

Gospel Oak Weekly Newsletter

w.e. 27th February 2026



UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 3rd March - Testimony 360 Holocaust Workshop

Tuesday 3rd March - GCSE Information Evening

Tuesday 10th March - Yr 9 DTP Vaccine Catch Up Session

Tuesday 10th March - CNAT Sport Orienteering, Fibbersley Park Nature Reserve

Wednesday 11th March - RSA8 Launch Event - Waseley Hills



ASSEMBLY THEMES

Assembly focus this week was Term Expectations

02/03 - World Book Day

09/03 - Culture Week

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

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MESSAGE FROM MISS LANE, ASSOCIATE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Thank you for such a positive start back after what we hope was a restful and enjoyable half term break. It has been wonderful to welcome our students back into school, ready to learn and reconnect with their friends and teachers. There has been a real sense of purpose around the building this week.

Attendance has been brilliant, and we are incredibly proud of the commitment shown by our students and families. Being in school every day is crucial to achieving strong outcomes, building confidence and maintaining momentum in learning. Every lesson really does count, and it has been fantastic to see classrooms full and engaged.

This week, our Year 7 and Year 9 students enjoyed a wonderful experience watching a French play. The performance provided a fantastic opportunity to immerse themselves in the language and culture, bringing their learning to life in an engaging and memorable way. Experiences like this help to broaden horizons and inspire curiosity about the world beyond the classroom.

Our assembly this week focused on Culture Day and the importance of understanding, respecting and celebrating different cultures within our school and wider community. Gospel Oak is enriched by the diversity of our students and families, and it was lovely to see students reflecting thoughtfully on the value of inclusion and global awareness.

We would also like to extend our support to those students observing Ramadan. We recognise the dedication and commitment this involves, and we are pleased to be able to offer a quiet space in the theatre for students who may need time to rest during the day. Please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff if any additional support is needed.

This morning, we were delighted to host a celebration breakfast for students who have achieved 100% attendance. It was a lovely opportunity to recognise their dedication and consistency. Students enjoyed a selection of pastries, yoghurts and juice, and there was a real sense of pride in the room as we celebrated their achievement together.

Thank you, as always, to our parents and carers for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to another successful week ahead.

Have a lovely weekend.

YEAR TEAM UPDATES

YEAR 7

Dear Parents and Carers,

We just had to take a moment to share some absolutely FANTASTIC news about our incredible Year 7 students! 🎉👏

Despite the usual seasonal sniffles 🤧, coughs 🤧 and minor illnesses that always pop up at this time of year, our Year 7 students have shown **outstanding resilience** 💪🌟. Their determination to keep coming to school, stay positive, and continue learning has been nothing short of amazing!

We are thrilled to announce that Year 7 has achieved an attendance figure of **nearly 98% on Tuesday this week** 📊🏆 — what an achievement! This is something to be truly proud of. High attendance has such a powerful impact on progress, confidence, friendships, and overall success in school life 📖🌈.

Your children have demonstrated:

- ★ Commitment
- ★ Determination
- ★ Responsibility
- ★ Dedication to their learning
- ★ Incredible resilience

We are SO proud of each and every one of them ❤️🌟. They have shown that even when faced with small challenges, they can persevere and continue striving for excellence.

Thank you as well to you, our supportive parents and carers 🙌 — your encouragement and partnership make such a difference every single day.

Year 7 — keep up this amazing determination and dedication to school and learning! 📚🌟 We can't wait to see what you achieve next!

With pride,

Mr Wilson and the Year 7 Team



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been fantastic to welcome Year 8 back this week. The year group has made a very positive start to the half term, returning with focus, maturity and a strong attitude towards their learning.

We are especially pleased to share that attendance has reached over 96% on two days this week. This is an excellent achievement – thank you for your continued support. We now need to maintain this momentum.

As a reminder, we are running our 100% attendance challenge this half term. There are 24 school days in total, and every student who achieves 100% attendance will be rewarded on the final day before we break up. Those students will come out of lessons to enjoy inflatables in the sports hall – a well-deserved celebration.

To qualify, students must be in school every single day for the next 24 days.

Homework Expectations

Homework is an important and additional part of the curriculum. It reinforces learning, develops independence and helps prepare students for assessments.

Year 8 students are expected to complete three pieces of homework each week. If homework is not completed, students will receive a one-hour detention. We appreciate your support in ensuring that homework is completed on time and to a high standard.

This is a short five-week half term, but there is lots to look forward to. We are determined for Year 8 to be the best year group in the school, and strong attendance and commitment to homework will be key to achieving this.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Bowser and the Year 8 Team



What a brilliant week it has been for Year 9! 🎉 Attendance has been outstanding and has already surpassed every weekly attendance figure from the entire previous half-term. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the continued commitment from both students and families. Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring students are in school every day and ready to learn. 📖

This week, a group of lucky Year 9 students had the opportunity to visit the West Bromwich Albion Foundation, where they took part in an exciting project focused on the world of manufacturing. Students represented the school exceptionally well, engaging positively and gaining valuable insight into industry pathways and future career opportunities. Experiences like this help broaden horizons and raise aspirations – we are very proud of how they conducted themselves.

📌 Options Deadline Reminder

A reminder that the deadline for GCSE option selections is fast approaching. All students should have submitted their final choices by **25th February**. If there are any questions, concerns, or changes that need discussing, students should speak to **Miss Tanner or Mr Johnson** as soon as possible to ensure everything is finalised in time.

