



Gorse Hall Primary and Nursery School

December Newsletter

Monthly Message from Miss Flood

A huge thank you to all the parents who helped make the Christmas Fair a huge success. We raised £3800.00 for the school funds, which will go towards enhancing the outside provision for the children. Thank you for all the kind donations we were overwhelmed with your generosity. Also thank you to the parents who helped to dress the tree and set up for the fair. I am very proud of the year 6 pupils who made some fantastic games to raise money and they worked very hard. Finally a huge thank you to our newly formed PTA for their input and hard work.

Arbor and Emails

As you know we are no longer using Parent Pay. All payments are now made through your child's Arbor account. Please ensure you have downloaded the Arbor App and have access to your child's account. Please ensure you have downloaded the Arbor App and have access to your child's account. Also all communications are sent via Arbor to your email address, so it is vital that we have the correct email address for both parents. If you change your address at any time please contact the school office to update it. Any problems please contact the school office. Please can I stress how important it is that you check your emails daily, so you don't miss any information.

Reception Applications for September 2025

The application system for Primary Schools opened on 1st November 2024. You will need to complete an on line application before the closing date, which is 15th January 2025.

The online website for applications is www.tameside.gov.uk

Nursery Places for September 2025

If your child turns 3 before 31st August 2025 and you would like a nursery place for September 2025 please call at the school office for a registration form. We offer mornings (8.45 to 11.45am) or 30 hours (8.45 to 3.15pm).

Current Nursery - 30 Free Hours

If your child currently attends our nursery and accesses the 30 free hours you will need to re-apply every three months to confirm your eligibility.

School Theatre Trips

This year for our school trips we have decided to offer trips to the Palace, Manchester and Stockport Plaza, so the children can experience the magic of the theatre. Year 1 and 2 are visiting the Stockport Plaza this Friday, 6th December to see the Pantomime Sleeping Beauty. The year 3 and 4 children will be watching the Horrible Histories at the Palace. Year 5 Mary Poppins at the Palace and Year 6 Chitty Chitty Bang Bang also at the Palace. The children will be travelling to the venues by coach. All parents have been messaged with all the details and prices of the trips. If you would like your child to attend it is vital that you sign them up through Arbor. Once signed up you can either pay the full amount or £5.00 and then pay a little at a time until the trip deadline. As the tickets are so expensive, after the deadline we will have to amend the number of tickets, so children not signed up will not be able to attend sorry.

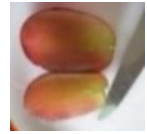


Supervising Your Child/Children Before and After School

Children should not be in the MUGA before or after school or riding around the school grounds on scooters. For their safety and the safety of others please supervise your child before and after school and leave the school grounds immediately once you have collected your child.

Reminder - Cutting up Grapes

Children are not allowed to bring whole grapes to school. Please cut them into segments, to avoid choking.



After School Clubs and Extra Curricular Activities

The after school clubs running upto the end of December are:

Monday - Class 2BL Multi Skills

Tuesday - Netball, Rock Steady Music

Wednesday - Year 6 Football Practice - cancelled due to dark nights until the new year, we will inform parents when it will start again.

School Choir

Thursday - Class 4AF Multi Skills, Guitars and Chess Club (lunchtime)

Friday - Class 3LG Multi Skills, Swimming 4AF



Christmas Performances

Monday, 9th December - Reception and Nursery 9.15am

Tuesday, 10th December - Y1 9.15am

Wednesday, 11th December - Y2 9.15am



Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day

On Thursday, 12th December children can come to school wearing their Christmas jumper.

Also on this day the children will have their Christmas dinner. All children will receive a Christmas Cracker, if you child brings a packed lunch you might want to fill it with festive goodies.

Christmas Parties

On Tuesday, 17th December nursery, reception, year 1 and year 2 will have their Christmas parties during the school day.

On Wednesday, 18th December years 3 and 4 will have a disco during the school day.

On Thursday, 19th December years 5 and 6 will have a disco during the school day.

All children can come to school in non uniform on their party day.



Church Service

On Thursday, 19th December at 9.30am the children in Y1 to Y6 will be attending Holy Trinity Church in Stalybridge for our annual Christmas service. Parents are welcome to come along and we hope to see as many families there as possible.



Robinwood

We have booked Robinwood again for next October, Monday 13th to Wednesday, 15th. There are a few spaces left. If you child is currently in year 5 and would like to go when they are in year 6, please go to Arbor and book them on. This is a wonderful trip, the children will enjoy team building activities and get to experience lots of activities from morning till night. The children who have been in previous years have had a fabulous time!



