Friday 6th November 2026

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back after the half-term break and to see the enthusiasm and positivity around school this week.

A huge thank you to the many parents who attended our Reception phonics session this morning. It was fantastic to see so many families engaging with their children's learning and supporting their reading journey at home. We hope to share dates for similar sessions for Year 1 and then Year 2 parents very soon.

Yesterday, I had the pleasure of accepting an invitation from Year 1 Attenborough Class to visit their wonderful Materials Museum. I was very impressed by the knowledge, creativity and effort that had gone into their exhibits. Although, I should mention that entry wasn't free... I had to pay an admission fee of £5! It was certainly money well spent.

We also held the first meeting of our Pupil Forum representatives yesterday. They represented our school brilliantly and spoke thoughtfully about how they can make a positive difference to our community. As part of the Future Voices project, Ava and Harriet have chosen to focus on careers and aspirations. They are already busy planning a Careers Week for the Spring Term and creating a careers catalogue for future generations of pupils. Watch this space for a survey that will help them gather ideas and shape the event.

This afternoon, we are looking forward to the FROGS Halloween Trail. It will be lovely to see so many families there supporting the event. A huge thank you to all of our FROGS volunteers for their hard work and dedication in organising these opportunities for our children and community. Your support makes such a difference to the experiences we can offer.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Bower





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PANATHALON 10 PIN BOWLING EVENT_

A group of our children enjoyed a fantastic day today taking part in the Panathlon Ten Pin Bowling Event. The children represented the school brilliantly, demonstrating excellent teamwork, encouragement and sportsmanship throughout the day. Most importantly, they had lots of fun, celebrating each other's successes and enjoying the opportunity to take part in a friendly competition alongside children from other schools. We are incredibly proud of their positive attitudes and the way they embodied our school values. Well done to everyone who took part!

REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

This Sunday, a number of our children will be proudly representing our school at the Remembrance Services in both Gosfield and Halstead. They will be helping our community to honour and remember those who have served and sacrificed for our country.
It would be wonderful to see as many members of our school community there as possible, joining us in support of the children and taking time to pause, reflect and remember.
Remembrance provides an important opportunity for us all to come together, show our respect and reflect on the values of courage, service and peace.
We are incredibly proud of the children who have volunteered to represent Gosfield Community Primary School and know they will do so with the maturity and respect such an occasion deserves.

SWIMMING

A reminder that swimming lessons begin for Year 5 swimming lessons on Wednesday, 11th November. Please ensure that your child brings their swimming kit, towel and any other required items on their allocated swimming day. We look forward to another successful block of swimming lessons and to seeing the children continue to develop their confidence and skills in the water.
Please can all Year 3 and 4 come in their PE kits on Wednesdays from the 11th November.

SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S EMOTIONAL WELLBEING

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the first session of our Emotional Wellbeing Workshop this week. It was wonderful to see so many families engaging with this important aspect of children's development and learning.
We would warmly encourage everyone to attend the second session, on Thursday 12th November at 9am, even if your child does not have identified SEND needs. This workshop is for all parents and carers and provides valuable insights and practical strategies that can benefit every family.
As many of you know, this term we introduced the Zones of Regulation across the school. Children are learning to recognise and understand their emotions, identify how feelings can affect their behaviour and learning, and develop strategies to help them regulate themselves.
Alongside this, we have launched My Happy Mind, a whole-school programme focused on children's mental health and wellbeing. Through weekly lessons, children learn about how their brains work, develop positive relationships, build resilience, practise gratitude and grow their self-confidence.
The ACL workshop complements the work we are doing in school by helping parents understand why children experience big emotions and providing practical tools to support them at home. It also introduces the language and strategies that children are already learning and using in school, helping to create a consistent approach between home and school.
We strongly encourage all parents and carers to attend the second session if they are able to. Whether your child is thriving, occasionally struggles with emotions, or simply needs support navigating the ups and downs of growing up, there is something valuable for everyone. The more we work together, the better equipped our children will be to understand, manage and communicate their feelings effectively.

If you would like to attend, please follow the link below to register your interest.
Enrolment link:
https://courses.aclessex.com/CourseDetailsView.asp?CODE=HO4A01JO26&NAME=Zones+of+Regulation+%28Gosfield+Only%29&ID1=9000&ID2=306146&ID3=1

If you have any questions, please do email Miss Healy on senco@gosfield-pri.essex.sch.uk.