📅 Homework Reminder

Homework remains a key priority as we continue building strong habits ahead of GCSE study.

If students are unsure of their ClassCharts login or are experiencing issues accessing work from home, they should speak to their tutor, Mr Johnson, or visit the IT team during break or lunchtime for support.

Please remember that homework not completed by the deadline will result in a 1-hour detention the following day.

📅 Homework Deadlines:

- **Maths:** Tuesday
- **English:** Thursday
- **Science:** Friday

📖 Homework Club

Homework Club continues to run every Wednesday after school in the LRC. This provides a calm, supportive environment for students who would like additional help or prefer to complete their work in school.

Thank you again for your continued partnership and support. Year 9 are building excellent momentum, and we are excited to see this continue in the weeks ahead.

Mr Johnson and the Year 9 Team



What a great start to the term for Year 10! It has been fantastic to see so many students returning with a positive attitude and a clear focus on their learning. Attendance has been consistent overall, which is a key factor in helping everyone stay on track and make the most of their lessons.

That said, we know we can do even better. Excellent attendance and punctuality remain essential, and we encourage all students to aim for 100% attendance wherever possible. Every lesson counts, especially as we move closer to important assessments.

A reminder that mock exams will take place from the week commencing 16th March through to 27th March. Mock exam timetables will be provided during the week commencing 2nd March, so please keep an eye out and begin preparing early.

Work experience now needs a big push. All students should be actively seeking placements. If your child is struggling to find a suitable placement, please get in touch with the school as soon as possible so we can offer support and guidance.

Let's keep up the momentum, continue striving for improvement, and support one another in achieving our best.

Well done, Year 10 – let's make this term a great one!

Miss Dunn and the Year 10 Team



10 Weeks To Go...

Attendance Update

Year 11 attendance is currently sitting at around **93%**. That is strong – and you should be proud of that consistency. However, it is not high enough.

With just **10 weeks until your first exam**, every single lesson matters. At this stage, even one missed day can mean missing key content, exam technique, or feedback that could move you up a grade.

This is the time to:

- Get our heads down
- Stay focused in every lesson
- Take responsibility for your own progress
- Treat every day as important

There is no time to drift. The work you put in now will directly affect your results in the summer.

Punctuality to School – This Is Critical

Punctuality is just as important as attendance.

Every **Monday, Wednesday and Thursday**, Year 11 students **skip line up** and go straight to **English, Maths or Science intervention**.

These sessions are not optional extras. They are targeted support designed to make sure you pass your core subjects.

If you are late to school, you miss intervention.
If you miss intervention, you miss vital revision and exam practice.

Being on time means:

- Extra subject knowledge
- More exam practice
- More feedback
- A greater chance of securing a pass or higher grade

Make punctuality a priority. Your future self will thank you for it.

Prom 2026

Wednesday 2nd July

There are currently **128 days to go**.

Prom is a celebration of everything you have achieved. But first, we focus on finishing strong.

Tickets

Prom tickets are now available on **ArborPay**.
This is the same place you pay for school trips.

Please ensure you:

- Purchase your ticket in good time
- Do not leave it until the last minute
- Speak to us early if there are any issues

Final Message

Ten weeks.

This is the final stretch where small improvements make a big difference. Attendance, punctuality and effort will determine outcomes.

Stay focused. Stay disciplined. Stay consistent.

We believe in you – now it's time to show what you can do.

Miss Malkin and the Year 11 Team

SIXTH FORM

We hope that everyone had a restful half term, students have come back engaged and are working hard in lessons and supervised study.

During the break 18 students were taken to New York – during this 5-day trip they visited Brooklyn bridge, Empire State building, Top of the Rock, Statue of Liberty along with having the opportunity to watch Chicago and go shopping. Students gave feedback on how much they enjoyed the trip, have got lifetime memories and would highly recommend it to anyone.



We are still taking sixth form applications from Year 11 and interviews for sixth form will continue in this week.

Year 12 attendance – 88.1 %

Year 13 attendance – 90.2 %

Your sincerely,

Mr Bala
Director of Post 16

Upcoming events:

6th July – 10th July – Work experience



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Revision Plans

I am writing to share an important update regarding preparation for the upcoming GCSE and A Level examinations.

To support students as they move into their final phase of revision, all subjects have produced a revision plan. These plans will begin from w/c 23rd February 2026 and are designed to clearly outline: the key topics and knowledge students need to revise, suggested revision activities and any key dates or subject-specific resources available. We have initially planned revision from 23rd February until 13th March 2026. We will update revision plans once we have the findings of the most recent mock examinations.

The intention is to ensure that students have a clear, organised and manageable revision pathway, and that parents are also aware of what students should be focusing on in each subject.

These revision plans have also been shared directly with students during an assembly today, so that they understand how to use them effectively and what is expected over the coming weeks.

We strongly encourage you to:

- read through the revision plans with your son/daughter – Link [Gospel Oak School - Subject Grade Descriptors & Revision Plans](#)
- help them create a weekly revision routine using the guidance provided
- check in regularly to ensure they are revising the right content for the right subjects
- support them with quiet study time and routines at home, where possible

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to ensure every student is fully prepared and confident going into their examinations.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs R Quirk
Vice Principal

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