

Gospel Oak Weekly Newsletter

w.e. 12th June 2026



UPCOMING DATES

Monday 15th June - Year 11 Leavers Assembly

Monday 22nd June - Year 8 HPV Vaccines

Wednesday 24th June - Send Transition Day

Wednesday 24th June - RSA8 Away Day -
Newman University

Thursday 25th June - Send Transition Day

Thursday 25th June - Year 10 Parents Evening

Friday 26th June - Trust Sports Day - Year 7 to
Year 11, Abbey Stadium



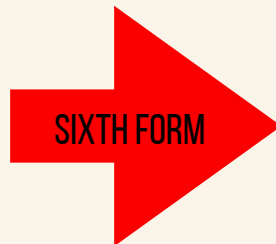
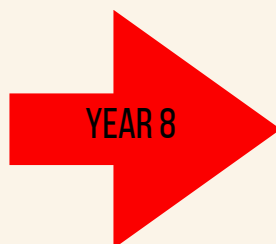
ASSEMBLY THEMES

Assembly focus this week was Mens
Health Week

15/06 - World Blood Doner Day

22/06 - Water Safety

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



MESSAGE FROM MISS LANE, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Hello and thank you for another successful week here at Gospel Oak. It has been wonderful to see our students continuing to work hard and engage positively in their learning as we move further into the summer term.

This week's assembly focused on Men's Health Week, with a particular emphasis on mental health and wellbeing. Students explored the importance of looking after their mental health, recognising when they may need support, and understanding the positive impact that talking openly about wellbeing can have. Developing awareness of mental health is an important part of helping our young people lead healthy and successful lives.

Throughout the week, students have also been completing their NGRT reading assessments. Reading is a vital skill that underpins success across all areas of the curriculum. Strong reading skills support comprehension, vocabulary development, critical thinking and independent learning. These assessments help us to understand students' reading abilities and ensure that we can provide the right support and challenge to help every student make progress on their learning journey.

As we continue through the final half term of the year, we remain committed to maintaining our high expectations around attendance, punctuality, behaviour and uniform. These standards help to create a positive learning environment where all students can thrive and achieve their full potential. We appreciate the continued support of parents and carers in helping us uphold these expectations.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We look forward to another successful week ahead.

YEAR TEAM UPDATES



YEAR 7

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move further through the academic year, we would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the many successes of our Year 7 students and share some important reminders to help ensure every child continues to thrive both academically and personally.

Attendance Matters

One area of concern is attendance. We have noticed a significant decline in attendance across the year group in recent weeks. Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in a student's success at school. Every lesson counts and missing even a small amount of school time can have a substantial impact on learning, progress, and confidence.

We ask all parents and carers to support us by ensuring students attend school every day unless they are genuinely unwell. Good attendance helps students build positive routines, maintain friendships, and achieve their full potential.

Lessons Are Not Optional

We have also seen an increase in students walking around the school site during lesson time. We would like to remind all students and families that lessons are not optional. Students are expected to attend all timetabled lessons and remain in class unless they have permission from a member of staff.

Any student found out of lessons without permission will be challenged and appropriate consequences will be applied. We appreciate your support in reinforcing this message at home.

Homework Expectations

Homework plays a vital role in reinforcing classroom learning and developing independent study habits. We encourage all students to complete homework to the best of their ability and submit it on time.

Failure to complete or submit homework by the deadline may result in detention being issued. Establishing strong homework routines now will help students develop the organisation and resilience needed throughout their secondary school journey.

Upcoming Trips and Behaviour Expectations

We are excited about the upcoming educational visits and enrichment opportunities planned for Year 7. These experiences provide valuable opportunities for learning, personal development, and creating lasting memories.

However, participation in school trips is a privilege. We have concerns regarding a decline in behaviour standards amongst a small number of students. If behaviour, attendance, or conduct do not meet our expectations, we may need to contact parents and carers to arrange meetings to discuss whether students are able to represent the school appropriately whilst attending these visits.

We want every student to have the opportunity to take part and enjoy these experiences, and we ask for your support in helping them make positive choices.

Thank You

Finally, we would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. Your partnership with the school is invaluable, and together we can ensure that our Year 7 students continue to flourish both academically and socially.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Year 7 Team.

