



Friday 12th September 2025

We've had a fantastic start to the term, with children settling beautifully into their learning routines. In our assemblies, we've been exploring the power of a growth mindset—understanding that mistakes and challenges are not setbacks, but stepping stones to success. We've talked about how resilience helps us bounce back and keep trying, even when things feel tough.

We've also looked at inspiring stories of famous people who have overcome incredible challenges—from surviving shark attacks and serious illnesses to facing prejudice and discrimination—and how their determination helped them achieve great things.

A highlight has been reading *The Koala Who Could*, a lovely story that helped us reflect on how change can be difficult, but also exciting and full of possibility when we're brave enough to try something new.

We'd also like to say a big thank you to all our parents for your support with the recent changes around snacks and pencil cases. Your partnership makes a real difference—together, we can make our school the best it can be.

There's a real buzz around school, and we're looking forward to lots of exciting events coming up—so keep an eye out for updates!

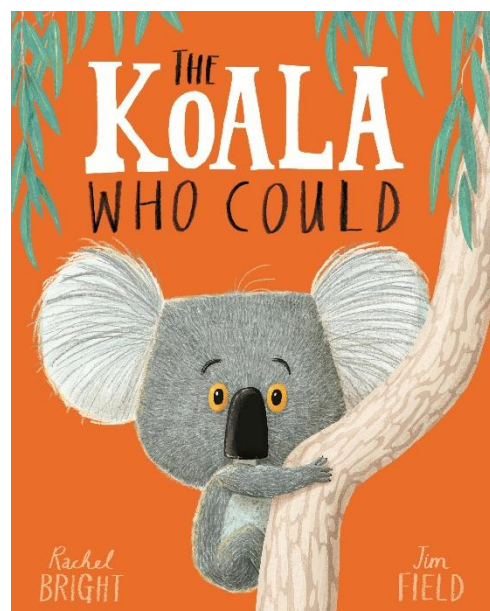
Have a great weekend!

Mrs Bower



Nothing is impossible,
the word itself says
I'm possible.

AUDREY HEPBURN



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.

04.09.2025	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
Gold Book Awards	Jude Keymer	Oliver Burwash	Éirinn Conway	Daisy Roughan	Albie Leach
	Zelia-Rae McKinley	Anna Leach	Freya Carnochan- Taylor	Thomas Field	Lexi Groves
Good Citizen Awards	Zander Whitfield	Mollie Parker-Smith	Jessica Reynolds	Mia Smith	Olivia O'Rourke

COME AND READ

Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who joined us for our “Come and Read” session this morning—it was truly lovely to see so many of you sharing stories and enjoying reading together with the children. Your presence made the morning extra special, and we really appreciate your support. We’re looking forward to welcoming you again at our next session on Friday 17th October at 2:50pm.

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPENING EVENINGS

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

The Ramsey Academy- Thursday 25th September 5.30-7.30pm

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>

SURVEY

If you haven't yet had a chance to complete the parent survey, we'd really appreciate you taking a few moments to do so. Thank you to everyone who has already responded—your feedback is incredibly valuable.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yqVVf4Xi2U223xthaif5hR2K5FwxwEzDjVeY_WP40SFURTBVTKFGUDJDTUJCN01XV1pDUkkzWU02Ny4u

CLUBS

We are delighted to offer a wide range of clubs during lunchtimes and after school, giving our pupils exciting opportunities to explore new interests, develop skills, and enjoy time with friends beyond the classroom. A huge thank you to our dedicated staff who generously give up their time to make these enriching experiences possible. Details on how to book onto these clubs will be shared in the coming days—please keep an eye out for further information.

All clubs are free of charge, with the exception of Dance Club, which is run by an external organisation, will start on a Monday after school, after half-term.

Please note that some clubs have a maximum capacity due to available resources. Booking details for all other clubs will be shared in the coming days.