NATURE SCHOOL

It has been fantastic to see Nature School back up and running this week, with children enjoying opportunities to learn, explore and develop their understanding of the natural world.
A reminder of this half term's Nature School timetable:

- Mondays: Intervention groups
- Thursdays: Reception
- Fridays: Year 2

As the weather becomes colder and wetter, please ensure your child comes prepared for outdoor learning. Layers, a waterproof coat and wellies are essential so that children can fully enjoy their sessions whatever the weather.
Please also ensure your child brings a change of clothes for Nature School. We do have spare waterproof coats and trousers available if needed, so please don't worry if something is forgotten.
A gentle reminder to label all clothing and welly boots. This helps us return items quickly and keeps our cloakrooms organised.

TRIPS

We have a number of exciting educational visits planned for this half term, providing children with valuable opportunities to bring their learning to life beyond the classroom.

- Kahlo and Attenborough Class will be visiting Hedingham Castle on Thursday 19th November
- Luther King Jr Class will be exploring the Essex Police Museum on Friday 27th November.
- Jemison and Hawking Class will be visiting the National Gallery in London on Wednesday 2nd December.

We would like to remind parents and carers to complete all consent forms and make any required payments via Arbor as soon as possible to help us finalise arrangements.
We are also delighted to confirm that the Year 5 and 6 residential visit to Bawdsey Manor will be going ahead, as we have received enough bookings to make the visit viable. This promises to be an unforgettable experience, full of adventure, challenge and opportunities for children to develop their confidence, independence and teamwork skills. We know the children are already counting down the days!

OPEN CLASS AFTERNOON

A reminder that our Open Classroom Afternoon will take place next Friday at 2:45pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to come into school, look through your child's books, celebrate their learning and see the progress they have made so far this year.
You will also have the chance to speak with class teachers, who will be sharing information about the exciting learning planned for this half term and explaining how different subjects and topics link together across the curriculum.
Our Curriculum Snapshots will be available on the day, providing a helpful overview of what your child will be learning over the coming weeks and suggesting ways you can support their learning at home.

	RAISE	Writer of the week	Mathematician of the week
Kahlo Class	Holly	Harry	Zia
Attenborough Class	Thomas	Ren	Roman B
Jemison Class	Mollie	Isabella	Leela
Hawking Class	Daisy	Éirinn	Frankie F
Luther King Jr Class	Frankie	Jamie	Mia

TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS

Class	Class winner
Attenborough Class	Thomas- 14,605
Jemison Class	Ellie- 42,757
Hawking Class	Daisy- 30,236
Luther King Jr. Class	Emmanuel- 65,232

By now, all children should have completed their monthly gig. Please note that this must be completed before children can access any other areas of the platform. In addition, we expect children to spend a minimum of 5 minutes each day practising through the Garage sessions, which are tailored to the times tables facts they need to learn and consolidate.
Developing rapid recall of multiplication facts is a key part of the mathematics curriculum and has a significant impact on children's confidence and fluency. When children know their times tables well, they are able to tackle more complex areas of mathematics with greater ease, accuracy and independence. Regular practice little and often makes a huge difference, helping children to build speed, confidence and a positive attitude towards maths.

