

Gospel Oak Weekly Newsletter

w.e. 28th November 2025



UPCOMING DATES

Friday 5th December - Flu Vaccines

Thursday 11th December - Year 11 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 16th December - Christmas Show

Thursday 18th December - Post 16 Birmingham Reward Trip



ASSEMBLY THEMES

Assembly focus this week was Homophobia and Discrimination

01/12 - PAL Assembly (Provider Access Legislation)

08/12 - Islamophobia

Please take the time to talk to your daughter and/or son about what they have learnt in Assembly.

YEAR 7

YEAR 8

YEAR 9

YEAR 10

YEAR 11

SIXTH FORM

LETTERS

COMMUNITY

MESSAGE FROM MISS MIDDLEHURST, SENIOR VICE PRINCIPAL

Our newsletter is a little earlier this week with the school closed to students tomorrow. We are looking forward to welcoming our Year 13 parents and carers into school this evening in order for them to meet with teachers to discuss next steps as they move ever closer to their exams in the summer. Year 11 students have continued to work hard on their flashcards as they also prepare for exams next May and June. It is also that time of year when a number of Pearson Set Assignments are being completed in a number of our BTEC subjects; all in all, a very busy few weeks for all of our students!

Supermarket vouchers will be being issued later this term for students who are eligible for Free School Meals will be issued later this term; if you have any questions about this at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact us via the usual means: [Gospel Oak School - Contact Us](#). You will see later in the newsletter about our Christmas dinner in school, and this is available to all students and the cost of this is also covered through Free School Meals. Please do remember that the value of the Free School Meals' allowance in school is £2.60, and this is available to be used at lunchtime only. If your daughter and/or son is not eligible for Free School Meals – or is eligible and they choose to have food at break and/or spend more than £2.60 – please ensure that they have sufficient funds on their School Gateway account; please do get in touch if you have questions about this.

A reminder to make sure that your daughter and/or son is wearing a coat to school now that the weather has turned much colder; students must remove coats for assemblies, lessons and in indoor eating areas at break and lunchtime; we also insist that hats are removed inside the building, and that hoods are down. Thank you for your support with this.

As always, your support of the work of the school is very much appreciated; please do let us know via [Gospel Oak School - Contact Us](#) if we can help in any way.

YEAR TEAM UPDATES



YEAR 7

Attendance Focus

- We are aiming for **Year 7 to come first in attendance** every day and every week.
- Please support in arriving **on time** and attending **every day** unless genuinely unwell, having said that, we will support in any way necessary for you!
- Strong attendance helps pupils make great progress and feel fully part of school life.

Daily and Weekly Targets

- **Daily Goal:** 100% attendance for every tutor group.
- **Weekly Goal:** Year 7 to achieve the **highest year-group attendance** across the school – AGAIN!! We have done it before with 100%, we can do it again!!
- Classes with the best attendance each week will receive special recognition and rewards, as always!!

Positive Points

- Pupils can earn **positive points every day** for punctuality, effort, and attitude.
- Weekly recognition will be given to pupils and tutor groups with the **highest positive point totals**.
- HIGHEST ATTENDANCE OUT OF THE WHOLE SCHOOL THIS WEEK!!! WELL DONE!!!

Important Dates

- 28th November – School is CLOSED

Mr Wilson and the Year 7 Team



Attendance

Year 8, we need to talk.

Our attendance **dropped massively** this week — on Wednesday we were at **89%**, and this is **not acceptable** for our year group. We know you can do better.

Let's get back to the basics:

- School every **day**
- **Resilience**, even when you don't feel like it
- **Showing up**, ready to learn

Being here each day builds the habits you'll use for the rest of your life. Let's aim to turn this around **NOW**. We believe in you! 🤞

Back After Friday!

We hope you enjoyed your day off on Friday — a little break is always nice!

But now it's time to **refocus, reset, and get back to it**. Let's make this week count!