Miss Smith and the Year 7 Team



As we move towards the final five weeks of the school year, there are a few important reminders for everyone.

Homework is Back!

Homework has now returned, and it is important that every student completes it each week. Homework helps to strengthen your learning and prepare you for future lessons. If you are finding any homework difficult or are unsure about what to do, please speak to your class teacher as soon as possible. We are here to help you succeed.

Attendance Matters

Unfortunately, our attendance has dropped significantly this week. We have gone from being one of the top year groups to the bottom. This is something we need to turn around quickly. Every day in school counts, and good attendance helps you achieve your best. Let's work together to get Year 8 back where it belongs.

Be On Time

We have also seen an increase in students arriving late to school. Please make sure you are in school and ready to learn by **8:25am** each morning. A positive start to the day makes a huge difference.

Welcome to Our Year 8 Family

This week, we are delighted to welcome **Mr Greatrex** to the Year 8 team. Please make him feel welcome and show him the kindness, respect, and positivity that make Year 8 such a special year group.

With only **five weeks left** of the academic year, let's finish strongly by showing excellent attendance, punctuality, effort, and determination every day.

Quote of the Week:

"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out." – Robert Collier
Let's make every day count!

Mr Greatrex and the Year 8 Team



As we reach the end of the second week of this half-term, we would like to thank all students and families for their continued support. It has been another positive week for Year 9, with students continuing to demonstrate strong attitudes towards learning and making the most of the opportunities available to them.

We are pleased to share that attendance has bounced back strongly this week. Once again, Year 9 are leading the way across the school and playing a significant role in driving whole-school attendance figures upwards. This improvement is fantastic to see and highlights the commitment of our students and families to ensuring that learning remains a priority. Every day in school matters, and strong attendance has a direct impact on academic progress, achievement and future GCSE outcomes.

Students have also been reminded about the exciting attendance reward available this half-term. Any student who achieves 100% attendance throughout the half-term will be entered into a prize draw, with the opportunity to win a family trip to either Drayton Manor or Alton Towers. We hope this provides an extra incentive for students to maintain excellent attendance and make every day count.

Homework continues to be set through ClassCharts and students are expected to check the platform regularly. Homework is set on the following days:

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

Students have 7 days to complete each homework task from the date it is set. Completing homework consistently is an important part of learning and has a significant impact on GCSE outcomes, helping students to develop their understanding, reinforce learning and improve academic performance.

Any student who fails to complete their homework by the deadline will receive a one-hour detention and will be expected to complete the work during this time. We appreciate your support in ensuring students are completing homework regularly and meeting deadlines.

We would also like to inform parents and carers that Mr White has stepped in to provide additional support to the Year 9 team and will be working alongside Mr Marrs and Mr Johnson moving forward. We are grateful for his support and know that his involvement will help us continue to provide the best possible care, guidance and support for our Year 9 students.

If you wish to contact the Year 9 team, please do so through the enquiries section of the school website or by emailing enquiries@gospeloak.crst.org.uk. Please do not contact Mr Johnson, Mr Marrs or Mr White directly, as this may result in delays in your enquiry being responded to. Using the enquiries email ensures that your query is directed to the appropriate member of staff and dealt with as efficiently as possible.

Thank you for your continued support. We are proud of the progress Year 9 are making and look forward to another positive and successful week ahead.

Mr Johnson and the Year 9 Team



Behaviour and Positive Choices

There have been some changes to timetables and teachers recently. We expect Year 10 students to manage these changes maturely by following instructions, showing respect, arriving to lessons on time, and making positive choices throughout the school day.

Attendance Matters

Attendance remains a key priority. Every lesson counts, especially as students continue their GCSE courses. Good attendance helps students keep up with learning and stay confident in their subjects.

Parents' Evening

Year 10 Parents' Evening will take place on **Thursday 25th June**.

There is **no need to book appointments**. Parents and carers can attend and speak with teachers about progress, behaviour, attendance, and next steps.

Alton Towers Trip

The Year 10 trip to **Alton Towers** will take place on **Wednesday 10th July**.

This trip is for students who have paid for their place.

