



# Gobowen Gazette



Nurture, grow, flourish

Week Beginning 10th February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We had a good turnout for Parents' Evening this week and I hope you had the opportunity to celebrate with your child how hard they are working. The children are so proud of their work and talk enthusiastically about their learning.

Willow class had a visit to the church this week and we had a team attend a basketball event at The Marches School. The children did very well and represented the school brilliantly.

We had Year 3 debating today and it was great to see so many parents and carers attend the event. The children's confidence is growing all the time. They were all excellent.

Have a great weekend.

Mr R. Walsh  
Headteacher

## NEW Lunch Menu - Week 2

Monday 10th February	10.45–1.30pm 3.15–4.00pm	Year 5—Grease Production—Marches School Dance Club—KS2— <b>Final Session</b>
Tuesday 11th February	3.15–4.00pm 3.15–4.00pm 3.15–4.00pm	Gymnastics Club—KS1— <b>Final Session</b> Art Club KS1— <b>Final Session</b> SATs Bootcamp Club—Year 6— <b>Final Session</b>
Wednesday 12th February	10.00–12.30pm 3.15–4.00pm 3.15–4.00pm	Ash & Oak Swimming Lessons—Week 1 of 5 Tennis Club—KS1— <b>Final Session</b> Drawing Club—KS2— <b>Final Session</b>
Thursday 13th February	11.30–1.30pm 3.15–4.00pm 3.15–4.00pm	Change of lunch menu—Pizza (was Beef Bolognese) Basketball Club—KS2— <b>Final Session</b> Young Voices Club—Years 4, 5 & 6— <b>Final Session</b>
Friday 14th February		Staff Development Day—School Closed to pupils

### Unicef Rights of the Week

#### Article 16

You have the right to privacy.

### Diary Dates

#### Friday 14th February

Staff Development Day (school closed to pupils)

#### Monday 17th February—Friday 21st February

Half term holiday

**Attendance**  
**Class of the Week**

**Week ending**  
**31st January 2025**

Willow	99.5%
Sycamore	95.0%
Hazel	97.6%
Maple	98.3%
Ash	100%
Birch	98.5%
Oak	94.2%

**Class of the week is**  
**ASH with 100%**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

95% is the  
average attendance in  
primary schools.

95% or higher is  
considered

**GOOD** attendance.

This means you have had less than 10 days  
off school in a year.

Our target is to maintain an attendance  
level of **97% or higher**.

**Annual Royal British Legion Appeal**  
**November 2024**

We would like to say a huge thank you to you  
all for supporting the Royal British Legion  
poppy appeal.

The total raised was £233.06 which is  
fantastic!



**Achievement Certificates**



**Week ending 31st January 2025**

Willow	Taylor	Frankie
Sycamore	Amber	Aurora
Hazel	Sam	Ruby W
Maple	Blake	Elliot
Ash	Isla	Jacob
Birch	Myles	Fearne
Oak	Bradley	Ella

Lunchtime	Sofia B (Reception)
	Ethan (Oak)

**Parent and Child Lesson and Class Lunch**

**Spring / Summer Term 2025**

We would like to invite parents/carers to a parent  
and child lesson followed by a class lunch.

A letter will be sent home two weeks prior to the  
dates shown below.

**Wednesday 5th March—Willow Class**

**Wednesday 19th March—Maple Class**

**Wednesday 2nd April—Sycamore Class**

**Wednesday 7th May—Ash Class**

**Wednesday 21st May—Oak Class**

**Wednesday 11th June—Birch Class**

**Wednesday 25th June—Hazel Class**





## Emergency Closures

### Winter Weather

We would like to update you on our procedures for possible emergency closures due to adverse weather conditions this winter. We will endeavor to open and remain open but should the decision be made not to, the following steps will be taken to notify parents/carers:

#### Direct Message from Gobowen School

Text messages will be sent to notify parents/carers that the school will not be opening or will be closing early due to a significant deterioration in the weather. The front page of our website will be updated as information becomes available [www.gobowenschool.co.uk](http://www.gobowenschool.co.uk)

#### Shropshire Council's Website

The Council's website will be immediately updated when they receive notification that a school is closed. Please check the website [shropshire.gov.uk/school-closures](http://shropshire.gov.uk/school-closures) for the most up-to-date information.

All closures will be considered on a daily basis (the closure list is cleared at the end of each day). Please do not assume that our school will be open or closed based on the previous day. A daily check will be necessary.

#### Radio Stations

All radio stations will be linked to the Shropshire Council's website and will relay school closures out to the public.

If, during the school day, there is a significant deterioration in the weather, consideration will need to be given to ensuring the safe journey home of the pupils and staff.

It may be the case that we need to contact parents/carers by phone and/or text message to advise them to collect their children before the end of the school day. If we are unable to contact you, staff will supervise the remaining pupils until the end of the school day. Children will need to be collected by 3.15pm as our After School Club will close.

Hopefully, it will not be necessary to implement these procedures but should the need arise, please be assured that all steps will be taken to contact parents/carers to ensure the safety of pupils.



# PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

## FIRST OFFENCE

1

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days  
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

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## SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after **19th August 2024**.

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## THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

## 10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

Please follow the link for the Publication that will start from 19th August 2024.  
[www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance)

# HALF-TERM FUN AT OSWESTRY LIBRARY

All day, every day  
play with Lego,  
Connect 4 and water  
painting

## Saturday 15 February

Learn to Knit 10am-12noon  
Board Gaming 10am-1pm

## Monday 17 February

Craft Time! 10am-12noon  
Club Cwtsh 1-2pm  
Rhyme Time 2-2.30pm

## Tuesday 18 February

Bilingual Story & Rhyme Time  
10-10.30am  
Creative Writing for teens 8-12  
years 1-3.30pm

## Wednesday 19 February

Story Time 10.30-11am  
Cartooning with Stephen  
Gallagher 10am-2pm  
Creative Writing for teens  
13-18 years 1-3.30pm

## Thursday 20 February

Coffee & Chat: Stay & Play  
9.30am-12noon  
Collage & drawing art workshop  
with Jamila 1.30-3.30pm

## Friday 21 February

Junior Word Games 10-11am  
Story Time with Flossy the Dog  
2-2.30pm

## Saturday 22 February

Children's Chess 10-11am  
Learn to Knit 10am-12noon  
Dungeons & Dragons 9.30am-12.30pm  
Tall Tales 12noon-1pm