Lateness to School

We are seeing **more students arriving late** to school recently.

This needs to improve — being late affects your learning, your routine, and the start of the whole school day.

Please remember:

- 🕒 You must be in school by 8:25am
- 🕒 Line-up is not optional
- 🕒 Being on time shows responsibility and respect

Let's tighten up our mornings, Year 8!

Homework

Homework detentions are still far too high.

Homework is your chance to practise, get ahead, and make your lessons easier — **but only if you actually do it!**

Please remember:

- Check your homework daily
- Ask for help if you're stuck
- Speak to the Year Team or your teachers if you can't log in — we will help

Let's turn those detentions into **successes** instead! ✨

Mr Bowser and the Year 8 Team



★ Year 9 Weekly Update ★

Another exciting and eventful week for Year 9!

🎵 Live Performance – “Split Second”

This week, Year 9 had the pleasure of watching a brilliant performance by a young and upcoming band called **Split Second**. The band not only showcased their musical talent with a mix of original and classic pop-rock songs – which had students clapping along 🎵👏 – but also spoke about **mental health, bullying**, and the importance of supporting one another. A powerful and engaging session for our students. 💖💖

📝 Homework & 1-Hour Detentions

A reminder that **1-hour detentions have now started** for missed homework deadlines. Homework is set on the following days:

- 📖 Maths – Tuesday
- 📖 English – Thursday
- 📖 Science – Friday

Please ensure your child is staying on top of their homework each week. If any issues arise, please contact the **Year 9 Team** in a timely manner so we can support and resolve the problem quickly.

If a student has forgotten their login details, they can speak to their **tutor**, or parents can contact the **Year 9 Team via the website**. Students must log in through **Microsoft** using the same email and password they use for school computers. 💻

📦 Shoebox & Food Donation Appeal

Our **Year 9 Shoebox Appeal** continues, and we have now begun collecting **non-perishable food items** to support families within our community.

Your generosity and support mean so much – every contribution makes a difference. ❤️📦

🏆 Sporting Success!

A huge well done to the **Year 9 Boys Dodgeball Team**, who took part in a tournament at **Phoenix Collegiate** this week. The boys represented the school incredibly well, showing resilience, teamwork, and great sportsmanship. We are extremely proud of their performance! 💖👏

❄️ Cold Weather Reminder

The temperature has dropped significantly, so we kindly ask that students wrap up **warm for PE** and bring additional layers.

However, for **health and safety reasons**, students must **not wear any clothing with hoods** during PE. Thank you for your support with this. 🧣👮

As always, thank you for your continued encouragement and partnership. Year 9 have shown fantastic engagement this week – keep it up! 🌟💙

Mr Johnson and the Year 9 Team



Happy Week 4 of Autumn 2 from the Year 10 family! 🌟

Attendance this week has been a little bit up and down however a shout out must go to our Tuesday figure this week as we hit 93.3% which we have not seen for a while which must be recognised and rewarded! We must now sustain this figure and push through for the next 3 weeks prioritising being in every day! 📅

This week during morning meeting and assembly, we focused on our core family value of respect and discussed how as a year group and as a whole school community we can best showcase **respect** at all times and how we absolutely do not tolerate any sort of discrimination! A shout out here goes to all of the wonderful members of the Year 10 family who submitted a poster design to the 'Anti-bullying' competition! All of the submissions were incredible and it is amazing to see the hard work and creativity on show in the restaurant! Well done to you wonderful Artists! 🎨

Super star shout outs this week go to both **Harry F 10G** and **Safiyy H 10C** who received 35 points last week for gaining a RAP card in lesson, this equates to 7 RAP cards over the week - WOW! Teachers are recognising both boys for their efforts when it comes to the school values of Respect, Aspiration and Pride and we couldn't be prouder of them! 🌟

Unfortunately, we are still noticing a few more students arriving late to school and lessons. Remember — school starts at 8:25am and you should be in line-up ready to go on the MUGA. No ifs, no buts, no maybes! Being on time helps you start your day with confidence and focus — plus, it's a great life skill for the future and we have a 10/10 expectation so we need to sort this quickly! 🕒

So, that is all for this week! Week 4 of Autumn 2, Year 10 at GOS done already. Let's see what our 10/10 attitude towards learning, our 10/10 mindset towards success and achievement and our 10/10 positivity every single day can get us between now and Christmas — Let's go TEAM GREEN! ❤️

Miss Ralph and the Year 10 Team



YEAR 11

Attendance Update!

