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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S ADDRESS

WEEK COMMENCING

DATE: 2nd November 2026

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S ADDRESS

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

A very warm welcome back to Gospel Oak School. I hope that all our families enjoyed a restful and enjoyable half term and had the opportunity to spend some quality time together.

As we begin a new half term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been another incredibly successful and memorable period at Gospel Oak. Last half term was filled with opportunities, achievements and experiences that truly demonstrate the strength of our school community and the positive culture we continue to build together.

There have been so many highlights, and I am particularly proud of the breadth of opportunities our students have enjoyed. Our Year 11 and Year 13 students undertook their mock examinations, providing an important opportunity to demonstrate their learning and prepare for the challenges ahead. We also welcomed prospective families to our Year 6 and Year 12 Open Evenings, as well as hosting our Year 7 and Year 12 Settling-In Evenings, ensuring that students and families feel welcomed, supported and part of our community.

Our commitment to celebrating diversity, wellbeing and belonging was evident throughout the half term. We marked Black History Month with a range of celebrations, held our Mental Health Day to promote positive wellbeing, and supported Childhood Cancer Awareness through our 'Go for Gold' fundraising activities. We were also delighted to raise an incredible £1,657.39 for Macmillan Cancer Support, demonstrating the generosity and compassion of our school community.

There have also been some fantastic experiences beyond the classroom. Our Year 7 students enjoyed their Sky Up visit, while Year 11 Geography students took their learning into the field with a trip to Carding Mill Valley. We introduced our new Fabulous Fridays initiative, bringing fun and energy to the end of the school week, including darts on the MUGA. Our Friday Live prize draws have also added excitement and something extra for students to look forward to.

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I am particularly delighted to share that our Pastoral Team has once again been nominated for Pastoral Team of the Year, for the second consecutive year. This is a wonderful recognition of the dedication, care and commitment they show to our students and families every single day.

Each of these events and experiences, whether academic, pastoral, charitable or enrichment-focused, plays an important role in creating a strong sense of belonging and a positive culture at Gospel Oak School. They remind us that education is about so much more than what happens in the classroom; it is about developing confidence, creating memories, building relationships and ensuring every student feels valued and part of something special.

Looking ahead, I am very much looking forward to another successful and exciting half term. There is plenty to anticipate, including the release of our Year 11 and Year 13 results, the development of bespoke plans to support and move students forward, Winter Funland, our Christmas visit to Warwick Castle, and our Annual Awards Evening, where we will welcome some very special guests to celebrate the achievements of our students.

We will also come together for our Remembrance Ceremony and, of course, enjoy some festive magic with Breakfast with Santa.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or would like to share something with us, please do make use of our school enquiries boxes. Our teams are committed to responding to all enquiries within 48 hours, and we encourage you to stay in touch.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, partnership and contribution to our school community. It is a privilege to see our students grow, achieve and flourish, and I look forward to sharing many more successes with you this half term.

Together, we continue to make Gospel Oak a school where everyone belongs, and everyone can succeed.

Stacy Bott

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UPCOMING EVENTS & ENRICHMENT

UPCOMING EVENTS

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 11th November - Remembrance Parade
Thursday 12th November - Flu Vaccine Catch Up Session
Thursday 12th November - School closes at 2pm
Tuesday 17th November - Envision Trip, AF Blakemore
Wednesday 18th November - Awards Evening
Thursday 19th November - Year 13 Parents' Evening
Friday 20th November - Year 11 Mock Exam Results Day
Thursday 26th November - Year 11 Parents' Evening
Friday 27th November - Teacher Training Day
Thursday 3rd December - Ski Trip Parents' Evening
Thursday 17th December - Year 8, 9 & 10 Warwick Castle Trip
Thursday 17th December - Year 7 Winter Wonderland Trip

School day starts: **8:30** | Before-school enrichment: **8:00 – 8:25** | Lunch enrichment: **12:20 – 13:00** | After-school enrichment: **15:00 – 16:00**

Free for all students!

