

GOSFIELD



Primary School

Friday 5th September 2025

What an absolute pleasure it has been to welcome everyone back to Gosfield Primary School for the start of this new academic year! As your new Headteacher, I have been completely overwhelmed by the warmth and kindness shown to me by our entire school community – pupils, parents, and staff alike have made me feel so genuinely welcome, and I cannot thank you enough for that.

Walking through our school corridors and classrooms over these first few days, I have been struck by just how beautifully our pupils have settled back into school life. The transition back after the summer holidays can sometimes feel daunting, but our children have embraced it with such maturity and enthusiasm that it fills my heart with pride. They have slipped back into their routines with remarkable ease, and their positive attitudes towards learning are truly inspiring to witness.

Equally impressive has been how smart and presentable our pupils look as they arrive each morning. Taking pride in their appearance and wearing their uniform with such care demonstrates the respect they have for themselves, their learning, and our school community. These small details matter enormously and contribute to the positive, purposeful atmosphere that makes Gosfield Primary such a special place to be. The politeness and good manners displayed by our pupils have not gone unnoticed either.

As we continue through this term, I find myself filled with genuine excitement about what lies ahead for us all. There is such potential in every single one of our pupils, and I am thrilled to be part of their journey as they grow, learn, and discover new talents and interests. The year ahead promises to be full of wonderful opportunities, challenges to embrace, and achievements to celebrate together.

Thank you once again for making me feel so welcome. I look forward to getting to know you all even better as the year progresses.

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.

04.09.2025	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
Gold Book Awards	Thomas Spackman Year 1's	Hudson Borghys- Ansah Libby Jacobs	Aaliyah Kilany Skye Collins	Aydaline Hermes Ivy Williams	Isabel Archer Skye Borghys- Ansah
Good Citizen Awards	Theodore Fitch	Ella Crook	Sienna Parsons	Violet Fox	Molly Hart

PE DAYS

	Morning session	Afternoon session
Monday	Class 3	Class 4 and Class 2
Tuesday	Class 1	
Wednesday	Class 2	Class 5
Thursday	Class 4	
Friday	Class 5	Class 1 and Class 3

Please can children wear their PE kits to school on their designated PE day. The following is the required PE uniform:

Blue Shorts

Plain blue top

Plimsolls or plain dark trainers for outdoor wear

Warm P.E wear for outdoor PE e.g. tracksuit in plain dark colours

CAR PARK

The car park is designated for staff use only, with the exception of those families who have agreed disabled access arrangements with me personally. If you believe you have previously arranged access, please do speak with me directly. This policy is fundamentally about safeguarding our children and ensuring their safety around the school premises.

COME AND READ

We would like to warmly invite you to our 'Come and Read' session on Friday 12th, from 8:30 to 9:00am. This informal event is a lovely opportunity for you to spend some time sharing a book with your child in their classroom, while also getting the chance to meet their new teacher. We hope you can join us for a relaxed and enjoyable start to the day, celebrating the joy of reading together.

READING AT HOME

Reading is a key focus on our School Development Plan this year, as we recognise its vital role in supporting children's overall learning and development. Regular reading not only builds vocabulary, comprehension, and confidence, but also fosters a lifelong love of books and learning. One of the most effective ways to support your child's reading progress is by reading with them at home. We encourage all children to read at home a minimum of four times a week, and kindly ask parents and carers to sign their child's reading diary each time. This small daily habit can make a big difference to your child's reading journey.

SNACK

We encourage all children to bring a healthy snack for break time to help keep their energy levels up and support their concentration throughout the day. Ideal options include fresh fruit, vegetables or other low-sugar, nutritious choices. To support healthy eating habits, the school also provides a fruit option each day, which is always available to the children. Thank you for helping us promote a healthy and balanced approach to food at school.

PENCIL CASES

We kindly ask that children do not bring pencil cases into school, as all the necessary resources and stationery are provided in the classroom. Personal pencil cases can often cause unnecessary distractions during lessons and may lead to issues around lost or shared items. By using school-provided equipment, we ensure that all children have what they need and can focus fully on their learning in an organised and calm environment.

JEWELLERY

Children are welcome to wear a watch to school, provided it is not a smart watch, as these can be distracting during the school day. They may also wear one pair of small stud earrings. For health and safety reasons, earrings must be removed for PE lessons, so we kindly ask that children either come to school without earrings on PE days or are able to remove them independently. Earrings are no longer allowed to be taped under the Health and Safety guidance from Essex County Council. Thank you for supporting our efforts to keep all children safe and focused during learning and physical activities.

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPENING EVENINGS

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

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

SURVEY

We value the thoughts and opinions of our school community, and we would greatly appreciate it if you could take a few moments to complete our parent survey. Your feedback plays an important role in helping us understand what we're doing well and where we can improve. The information you share will help shape the ongoing development of our school, ensuring we continue to provide the best possible experience and education for all our children. Thank you for your continued support.

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We love celebrating our pupils' successes both in and out of school! If your child has achieved something special outside of school—such as a sports award, music certificate, or personal milestone—we'd be delighted to hear about it. Please feel free to share these achievements with us so we can include them in our Friday newsletter. You can either send in photographs or your child can bring their awards into school to show their friends. It's a great way to recognise and celebrate the talents and hard work of our children across the wider school community.

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'll 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 of 6-8 with friends, focusing on music that they will know and love.
- Lessons cost £30.00 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, ukulele. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us on [01206 205543](tel:01206205543) or by email at essexoffice@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**



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
		195 days