Attendance has been excellent recently. We have been hitting above **94% almost every day**. Thank you for your continued **effort and consistency**. **Let's keep this momentum going as we move through the term.**

Parents' Evening – 11th December

Appointments for Parents' Evening on **Wednesday 11th December** are **now open to book**. Please ensure you secure your slots early to meet with subject teachers and discuss your child's progress.

Mock Results & Set Changes

All mock results have now been given out to students.

From **1st December, set changes** will take place where necessary.

These changes are designed to ensure every student is in the best possible environment to progress, feel confident, and succeed in their subjects.

Sixth Form Applications Now Open

Applications for Sixth Form are now being accepted.

Closing date: 27th March

You can apply online via the school website, or students can collect an application form from **Mr Bala**.

Shoebox Appeal – Donations Needed

We are still in need of:

- Shoeboxes
- Wrapping paper
- Small gift items (toiletries, stationery, accessories, treats)

This year we are supporting **Murray Hall** and **Black Country Women's Aid**, and your donations will make a real difference to families in need.

Please send any items into school as soon as possible.

Miss Malkin and the Year 11 Team



Year 12 and 13 students are continuing to work hard in lessons. Year 13 students have now received their mock results. Students will be continuing to work hard to ensure that get the grades they need to get to their post 18 destination.

Anyone that is interested in applying to the 6th form is welcomed to apply online or to collect a paper application form. If you require any further information, please contact me or see the sixth form team.

Your sincerely,

Mr Bala
Director of Post 16

Upcoming dates -

18th December – Trip to Birmingham



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27th November 2025

Our Ref: RL.KH.3431

Your Ref:

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Whole School Marking & Feedback

I am writing to update you on our whole-school marking and feedback approach, which has been refined this year to further support our key priority: ensuring all students achieve good outcomes. As a school, we are committed to helping students understand how to improve and our feedback systems are designed to give them the guidance they need to do just that.

Students will continue to receive regular written feedback and a follow-up 'feedforward' task to help them close gaps in knowledge and skills. Teachers provide live feedback in every lesson and homework is given collective feedback, ensuring that all pieces are checked and common strengths or areas for development are shared with the class. Alongside this, students receive individual feedback comments from staff in line with our policy:

- **KS4 and KS5:** Written feedback twice per half term, plus on summative assessments.
- **KS3 Core Subjects:** Once per half term.
- **KS3 Non-Core Subjects:** Once per term.

We have recently introduced a tiered system to our written feedback to ensure that students receive the depth of feedback needed to move learning forward:

- **Tier 1:** Short, immediate feedback to address surface-level errors (in-lesson or at the start of the next).
- **Tier 2:** 20–30 minute targeted reflection and practice activities.
- **Tier 3:** In-depth feedback followed by a full-lesson redraft or reattempt.

This system helps teachers tailor feedback to each student's needs while supporting long-term learning and promoting independence.

Over the coming weeks, we will be releasing a series of short explanatory videos across our school social media channels. These will walk parents and carers through examples of each feedback tier and show how students respond to it in class. We hope these videos will make the system clearer and give you a sense of how feedback looks in practice.

To improve communication between school and home, students will now be routinely instructed to bring their exercise books home so that you can see their work and the feedback they receive. This will help you stay informed about their progress and give you the chance to discuss their learning with them.