Final Message

Thank you for your continued support. Keep making good choices, Year 10 — your behaviour, attendance, and effort all matter.

Miss Dunn and the Year 10 Team



Year 11 – The Final Goodbye

As we reach the end of an incredible journey, we wanted to take a moment to say one final thing...
Well done.

Over the last five years, you have grown from nervous Year 7 students into confident, resilient and remarkable young adults. You have faced challenges, overcome setbacks, celebrated successes and created memories that will stay with you for a lifetime.

The last few months have been particularly demanding. The exam season has tested your determination, resilience and character, but throughout it all you have shown maturity, courage and commitment. Whether you walked out of every exam feeling confident or unsure, you should be immensely proud of the effort you have given. You have done it.

For many of you, Gospel Oak has been your second home for the past five years. The corridors, classrooms, lunch queues, tutor rooms, assemblies, trips, sports days and all of the everyday moments that seemed ordinary at the time have helped shape the people you are today. While it may not feel like it right now, these are the memories you will look back on and smile about for years to come.

As staff, we have had the privilege of watching you grow, develop and mature. We have celebrated your achievements, supported you through difficult times and watched you become the young adults you are today. Every single one of you has left your mark on Gospel Oak, and you will be missed more than you know.

As you move on to college, apprenticeships, sixth form, employment or whatever path comes next, remember that success is not measured solely by exam results. It is measured by the person you become, the kindness you show, the resilience you demonstrate and the opportunities you are brave enough to take.

Be ambitious. Be confident. Be kind. Back yourself. The future is yours.

Most importantly, remember that this is not the end—it is simply the beginning of your next chapter.

We are incredibly proud of every single one of you and cannot wait to celebrate together one final time at **Prom on Thursday 2nd July**. It promises to be a fantastic evening and a chance for us all to come together, make a few more memories and celebrate everything you have achieved. Thank you for the laughter, the memories, the challenges, the achievements and for making the last five years so special.

Year 11 of 2026 — you will always be part of the Gospel Oak family.

Good luck, congratulations, and goodbye.

We are proud of you. Always.

Miss Smith and the Year 11 Team



On Tuesday 9th June we held our leavers assembly for the year 13 cohort – It was a lovely event to hold to celebrate their success and memories of their time in 6th form- We would like to wish them all the best and good luck in their future.

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

Year 12 attendance – 93%

Year 13 attendance – 95%

Your sincerely,

Mr Bala
Director of Post 16

Upcoming events

6th July – 10th July – Work experience

COMMUNITY

SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATION DROP-OFF

ST THOMAS
parish church stourbridge

Bangladeshi
Women's Association

Jubilee Park
Community Centre

Help local families by donating pre-loved school uniform.



GIVE PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

Help others in our community



CLEAN, GOOD CONDITION ONLY

Thank you!



TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

DROP-OFF DATES
20-24TH JULY

10AM - 2PM

DROP OFF AT:



ST THOMAS'S PARISH CHURCH STOURBRIDGE

Market St, Stourbridge
DY8 1AG
01384 394185



JUBILEE PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE

Glebefields Estate,
Powis Ave, Tipton
DY4 0RJ
0121 520 0234

Thank you for supporting local families



Walk with us for men's mental health

Join one of our six community park walks:

Friday 12 June 2026

- Victoria Park, Tipton - Meeting at the War Memorial at 10.30am
- Brunswick Park, Wednesbury - Meeting near the play area at 1.30pm

Saturday 13 June 2026

- Dartmouth Park, West Bromwich - Meeting at the War Memorial at 10.30am
- Britannia Park, Rowley Regis - Meeting by the multi-games area by the car park at 1.30pm

Sunday 14 June 2026

- Lightwoods Park, Smethwick - Meeting at Lightwoods House at 10.30am
- West Smethwick Park, Smethwick - Meeting at the Pavilion at 1pm, plus family-friendly activities from 2pm - 3.30pm!

No need to book, everyone is welcome.