Parking around School

TMBC have recently implemented a scheme around Gorse Hall and St Peter's to introduce more dropped crossings to help disabled users and parents with prams. This should make it much safer for parents to navigate the footways and provide safe crossing points. However, we have noticed recently that people are already starting to park on them meaning they are useless. These crossings are designed to be left clear and not parked on. All offending vehicles parking on these and zig zag lines will have their registration submitted to the Police.

Birthday Sweets

Children are not allowed to bring in lollies for snacks or birthday treats. For health and safety reasons please send your child with soft sweets e.g. haribos or chocolate bars.

Nut Allergies

We have children in school with severe nut allergies, which require an Epi Pen. Please do not send your child into school with any nuts for snack or lunch e.g. Nutella sandwiches, as this could be life threatening to these children. Thank you for your cooperation.



Asthma Register

If your child has Asthma, please let the office know, so their name can be added to the Asthma Register and we can ensure they have an in-date inhaler in school. If your child has an asthma spray in school, please can you check with the teacher to make sure it is in date.

Medicines

We are not able to administer antibiotics/painkillers or any medication to children. If your child is on a course of medication or needs painkillers, either yourself, family or friends are welcome to come to school to administer it.



Medical Conditions

If your child has a medical condition or Allergy that we need to be aware of please contact the school office to discuss this. It is vital for the wellbeing of your child that this information is shared with us.

Safeguarding Concerns

If you have any safeguarding concerns and are worried about a child, please send an email to head@gorsehall.tameside.sch.uk outlining your concern or telephone school and ask to speak to a member of the safeguarding team - Miss Flood, Miss Evans, Ms Suleman or Mrs Troy. You can also refer to the safeguarding information on our school website www.gorsehall.tameside.sch.uk to provide necessary information and guidance.

GDPR - The Data Protection policy is on our website www.gorsehall.tameside.sch.uk

Last Word - Happiness is a journey not a destination. Don't let silly things steal your happiness. Happiness is not about getting all you want - it's about enjoying all you have.

We would like to thank the local companies below for donating a gift to the Christmas Fair:

Active Tameside
The Cheer Lab Ltd
Magpies Nest

Bee Yindee Thai Massage
Eclectic Avenue
Energise Fitness

Dates for the Fridge - please check every newsletter as dates may change.

Y1 and Y2 trip to Stockport Plaza	Friday, 6 th December
Nursery, Birch and Oak Christmas Performance	Monday, 9 th December
Year 1 Christmas Performance	Tuesday, 10 th December
Year 2 Christmas Performance	Wednesday, 11 th December
Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday, 12 th December
Christmas Dinner Day	Thursday, 12 th December
Nursery, Birch, Oak, Year 1 and 2 Xmas Parties	Tuesday, 17 th December
Year 3 and 4 Disco	Wednesday, 18 th December
Year 5 and 6 Disco	Thursday, 19 th December
Holy Trinity Church Christmas Service 9.30am	Thursday, 19 th December
Class Parties	Friday, 20 th December
School Closes	Friday, 20th December
School Re-Opens	Monday, 6th January 2025

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2024/2025/2026

Autumn Term 2024

School closes Friday, 20 December 2024

Spring Term 2025

School reopens Monday, 6 January 2025

School closes Friday, 14 February 2025

School reopens Monday, 24 February 2025

School closes Friday 4 April 2025

Summer Term 2025

School reopens Tuesday, 22 April 2025

School Closed May day - Bank holiday Monday 5 May 2025

School closes Thursday, 22 May 2025

School closed INSET Friday, 23 May 2025

School reopens Monday, 9 June 2025

School closes Thursday 24 July 2025

School closed INSET Friday, 25 July 2025

Autumn Term 2025

School reopens INSET Monday, 1 September 2025

School reopens Tuesday, 2 September 2025

School closes Friday, 24 October 2025

School reopens Monday, 3 November 2025

School closes Friday, 19 December 2025

Spring Term 2026

School reopens Monday, 5 January 2026

School closes Friday, 13 February 2026

School reopens Monday, 23 February 2026

School closes Friday, 27 March 2026

Summer Term 2026

School reopens Monday, 13 April 2026

School closed May Day - Bank Holiday Monday, 4 May 2026

School closes Thursday, 21 May 2026

School closed INSET Friday, 22 May 2026

School reopens Monday, 8 June 2026

School closes Thursday, 23rd July 2026

School closed INSET Friday, 24th July 2026