It is very important that books are brought back to school for the next lesson. Please help us by reminding your son/daughter to return their books promptly, as they are essential for their day-to-day learning.

If you have any questions about the marking policy or how feedback works in your son's/daughter's lessons, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Miss R Lane
Associate Assistant Principal



To: Parents/Carers

27th November 2025

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Your Ref:

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 17th December

I am delighted to be able to let you know that a Christmas Dinner will be available in both our Restaurant and Bistro for all students on Wednesday 17th December; the cost of this will be £2.60. Students who receive Free School Meals will be able to use their entitlement to cover the full cost of the dinner.

The full menu is:



I hope that your daughter and/or son will take part in our Christmas Dinner. If students have any questions, they should ask members of our catering teams.

Yours faithfully,

**Miss C Middlehurst
Senior Vice Principal**

COMMUNITY

GO PLAY: BOARD GAMES AND CRAFTS CLUB (FOR 6-12 YEAR OLDS)
AT UNITY BREW COMMUNITY CAFE (DY4 BQL)

ALL GO PLAY SESSIONS ARE FREE AND OPEN ACCESS, SO NO BOOKING IS REQUIRED, JUST TURN UP! SESSIONS ARE NOT DROP-OFF SESSIONS.
 PLEASE NOTE THE CAFE ITSELF WILL NOT BE OPEN FOR FOOD AND DRINKS DURING SESSIONS.

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SESSIONS DATES
 (ALL SESSIONS ARE 3:00PM-5:30PM, EXCEPT FROM THE 28TH)
 NOVEMBER 4TH
 NOVEMBER 11TH
 NOVEMBER 18TH
 NOVEMBER 28TH (4PM-6:30PM)
 DECEMBER 2ND
 DECEMBER 9TH
 DECEMBER 16TH

JOIN US FOR BOARD GAMES, AND FUN!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JOHNNY AT:
 JOHNNY.LOMAX@GROUNDWORK.ORG.UK

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NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER TERM SESSIONS:

ALL SESSIONS ARE 3PM TO 5:30PM. IN THE EVENT OF POOR WEATHER CHECK OUR SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS (GROUNDWORK WM GO PLAY), IN CASE THE SESSION HAS BEEN RELOCATED.

VICTORIA PARK (DY4 8PP)
 5TH NOVEMBER AND 3RD DECEMBER

NEW ROAD METHODIST CHURCH (DY4 7DE)
 THURSDAY: 13TH, 20TH, & 27TH OF NOVEMBER, AND, 11TH & 18TH OF DECEMBER

JOIN US FOR CRAFTS, LOOSE PARTS PLAY, GAMES AND SO MUCH MORE!
 ALL GO PLAY SESSIONS ARE FREE, OPEN ACCESS AND DO NOT REQUIRE BOOKING. SESSIONS ARE AIMED AT FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGED 6-12 AND UP TO 19 WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS.

SESSIONS ARE NOT DROP-OFF SESSIONS.

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**THURSDAYS 3PM-5:30PM
 FROM 13TH NOVEMBER
 (EXCEPT 4TH DECEMBER)**

**NEW ROAD METHODIST CHURCH
 MOUNT ST
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JOIN US FOR CRAFTS, LOOSE PARTS PLAY, TABLETOP GAMES AND SO MUCH MORE!
 ALL GO PLAY SESSIONS ARE FREE, OPEN ACCESS (SO COME ALONG AT ANY TIME) AND DO NOT REQUIRE BOOKING. SESSIONS ARE AIMED AT FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGED 6-12 AND UP TO 16 WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS.

SESSIONS ARE NOT DROP-OFF SESSIONS.

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GO PLAY

TIPTON CHRISTMAS PARTY

TUESDAY 23RD DECEMBER 11AM-4PM
NEW ROAD METHODIST CHURCH (DY4 7DE)

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FOOD FESTIVAL
FESTIVE FUN

Wednesday 17th December

Roast Chicken & Stuffing
Or
Roasted Vegetable, Cranberry & Cheese Puff Pastry Wreath

With
Roasties, Sticky Chipolata, Christmas Vegetable Medley and Gravy

Rudolph's Nose Cookie
Main Meal Only £2.30
or
Meal Deal £2.60




Do you have a winter coat you can donate?

