



Primary School

Friday 26th September 2025

What a wonderful and enriching week we've had at school! We've been delighted to welcome several special visitors who have inspired, informed, and encouraged our pupils in a variety of ways.

This Week's Assemblies

We started the week with a visit from Delana from Empower, who shared the powerful story of the Good Samaritan. Her message focused on tolerance, kindness, and helping others — values we're proud to promote in our school community.

We also had a visit from the FPG Coaching team, who spoke to the children about their exciting new clubs and the opportunities available to get involved in fun, active learning outside of the classroom.

Most recently, Tony from the Rotary Club came in to talk about the Christmas Shoebox Appeal, reminding us of the importance of generosity and showing us how we can support others who are less fortunate — especially as we approach the giving season. If you wish to participate it is £2 per box and these can be collected and paid for at the school office.

A huge well done to our Year 5 & 6 girls, who took part in their first football competition this week! They showed great teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship — we are so proud of their efforts and how brilliantly they represented our school.

We'd also like to say a big thank you to **Sudbury Blinds**, who have kindly agreed to sponsor our school sports kit. Their support means our teams will now look professional and proud as they represent our school — promoting teamwork, unity, and community wherever they go.

Thank you for your continued support. As always, we are so proud of our pupils and the wonderful community we are building together.

Have a great 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 |
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| Gold Book Awards | Theo Draper Louie Chapman | Huxley Hercules-Stock Ellie Law | Bobby Boreham Ellenanne Simmons | Zack Reynolds | Millie Ashdown Jack Benfield |
| Good Citizen Awards | Nancy Porter | Bella Ellis | Margot Lacey | Gabe Saunders | Teddy Shipton |

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPENING EVENINGS

Hedingham School Secondary- Thursday 2nd October 5.00-8.00pm

The statutory national closing date for secondary school applications is 31 October 2025, and applications should be submitted online via

<http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions>

FOOTBALL

This week, it was the turn of our Year 5 & 6 girls, who proudly represented the school in a thrilling match against John Ray Juniors. The team showed incredible determination and teamwork, fighting hard to achieve a fantastic 4–1 win — a brilliant result that means they are now through to the Essex Small Schools Final in November!

As part of the event, the girls also took part in 5-a-side matches and skill-based drills, which helped to develop their confidence, coordination, and team spirit. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to showcase their growing skills and love of the game.

A huge thank you to **FroGS** for their generous donation, which has enabled us to take part in events run by the North West Essex Schools Sports Partnership throughout this academic year. Their support helps give our pupils fantastic experiences like these, where they can thrive, compete, and represent our school with pride.

PHOTOGRAPHS- REMINDER

The school photographer will be visiting on Tuesday, 30th September to take individual and sibling photographs. Please ensure your child comes to school in full uniform. This is a great opportunity to capture a special memory of the school year, so don't forget to remind your child to bring their best smile! **Please note: Class 1 will not need to come into school in their PE kit on this day.**

All parents are requested to pre-register for instant access to your child's photographs once they are ready, pre-registration is required for every photo shoot.

Register in 3 easy steps in less than a minute:

1. Head to www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk
2. Enter your unique code : JRJZA94KFB
3. Include your child's full school register name.

FroGS

We'd like to say a heartfelt thank you to FroGS (Friends of Gosfield School) for their continued and generous support. Thanks to their fundraising efforts, we have been able to join the North West Essex Schools Sports Partnership, giving our children more opportunities to take part in a wide range of sporting events. In addition, FroGS have kindly donated £1,000 towards new reading books, which will make a real difference in developing our pupils' love of reading and supporting their progress. We are incredibly grateful for everything FroGS do to support our school.

Their first event of the year is the Halloween Disco — please see the poster below for details. We encourage all parents to get involved and join the FroGS WhatsApp group to stay up to date with their fantastic fundraising efforts, all of which help improve our school for the benefit of all our children.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/JWB5afi450qDSqCHX5dRbC>

PHONICS SESSION FOR RECEPTION PARENTS ONLY

We'd like to remind all Reception parents and carers that we will be holding a Phonics Information Session on Wednesday 1st October at 3:15pm in the school hall. This session is a great opportunity to learn more about our approach to teaching phonics and early reading, as well as how you can best support your child at home. We warmly encourage you to attend — working together makes a big difference in building strong foundations for reading success!

STAFF COMMUNICATION

We kindly ask that any emails intended for class teachers are sent to the school admin, pupil support, or headteacher email addresses, rather than directly to individual staff. These messages will then be passed on to the appropriate member of staff. This system helps us to protect our teachers' work-life balance, allowing them to focus on what they do best — providing your children with the highest quality learning experiences and opportunities. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

CLUBS

A gentle reminder that school clubs will begin the week starting **Monday 29th September** – we look forward to seeing the children take part! A big thank you to our staff for generously giving up their time to run these clubs and provide such valuable opportunities beyond the classroom.

UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

Build a Burger Day- Thursday 2nd October 2025

Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Hockey Festival- Tuesday 7th October (more details to follow)

Wear it Yellow Day- Friday 10th October 2025

Year 5 & 6 Rugby Competition- Tuesday 14th October (more details to follow)

PTFA Halloween Disco- Thursday 16th October 3.15- 4.30

Parents' Evening Tuesday 21st October and Thursday 23rd October (timings and details for bookings to follow)

Cross Country at St. Peter's, Sible Hedingham- Wednesday 12th 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 9th December 9.15 & Wednesday 10th December 5.30

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY and CHRISTMAS DINNER- Thursday 11th December

CLASS 3, 4 & 5 Christmas Concert- Tuesday 16th December 2.30 & Wednesday 17th December 5.30

CAROLS ON THE PLAYGROUND- Friday 19th December 2.30

WEAR IT YELLOW DAY – FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER

On October 10th, join us for Wear It Yellow Day to support **YoungMinds** and raise awareness for young people’s mental health. Wear yellow loud and proud to show solidarity and let young people know they are not alone in their mental health journey. By coming together with thousands of people across the country, we can make a real difference. We encourage everyone to donate and help raise vital funds that support mental health services for young people. Let’s wear yellow, spread hope, and stand strong together this World Mental Health Day!



WELL DONE

Well done Gabe and Freddie!

Your dedication and hard work in football outside of school last week were truly impressive. It’s great to see you both putting in the extra effort, showing real commitment and teamwork. Keep pushing yourselves—you’re making fantastic progress and setting a brilliant example. We’re all proud of you!



CENSUS DAY

FUN LUNCH



Build a Burger

BEEF BURGER OR VEGAN BURGER IN A BUN
CHEESE SLICE, CRISPY LETTUCE, SLICED
PICKLES AND KETCHUP OR BURGER SAUCE
SERVED WITH CORN ON THE COB, SKINNY
FRIES & SALAD BAR

Build a Baguette

HAM * CHEESE * TUNA MAYO *
ADD
SWEETCORN SALAD * MAYO *
SERVED WITH SKINNY FRIES

Dessert

CHOCOLATE ICED DONUT
FRUIT YOGHURT
FRUIT JELLY

SERVED WITH A CARTON OF ORANGE JUICE OR STRAWBERRY MILKSHAKE

THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER



- NORMAL FSM RULES APPLY
- **NORMAL SCHOOL DINNER RATE APPLIES

A large chunk of school funding for the year is based on how many children eat a school lunch. This funding goes directly to maintain resources & a good quality of education for your children

WE WOULD ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO HAVE A SCHOOL DINNER ON THIS DAY :)

Rotary Shoebox Scheme

www.rotaryshoebox.org

Advice on filling your shoebox

Child ~ For young children

PLEASE NOTE: Boxes for children aged 0 to 3 years must only contain NEW items.

All boxes in this category will be opened and the contents checked to ensure that we comply with customs requirements in each of the countries to which we send your gifts. Failure to comply can result in fines being imposed on the charity or goods being destroyed.

Boxes for children aged 4 and over can include pre-loved toys, but they must be in "as new" condition.

Cars, trucks, etc, balls, complete jigsaws colouring books, pens, crayons, yo-yo, bubble, blowers, wooden and plastic toys, pencil case, pencil sharpener, dominoes, playdough / plasticine & cutters, fluffy toys, dolls, stickers, writing pads, skipping rope, scarf, mittens / gloves, hat, harmonica, games, cards...

Teenagers ~ up to 18 years age

Sportswear, scarf, gloves, socks, hat, football memorabilia, writing materials, games, playing cards, tennis ball, tooth brush & paste, roll-on deodorants, comb, mirror, costume jewellery, make-up, hair brush, toiletries, clothing repair kits, sketch pad, coloured pens / pencils...

Household Goods ~

For older folk & families

Scarves, gloves, hats, wrapped soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, disposable razors, shampoo, soap flakes, pan scourers, antiseptic cream, bandages, face or body creams, cosmetics, pens, writing pad & envelopes, T-lights, candles, sewing kit, scissors...

All items with a 'Use By Date' should have at least 6 months left.

WHAT NOT TO INCLUDE IN ANY BOX

Do not include any sweets, chocolate, drinks or food of any kind
(They are against Customs regulations at country borders)

Battery operated toys, conflict related items, matches, inflammable liquids, inflammable aerosols (eg: deodorants & hair spray), seeds or any other living material, automatic washing machine powders

Please securely sellotape tops of liquid containers.
Protect anything sharp and do not put anything sharp into a CHILD box



- It is important to indicate on the box lid, who the box is for.
- The contents are of good quality.
- The box should be completely filled.
- Remember that the recipient will be opening the box in eager anticipation, and especially with the toys for the children, quite possibly the first real gifts they have received for a very long time.
- Do not sellotape the lid down

“Spreading a Little Happiness”

July 2025



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



CASH
TUCK SHOP
AVAILABLE