



Gobowen Gazette



Nurture, grow, flourish

Week Beginning 25th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

The winter has definitely arrived and the children have been enjoying playing in the snow with their friends during break times. We are mindful that the children don't spend too long outside as it is currently rather cold. However, it is important that they get out for fresh air as it helps them focus for the remainder of the school day.

Thankfully our school did not have to close this week due to the snow. The majority of times a school does close (due to weather) is when staff cannot make it to school safely because of road conditions. This then reduces the amount of adults we have in school to look after the children and it then becomes a health and safety concern. Conditions can also get worse as the day goes on and sometimes a school will make the decision to close because both children and staff need to get home safely. If we ever have to shut the school due to poor weather, we will always do our best to make that decision as early as possible so you know in time.

I am meeting with the LA today to raise concerns around the consistency of communication to schools and parents in regard to SEND. As a school we are disappointed with the amount of time the LA take to respond to us. We are not the only school in this position. Mrs. Boulton has SENCO management time on Friday mornings and spends a lot of this time making phone calls and emailing for updates from the LA for children with SEND at the school. It is incredibly frustrating for us and for you as parents. If you don't receive an update, it is because the LA are not responding to us. The communication from the LA to school and parents needs to improve and that is what I am raising with them today. I am hopeful we will see an improvement in the consistency of communication.

Have a good weekend.

Mr R. Walsh
Headteacher

NEW Lunch Menu - Week 1

Monday 25th November	9.30—1.30pm 3.15—4.00pm 3.15—4.00pm	Sports Team—Shrewsbury Sports Village Tennis Club—Years 1 & 2 Tennis Club—Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Tuesday 26th November	3.15—4.00pm 3.15—4.00pm 3.15—4.00pm 3.15—4.00pm	Christmas Craft Club—Years 1 & 2 BeeBot Club—Years 1 & 2 Language Nut Club—Years 3 & 4 Retro Gaming Club—Years 5 & 6
Wednesday 27th November	3.15—4.00pm 3.15—4.00pm 3.15—4.00pm	Dance Club—Years 3 & 4 Choir—Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 Running Club—Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Thursday 28th November	3.15—4.00pm 3.15—4.00pm 3.15—4.00pm	Boys Football—Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Girls Football—Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Drama Club—Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Friday 29th November		
Sunday 1st December	4.45pm	Choir Performance—Gobowen Christmas Tree Lights Switch On

Unicef Rights of the Week

Article 20

You have the right to special care and help if you cannot live with your parents.

Article 9

You have the right to live with your parent(s), unless it is bad for you.

You have the right to live with a family that cares for you.

Article 21

You have the right to care and protection if you are adopted or in foster care.

Attendance

Class of the Week

Week ending 15th November 2024

Willow	90.8%
Sycamore	86.6%
Hazel	96.6%
Maple	90.6%
Ash	88.7%
Birch	96.9%
Oak	97.7%

Class of the week is
OAK with 97.7%

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**.



Achievement Certificates

Week ending 15th November 2024



Willow	Alex	Sophia F
Sycamore	Henry J	Harry P
Hazel	King	Amelia
Maple	Eden	Caleb
Ash	Harley L	Jacob
Birch	Rebecca	Lenny
Oak	Noah	
Lunchtime	Grayson (Willow)	Freya (Ash)



Children In Need



We would like to say a huge thank you for supporting our Children In Need fundraiser.

£129.00 has been raised which is brilliant!



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

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 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.



a Taster of Christmas

An informal evening to taste-test Christmas foods from local supermarkets. Find out which wins the overall vote as the best taste of Christmas. With a short talk about the Christian hope at Christmas.

**7pm on Friday December 6th
in the Church Hall
at All Saints' Church, Gobowen, SY11 3LL**

Tickets £3, including taste-testing and hot drinks.
Please book a place on 01691 590 564
or email allsaintsgobowen@gmail.com

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All Saints' Gobowen, Old Chirk Road, Gobowen, SY11 3LL
www.allsaintsgobowen.uk



An Audience with Santa

Saturday 30 November

10am–5pm

Santa and Mrs Christmas are coming to Derwen College's Christmas Fayre this November! Join us for festive tales, photo opportunities and present giving!



**Limited number of spaces
available, so scan the QR
Code to book your place now!**



Your donations help Derwen Charity to provide extra experiences and opportunities for our students and clients with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

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Christmas Fayre

Join us for a festive shopping experience!

Saturday 30 November 10am – 6pm

An audience with Santa

This year, Santa and Mrs Christmas will be joining us in The Orangery Restaurant! There will be festive tales and presents for all, so don't forget to book your place!

To book your place, please visit www.derwen.ac.uk

Order a fresh cut Christmas Tree!

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