If you have any coats (or scarves, gloves, hats or other warm clothing) for children or adults, please drop them off at any Sandwell library.

Thank you



Winter Festival
Winter Coat Collection
Do you have a second hand coat spare?

Drop off donations:
Monday-Thursday
10am-5pm

Collect a coat :
Monday 8th December
11am-3pm

Venue: Malthouse Gardens,
100 Oldbury Road, B66 1JE

To find out more:
Call 0121 558 5555 (option 2)
Email contactifa@idealforall.co.uk
Follow us: @idealforall @GrowingOpportunities




All ages welcome - accessible venue - free entry!

Christmas at Murray Hall

A free festive family event, crafts, music, and Santa's workshop!

Live Music Refreshments
Activities for all the family

1pm - 5pm Thursday 11th December 2025
The Bridge, St Marks Road, DY4 0SL

Calling All Little Elves!

Join Santa's Workshop and Elf Training Academy!

Create, Craft & Take Home the Christmas Magic!

Reindeer Food Making Fun!

Decorate Your Own Festive Cookies!

And more!

Meet Santa!

For further information please call 01902 826 513

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SANDWELL CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON EVENTS

Check the website for more details about these events
www.visitsandwell.com/christmaslights

Tipton
 (Unity Walk)

Friday 28 November 2025

4pm to 6.30pm
 (Switch-on at 6.15pm)

Santa's grotto, funfair ride, market stalls, live performances and more!

Visit Sandwell Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council



Q3 ACADEMY TIPTON

Christmas Fair

WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER FREE ENTRY **4:30 - 6:30 PM**

Q3 ACADEMY TIPTON, ALEXANDRA ROAD, TIPTON, DY4 7NR

Food, crafts, games, Santa's grotto and other festivities!
 For further information contact: hello@tpt.merciantrust.org.uk



Christmas Fair

Glebefields Library, St Marks Road, Tipton, DY4 0SZ
 Saturday 13 December 2025 10am – 1pm

Tabletop sales, tombola, Grinch & Naughty elf mascots, refreshments, music from soundbites and much more!

Table hire £3 non-refundable to be paid before the date.
 Limited space.

TABLE TOP SALE

FLU IMMUNISATION FOR PUPILS IN SCHOOL YEARS RECEPTION - YEAR 11

Prevent your child from being seriously ill this winter!
Vaccinating is crucial in protecting them and vulnerable friends and family from flu.

NASAL VACCINE



No needles - just quick, painless, effective flu protection (contains gelatine)

OR

THE INJECTION



We offer a PORK-FREE, GELATINE-FREE injection considered a faith-friendly alternative.

Complete this form, even if you do not want the vaccine.

<https://midlands.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/sandwell>

Secondary School students only: Young people under the age of 16 can give or refuse consent themselves if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.

CONTACT THE TEAM

✉ sandwell@v-uk.co.uk
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Need more information?
Please see our FAQs sheet attached with this letter.

Or visit our website:



We endeavour to come to your child's school twice. If your child is absent or unable to be vaccinated at school, they can still receive this important vaccine by attending one of our community clinics for the vaccine.

Your consent will remain in place for the entire flu season. If your child misses a first visit, you do not need to complete a second form.

Details of these can be found on our website or you can contact the team above.