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BEFORE SCHOOL 8:00 – 8:25	**Breakfast & Games Club** JRO – LRC All Year Groups **Nurture Space** BWI/BHU – G4 All Year Groups	**Breakfast & Games Club** JRO – LRC All Year Groups **Nurture Space** BWI/BHU – G4 All Year Groups	**Breakfast & Games Club** JRO – LRC All Year Groups **Nurture Space** BWI/BHU – G4 All Year Groups	**Breakfast & Games Club** JRO – LRC All Year Groups **Nurture Space** BWI/BHU – G4 All Year Groups	**Breakfast & Games Club** JRO – LRC All Year Groups **Nurture Space** BWI/BHU – G4 All Year Groups
LUNCH 12:20 – 13:00	**Drama Club** MTU/MHE – F18/G9 KS3 – All Years **Choir** CEM – L4 All Years	**Drop in Sessions** BWI/BHU – G4 All Year Groups **Dodgeball** HWE/EBO/HGA Sports Hall All Year Groups	**Drop in Sessions** BWI/BHU – G4 All Year Groups **Blooket** MLO – S6 Year 9	**Debate Club** NWH – G5 Years 10–13 **Multi Sports** HWE/HGA Sports Hall Years 12–13 **Drop in Sessions** BWI/BHU – G4 All Year Groups	**'The Apprentice' (Business Club)** JSH – S6 Years 7–9 – Week B only **Drop in Sessions** BWI/BHU – G4 All Year Groups **Drama Club** MTU/MHE – F18/G9 KS3
AFTER SCHOOL 15:00 – 16:00	**Geography** DWE – F12 Years 7–9 **Netball** HWE/HGA Sports Hall All Year Groups **Nurture Space** BWI/BHU – G4	**Social Skills** LAS – U7 Years 7–9 **Nurture Space** BWI/BHU – G4 All Year Groups (15:00–15:30) **Badminton** EBO Sports Hall	**NO ENRICHMENT** (Staff training)	**Cosy Club** BWI/BHU – G4 All Year Groups **Football** DGR/OWH/DJO Astro All Year Groups	**World Cinema Club** JBR – S10 All welcome – first Friday of every month **Nurture Space** BWI/BHU – G4 All Year Groups (15:00–15:30)

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ATTENDANCE UPDATES

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

OUR SCHOOL. EVERY DAY. A BRIGHTER FUTURE.

93.31%

YEAR GROUP ATTENDANCE

STRONGER TOGETHER

Year 7 - 94.66%
Year 8 - 93.52%
Year 9 - 94.14%
Year 10 - 92.89%
Year 11 - 91.33%
Year 12 95.81%
Year 13 - 92.68%

ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION / IMPROVEMENT

RECOGNISING SUCCESS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TOP 3 TUTOR GROUPS:

10G - 99.6%
9E - 98.3%
11G - 98.1%

KEY MESSAGES

ATTENDANCE NOTICEBOARD

Students should not be off school for minor illnesses such as:
Headache
Sore throat
Feeling tired
Feeling sick/Dizzy

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REWARDS SYSTEM

BRONZE



300
ACHIEVEMENT POINTS
(5 TICKETS)

SILVER



600
ACHIEVEMENT POINTS
(8 TICKETS)

GOLD



800
ACHIEVEMENT POINTS
(10 TICKETS)

PLATINUM



1000
ACHIEVEMENT POINTS
(12 TICKETS)

DIAMOND



1200
ACHIEVEMENT POINTS
(15 TICKETS)

AT GOSPEL OAK YOU WILL BE REWARDED FOR:

- Excellent Achievements & Progress
- Working hard in lessons
- Excellent attendance
- Showing Resilience
- Being Aspirant
- Showing & being Respectful

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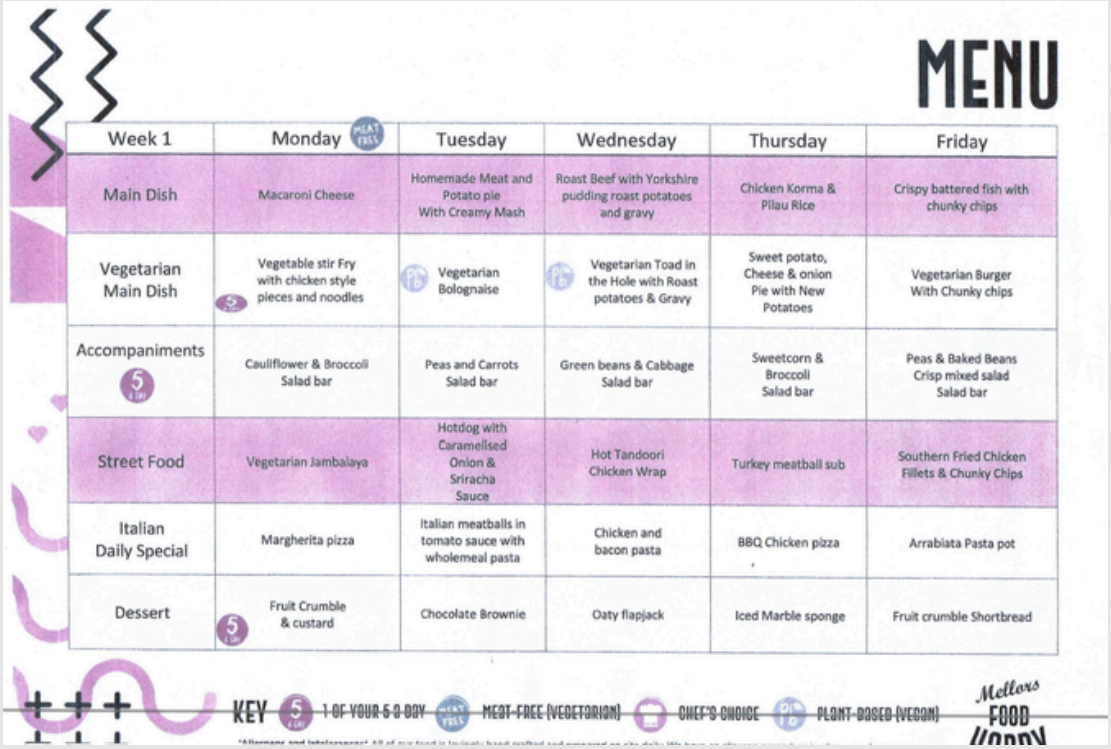
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Menu - Week Commencing Monday 9th November 2026