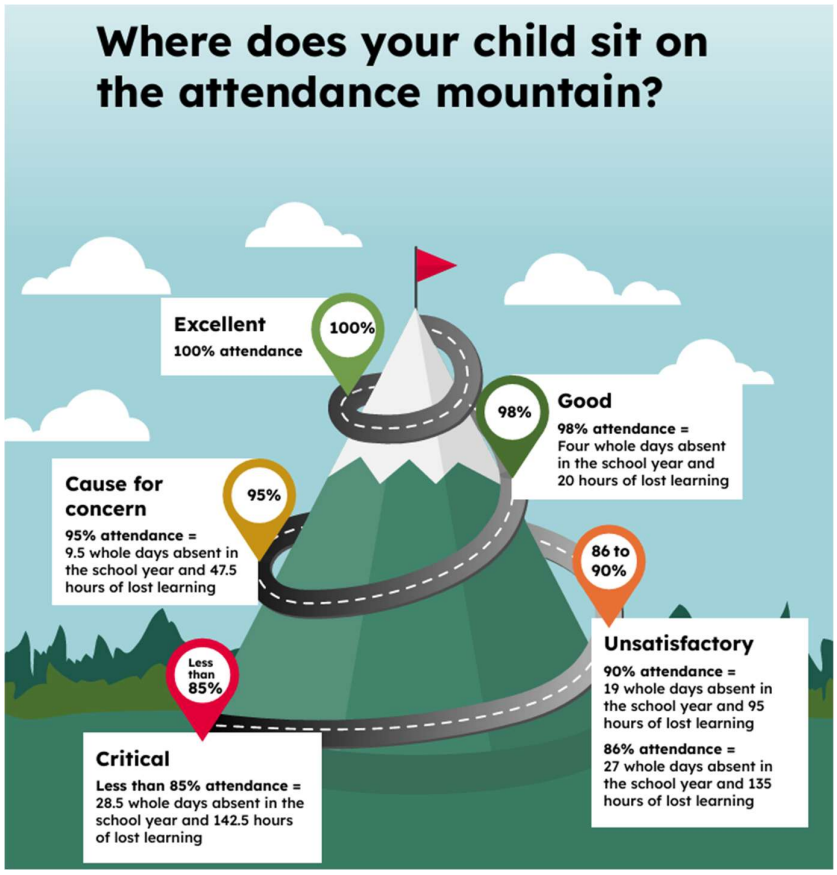
WINNING WORD COUNT – FOR 22.10.2026-06.11.2026

	1st	2nd	3rd	Class total
Jemison	Isabel- 112,135	Bella- 35,765	Emily- 26,298	207,620
Hawking	Éirinn- 178,474	Frankie F- 67,976	Daisy- 53,748	374,168
Luther King Jr.	Thomas F- 98,399	Emmanuel- 41,851	Harriet- 30,051	215,956

A reminder that all children are expected to read at home every night for a minimum of 10 minutes. Regular reading is one of the most important things children can do to support their learning, helping to develop vocabulary, comprehension, imagination, confidence and academic success across the curriculum.
Please ensure that your child's reading diary is completed regularly. Whilst we encourage daily comments where possible, an adult must sign the reading diary at least once each week so that we can celebrate and monitor reading at home.
We are incredibly fortunate to have such a wonderful collection of books available to our children, both in classrooms and in our school library. We encourage children to explore a wide range of authors, genres and texts to help foster a lifelong love of reading.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Kahlo Class	98.7%
Attenborough Class	96.2%
Jemison	95.6%
Hawking Class	95.8%
Luther King Class	95.4%
Whole school	96.2%



HOUSE POINTS

	Weekly points
Cowell	455
Donaldson	440
Morpurgo	500
Rosen	416

WELL DONE

A huge well done to Jude for the fantastic achievement of swimming 800 metres. What an incredible demonstration of determination, resilience and effort. We would also like to congratulate Ava for being awarded Player of the Match last weekend. This is a wonderful recognition of her hard work, teamwork and commitment. We are very proud of both children for their outstanding achievements and for representing themselves so positively.





UPCOMING DATES FOR THE TERM

Tuesday 10th November- Small Schools Football Final @ Billericay Town Football Club
Friday 13th November- Open Classroom at 2.45pm
Thursday 19th November- Kahlo Class and Attenborough Class trip to Hedingham Castle
Friday 27th November- Luther King Jr. Class trip to Essex Police Museum
Friday 27th November- Toddler Group in the hall at 9am.
Saturday 28th November- Halstead Christmas Fayre- Choir to perform (more details to follow)
Tuesday 1st December- KS2 Pickleball Competition (more details to follow)
Tuesday 1st December- KS2 Netball Competition at St. Peter's (more details to follow)
Wednesday 2nd December- Jemison Class and Hawking Class trip to the National Gallery, London (more details to follow)
Saturday 5th December- FroGS Christmas Fayre 10:00-2.00
Tuesday 8th December- Kahlo and Attenborough Christmas Nativity at 5.30
Wednesday 9th December- Kahlo and Attenborough Christmas Nativity at 1.30
Thursday 10th December- Reindeer Dash, Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day
Tuesday 5th December- Winter Concert for Jemison, Hawking and Luther King Jr Class at 5.30
Friday 18th December- Carols on the Playground at 2.15


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Fabric




Wood
Paper
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