LEARN MORE

<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/flu>
www.youtube.com/@vaccinationuk

PRIVACY POLICY

Our 2024/25 policy can be viewed here: www.schoolvaccination.uk/privacy-policy
For data protection queries, please contact: gdpr@vaccinationuk.co.uk

Please complete the below link for your child to receive their vaccine:-

<https://midlands.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/sandwell>

FLU VACCINES: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

Vaccination UK will be coming into Gospel Oak School on Friday 5th December 2025 to administer the flu vaccine for a catchup session. Could you please complete the link to accept or decline if you wish for your son / daughter to receive his / her vaccine to update your son / daughters NHS record by midnight on Monday 24th November 2025. Please ensure that your son / daughter has no allergies to the vaccine and should you have any queries then please contact Vaccination UK on 0121 592 1110.

Please note that unless you accept or decline to update your son / daughters NHS record Vaccination UK will continue to contact you.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q WHY ARE CHILDREN BEING OFFERED THE FLU VACCINE?

Flu can make children feel very unwell and can sometimes lead to serious complications like pneumonia or ear infections. Some may even need hospital treatment. It's especially important for children with long-term conditions like asthma or diabetes, as flu can be more dangerous for them.

Q HOW DOES THE FLU VACCINE FOR CHILDREN WORK?

The nasal spray contains weakened flu viruses that help your child build protection without causing illness. Because flu strains change each year, the vaccine needs to be given annually. Most children only need one dose.

Q IS THE FLU VACCINE SAFE FOR CHILDREN?

Yes, it has a very good safety record and has been used for over 10 years in countries like the US without any major concerns. All vaccines available in United Kingdom must pass strict safety testing before being approved for use. The Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) only approve vaccines that have gone through rigorous safety testing measures. The regulators continually monitor them all the time.

Q SHOULD ANYONE NOT HAVE THE VACCINE?

Let us know if your child:

- Has a severe allergy to eggs, gelatine, or certain antibiotics
- Has recently had severe asthma symptoms or is 'wheezy on the day'
- Has a seriously weakened immune system

Also, after vaccination, children should avoid close contact with people who have very weak immune systems for about two weeks—everyone else is fine to be around.

Q ARE THERE ANY SIDE EFFECTS?

Side effects from the nasal spray are usually mild and short-lived. These may include a runny or blocked nose, headache, reduced appetite, or a slight temperature. Paracetamol or ibuprofen can help if needed.

Q WE DO NOT EAT PORK PRODUCTS. CAN MY CHILD HAVE A DIFFERENT FLU VACCINE?

Yes. There is an injectable flu vaccine is available that contains no pork (porcine gelatine).

While the nasal spray is generally more effective and painless, we respect your preferences. Just complete the consent form for the injection—no need to fill out both.

CONSENT INFORMATION

The consent form needs to be signed by a person with parental responsibility which includes:

- Mother: automatic
- Father: if married to the mother either when baby is born or marries subsequently
- Unmarried father: if name appears on birth certificate (since 1/12/03) or legally acquired
- Others: if parental responsibility is legally acquired
- Parental Responsibility Agreement: signed, properly witnessed and sent for registration to Principle Registry or the Family Division (High Court)
- Residence Order: granted by the Court

Please note that young people under the age of 16 can give or refuse consent if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.

Q NATURAL IMMUNITY

While natural immunity from the flu can occur, it's not generally considered better than vaccine-induced immunity. Natural infection carries the risk of severe illness and complications, whereas the flu vaccine offers protection with significantly less risk. Natural immunity can be long-lasting against specific strains, but we know that the flu virus changes (mutates) overtime so natural immunity to one strain might not protect against a different strain that emerges later. Vaccines are a safer and more reliable way to protect against a wider range of flu viruses.

Flu vaccines are updated for each winter to give protection against the strains of flu that are most likely to be going around. For this reason, we strongly recommend that even if your child was vaccinated last year, they should be vaccinated again this year.

Q MY CHILD NEEDS A DIFFERENT VACCINE

If your child needs another vaccine you can speak to our team or attend one of our community clinics, all information can be found on our website: www.schoolvaccination.uk/catch-up-clinics

Q I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS

We run Q&A webinars which address frequently asked questions and gives parents an opportunity to ask their questions. You can find information and how to join on our website.

