Severely absent	0.0%	You are ranked 1st out of 440 schools

WINNING WORD COUNT

	1st	2nd	3rd	Class total
Jemison	Bella- 29,993 words	Isabel- 16,539 words	Ellie- 8,265 words	76,241 words
Hawkin	Jude- 257, 154 words	Aubrey- 58,691 words	Éirinn- 44,447 words	435,462 words
Luther King Jr.	Thomas F- 22,439 words	Ayda- 10,911 words	Thomas C- 9,441 words	48, 963 words



Your child has now been set a target of completing 5 Garage sessions every day on Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS). Each Garage session lasts just 1 minute, meaning the daily practice takes only 5 minutes to complete. In addition, children will be required to complete a monthly Gig, which assesses their current times table knowledge and identifies the facts they need to practise. Please note that children will not be able to access their Garage sessions until they have completed their Gig. Regular use of TTRS helps to build confidence, accuracy and fluency in times tables, which are essential skills across the maths curriculum. Thank you for supporting your child with this at home, and keep an eye out for details of a future Rock Star Day! 🙌

We will announce weekly who has collected the most coins over the week.

Class	Class winner
Jemison Class	Carson- 3,582
Hawkin Class	Daisy- 14,906
Luther King Jr. Class	Emmanuel- 10,651

HOUSE POINTS

	Weekly points
Cowell	499
Donaldson	498
Morpurgo	437
Rosen	586

UPCOMING DATES FOR THE TERM

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)

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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.

FPG HOLIDAY CAMP

FPG are now taking bookings for their half term football camps. Please follow the link here to book <https://link.fpgcoaching.co.uk/holidaycamp-braintree>

FRONT ROW MUSIC

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are pleased to inform you that we are offering guitar, keyboard and ukulele lessons at your school.

At Front Row Music we believe that music should be as fun and accessible to young children as possible. Our emphasis is on performance and helping children to get excited about playing an instrument. We have our own syllabus that's based around songs you will know and love, and we pride ourselves on making our lessons as fun and engaging as possible!

Key information.

- The children learn together in small groups, with friends, focusing on music that they will know and love.
- Lessons cost £32.00 per month and are 30 minutes long.
- We provide instruments for the children to use in school. If you would like to purchase one at any point so that your child can practise at home, please get in touch.

We are excited that the children are so enthusiastic about music and are looking forward to introducing them to the guitar, keyboard, drums and ukulele. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us on [01206 205543](tel:01206205543) or by email at essex@frontrow-music.com or james@frontrow-music.com

Kind regards,
James.

FRONT ROW MUSIC

If you are interested in enrolling your child for guitar or ukulele lessons, please complete the sign-up below and choose Essex as the area!

Scan the QR code to sign your child up for lessons!
or visit www.frontrow-music.com/signup