When?	What?	Who?	Where?
Monday lunchtime	Cozy Club for Classes 1 & 2	Miss Wood	Class 2
Monday 3.15-3.45	Netball Club Years 4, 5 & 6	Miss O'Brien	Playground
Monday 3.15-3.45	Construction Club Classes 1 & 2	Mrs Mercer	Class 1
Monday 3.15-4.00	Choir	Mrs Bower	Hall
Monday 3.15-3.45	Year 6 Maths Club (Invite only)	Mrs Phelps	Class 5
Tuesday 3.15-3.45	Little Coders Years 1, 2 & 3	Mrs Phelps	Class 5
Tuesday 3.15-3.45	Year 6 Reading Club (Invite only)	Mrs Bower	Class 5
Wednesday lunchtime	BSL	Miss Kappes	Class 4
Wednesday lunchtime	Art Classes 1 & 2	Miss Williamson	Class 2

UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

Years 5 & 6 Football Competition- Tuesday 16th September 10.00-1.00

Years 5 & 6 Girls Football Competition- Tuesday 23rd September 10.00-1.00

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

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)

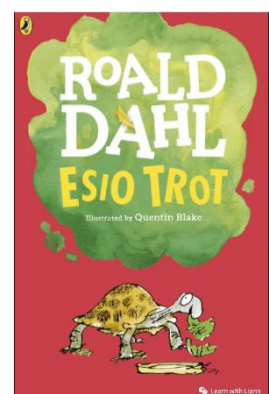
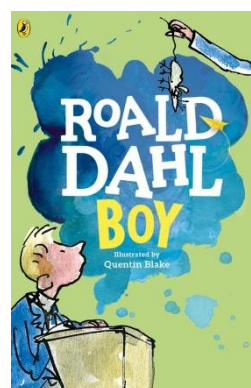
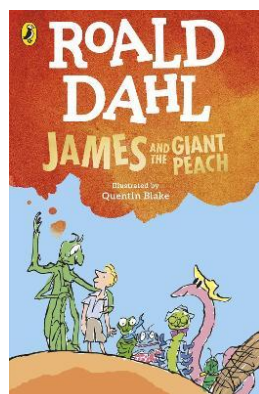
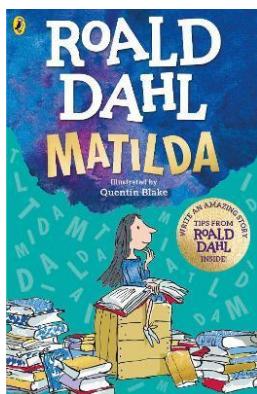
Cross Country at St. Peter's, Sible Hedingham- Wednesday 12th November at 3.30pm

Children In Need- non-uniform day Friday 14th November

All Christmas dates to follow shortly.

AUTHOR OF THE WEEK- ROALD DAHL

As part of our celebration for Roald Dahl Day (13th September), pupils enjoyed discovering fascinating facts about his life and the inspiration behind his beloved stories. They took part in a fun quiz focused on characters from one of his books and explored a selection of his most famous titles. We are incredibly grateful to the Archer family for their generous donation of a wonderful collection of Roald Dahl books to our school library—thank you for helping to inspire a love of reading in our children! If you have any reading books in good condition that you no longer need, we would be very grateful for donations to help enrich our school library.



BUDDYS

Today, our Year 6 pupils were excited to be paired with their Reception buddies—a special partnership that marks the beginning of a supportive and nurturing relationship. These buddies will play an important role in helping our youngest children settle into school life, offering friendship, guidance, and a reassuring presence throughout the year. Being a buddy is a meaningful responsibility, and we know our Year 6 pupils will rise to the occasion with kindness and care. We look forward to seeing these connections grow and flourish!

WELL DONE!

A huge well done to Lexi and Harriet for their fantastic efforts in swimming and for proudly sharing their medals with everyone during assembly. Their resilience and dedication have truly paid off, and it was wonderful to see them recognised for their hard work. Keep it up—you're both an inspiration to others!



E-SAFETY

Following recent concerns about explicit content circulating on TikTok, we want to remind all families of the importance of keeping children safe online. It was upsetting to hear that some children may have been exposed to inappropriate videos, and we encourage parents and carers to regularly check in on their children's online activity. TikTok offers safety features such as Family Pairing, Restricted Mode, and screen time limits to help manage what children see and who they interact with. For guidance on how to set these up and support your child's digital wellbeing, please visit the [TikTok Parents Guide](#)

Gosfield Community Primary School Term Dates and Holiday Dates Academic Year 2025-2026

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- = School days
- = School holidays
- = Bank holidays
- = Weekends
- = School Inset days

In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

Autumn Term:	Monday 1 September 2025 – Friday 19 December 2025 <i>Half Term 27 October – 31 October</i>	75 days
Spring Term:	Monday 5 January 2026 – Friday 27 March 2026 <i>Half Term 16 February - 20 February</i>	55 days
Summer Term:	Monday 13 April 2026 – Monday 20 July 2026 <i>Half Term 25 May – 29 May, and May Bank Holiday - 4 May</i>	65 days
		<u>195 days</u>