MENU

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish	Macaroni Cheese	Homemade Meat and Potato pie With Creamy Mash	Roast Beef with Yorkshire pudding roast potatoes and gravy	Chicken Korma & Pilau Rice	Crispy battered fish with chunky chips
Vegetarian Main Dish	Vegetable stir Fry with chicken style pieces and noodles	Vegetarian Bolognaise	Vegetarian Toad in the Hole with Roast potatoes & Gravy	Sweet potato, Cheese & onion Pie with New Potatoes	Vegetarian Burger With Chunky chips
Accompaniments	Cauliflower & Broccoli Salad bar	Peas and Carrots Salad bar	Green beans & Cabbage Salad bar	Sweetcorn & Broccoli Salad bar	Peas & Baked Beans Crisp mixed salad Salad bar
Street Food	Vegetarian Jambalaya	Hotdog with Caramelised Onion & Sriracha Sauce	Hot Tandoori Chicken Wrap	Turkey meatball sub	Southern Fried Chicken Fillets & Chunky Chips
Italian Daily Special	Margherita pizza	Italian meatballs in tomato sauce with wholemeal pasta	Chicken and bacon pasta	BBQ Chicken pizza	Arrabiata Pasta pot
Dessert	Fruit Crumble & custard	Chocolate Brownie	Oaty flapjack	Iced Marble sponge	Fruit crumble Shortbread

KEY 5 A DAY · MEAT FREE (VEGETARIAN) · CHEF'S CHOICE · PLANT BASED (VEGAN)

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To: All Parents/Carers

15th October 2026

Our Ref: SBO.KH.3690

Your Ref:

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Early Closure Notice - Thursday 5th November & Thursday 12th November 2026

We are writing to give you advance notice that Gospel Oak School will close at 2.00pm on Thursday 5th November and Thursday 12th November 2026.

These early closures are necessary to allow staff to take part in Trust-wide training.

If you require your son or daughter to remain in school until the usual time of 3.00pm on either of these dates, please contact your son/daughter's Year Team Lead via the school's enquiries inbox to make the necessary arrangements.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Miss S Bott
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To: KS3 Parents/Carers

6th November 2026

Our Ref: RL.KH.3709

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Key Stage 3 Homework

At Gospel Oak School, we recognise the important role homework plays in supporting students' progress. Regular homework allows students to revisit learning, strengthen their long-term memory and develop the independent study habits needed for success.

We are introducing a new self-quizzing approach to KS3 homework. This encourages students to actively recall information they have been taught, rather than simply re-reading or copying notes. Self-quizzing helps students remember important knowledge and build confidence in their learning.

KS3 Homework Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reading	30 minutes	30 minutes	30 minutes	30 minutes	30 minutes
Maths	30 minutes	30 minutes	30 minutes	30 minutes	30 minutes
English or Science	1 hour of self quizzing (English and Science will work on a fortnightly rotation.)				
Non-Core	1 hour of self quizzing (Languages, PE, Art, Drama, etc..)				

Students have been provided with an A5 homework exercise book in which they will complete their self-quizzing. The self-quizzing process has been explicitly modelled to students during morning meetings to ensure they understand how to complete their homework effectively and what is expected of them.

They will follow six simple steps:

1. **Chunk it:** Break information into small, manageable sections.
2. **Memorise it:** Read aloud, write from memory or ask someone to quiz you.
3. **Cover it:** Hide the information and try to remember it.
4. **Write it:** Write down everything you can remember from memory.
5. **Check it:** Compare your answers with the original and correct mistakes in a different coloured pen.
6. **Repeat it:** Focus on anything you found difficult and repeat the process.

Homework Expectations

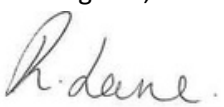
- **Homework book:** Students must bring their A5 homework book to school every day. This is now an essential part of their school equipment.
- **Maths:** Completed online using MathsWatch.
- **Reading:** Continues as it did before half term.

Rewards and Sanctions
We want to recognise students who take responsibility for their learning and complete their homework regularly.

- **Rewards:** Students will receive reward points for completing their homework.
- **Sanctions:** Students will receive a sanction for forgetting their homework book or for poor or incomplete homework.
- **Homework Detentions:** These will take place on Mondays and Thursdays.

Sanctions will begin from Monday 16th November. We ask parents and carers to support us in ensuring students complete their homework and bring their homework books to school every day.

Kind regards,



Miss R Lane
Assistant Principal