Walk at your own pace and help us raise awareness for mental health and wellbeing in Sandwell.



www.healthysandwell.co.uk/walkinthepark

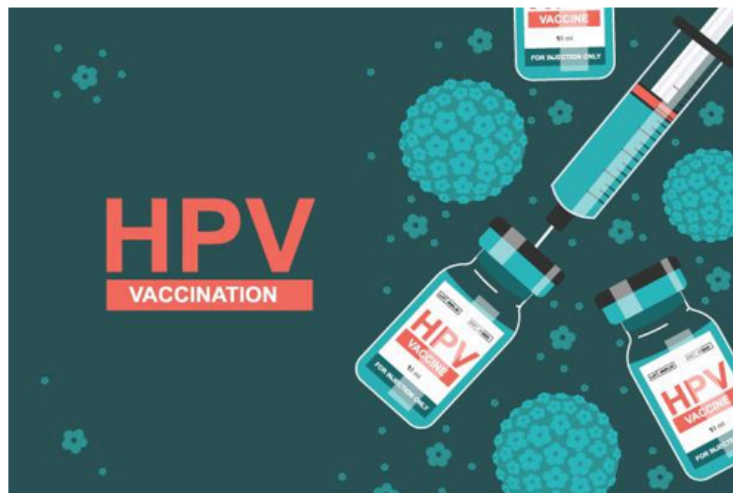
YOU OK, MATE?

Sandwell
Metropolitan Borough Council

SANDWELL BETTER
MENTAL HEALTH

HEALTHY
SANDWELL
We find the support you need

Please complete the link sent to you by Vaccination UK for NHS MAVIS for your son / daughter to receive their HPV Vaccine.



Vaccination UK will be attending Gospel Oak School on Monday 22nd June 2026 to administer the HPV (Human Papillomavirus Vaccine). Should you wish for your child to receive his / her vaccine then please complete the link sent to you by Vaccination UK by midnight on Monday 15th June 2026. 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.



Crafty Creations



Every third Friday, 10-11:30am
The Hope Centre, 22 Witton Lane, West Bromwich, B71 2AU

SEN Family Park Meet Up!

A Relaxed Meet Up for Families with SEN Children



LAST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
Different Parks Across Sandwell

Chat, Play & Connect with Other SEN Families!

For more info, contact Living Hope Church:

hello@livinghopewestbrom.org

0121 820 5764

www.livinghopewestbrom.org



SUITABLE FOR UNDER 5S



STAY AND PLAY

TOYS, SINGING, STORY TIME

FREE GROUP

THURSDAYS DURING TERM TIME
1-2.15PM

The Hope Centre, 22 Witton Lane, Hill Top, B71 2AZ

livinghopewestbrom.org



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Thank you to Lidl!

Supporting those struggling in our community.



Stronger Together, Caring for Our Community

DATE: MONDAY 1ST JUNE 2026

TIME: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (STRICT TIMINGS)

LOCATION: 106 OXFORD ROAD, SMETHWICK, B66 2DJ

CONTACT US: 07707 212321

SUPPORTING LOCAL FAMILIES WITH CARE AND RESPECT BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY

FREE PLAY SESSIONS

FOR CHILDREN AGED 6-12 (UP TO 16 WITH SEND)



GO Play Sandwell are Sandwell Council's Play Service, providing **FREE after-school and holiday play sessions** in each town across Sandwell.

Tipton

Tipton

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1.	2. Jubilee Park (DY4 ORL)	3.	4. Tipton Train Station (DY4 8ET)	5.
8.	9. Jubilee Park (DY4 ORL)	10.	11. Tipton Train Station (DY4 8ET)	12.
15.	16. Jubilee Park (DY4 ORL)	17.	18. Tipton Train Station (DY4 8ET)	19.
22.	23. Jubilee Park (DY4 ORL)	24.	25. Tipton Train Station (DY4 8ET)	26.
29.	30. Jubilee Park (DY4 ORL)			

Sessions are 3pm-5:30pm unless stated otherwise

GOPlaysandwell.co.uk

GOPlay_Sandwell@sandwell.gov.uk



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SUMMER

At Murray Hall Community Trust

JOIN US FOR

Raffle Biscuit decorating Tombola

Plenty of Football activities!

Refreshments
and more!



Saturday 11th July 2026

11 am - 2 pm

The Bridge, St Marks Road, Tipton, DY4 0SL

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Summer Event at Murray Hall Community Trust

