

Gorse Hall Primary and Nursery School

April Newsletter



Monthly Message from Miss Flood

Thank you to all the parents who attended Parents' Evening and for completing the parental questionnaire. A link has been emailed today for any parents who didn't get chance to complete one on the night. Today was our Easter Egg Competition, all the entries were amazings and is always difficult to choose winners. Well done to all the children who designed an Egg and to the ones who won the class prize. Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a very happy Easter, I hope you all have a restful break. Just a reminder school reopens on Wednesday, 23rd April.

Nursery places for September 2025

We have a space at our nursery from September for any children who turn 3 before the 31st August 2025. We offer 15 free hours in the mornings Monday to Friday 8:45 to 11:45am. We also offer 30 hours, which you can access free if you are eligible or you can pay £15.00 per afternoon. If you would like an application form please call at the school office.



Re-applying for the 30 Free Hours Childcare

If your child is entitled to 30 free hours you need to re apply every three months to clarify your eligibility. Failure to do so may result in you having to pay for the afternoon sessions.

Design a Hat Day

On Friday, 28th March children designed and wore a hat for the day. This was to raise money for brain cancer. Thank you for all the donations we raised £84.00, which will be split between the Brain Cancer Trust and a local family.

Robinwood Activity Centre Residential

There are spaces left on the residential trip to Robinwood for the current year 5 children. You can sign your child up through Arbor. This is a wonderful trip, the children will enjoy team building excercises and get to experience lots of activites from morning till night.



Theatre Trips

The children have had a fantastic time watching all the shows they have attended this year. The last one will be for year 5 will who are going to watch Mary Poppins on Wednesday, 14th May at The Palace Theatre, Manchester.

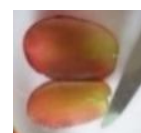


School Trips

The nursery children will be visiting The Fireground on Wednesday, 30th April and reception will be going to Reddish Vale Farm on Tuesday, 8th July. If you have not yet signed your child up for the trips, please do so through Arbor.

Reminder - Cutting up Grapes

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



Asda Cashpot

Thank you to all the parents who have been shopping in Asda. You have raised £421.62 for school through the Asda Rewards App.

Reminder of School Uniform and P.E Kit

There are children coming to school in incorrect uniform and footwear. All children should be dressed in full uniform, which is grey trousers/skirt, yellow polo shirt, maroon school jumper/cardigan (black for year 6) and plain black shoes. If it is your child's P.E day they can come in P.E wear, which is plain black jogging bottoms/shorts, white t.shirt, school jumper/cardigan and plain black pumps or trainers. Children **should not** be wearing tracksuit tops or coloured trainers.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance and punctuality are important for all children to enable them to achieve the best outcomes and to access the Education provided. The school day starts at 08.45am. There are a lot of children arriving late through the main entrance. Please can you make sure your child arrives on time and enters school through their class entrance. Children arriving late miss a vital part of the school day. Attendance and lateness will be monitored closely by our Attendance Officer and Welfare.



Holidays in Term Time

Holidays or time off during term time is not authorised, unless it is an extremely exceptional circumstance. If your child needs time off during term time please collect a form from the school office, so we know long they will be absent from school and the reason. Five days off over a twelve-week period will incur a fine. The fines are £80.00 per child per adult.

After School Clubs and Extra Curricular Activities

The after school clubs running to the end of May are:

Monday - Oak Class Multi Skills

Tuesday - Rock Steady Music and Netball

Wednesday - Year 6 Football Practice

Thursday - Year 4 Rounders, Guitars and Chess Club (lunchtime)

Friday - Year 5 Rounders, Swimming (Top up Swimmers)



Toast Club



Reminder we serve toast every Friday in the school hall from 8:20am to 8:45am, 10p per slice.

Supervising Your Child/Children Before and After School

Children should not be on 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.



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.



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.

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 - Always remember that your present situation is not your final destination. The best is yet to come.

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

School Closes	Friday, 4th April
School Closed for Inset	Tuesday, 22nd April
School Reopens	Wednesday, 23rd April
Class Photographs	Tuesday, 29 th April
Nursery Trip to The Fireground	Wednesday, 30 th April
School Closed for Bank Holiday	Monday, 5th May
Class 3NW Assembly 9.15am	Wednesday, 7 th May
Year 5 Trip to the Theatre	Wednesday, 14 th May
Class 2BL Assembly 9.15am	Tuesday, 20 th May
Class 5KS Assembly 9.15 am	Wednesday, 21 st May
School Closes	Thursday, 22nd May
School Closed for Inset	Friday, 23rd May
School Reopens	Monday, 9th June
Stalybridge Carnival	Sunday, 22 nd June
SEND Coffee Morning	Monday, 23 rd June
5CH Class Assembly 9.15am	Tuesday, 1 st July
Oak Class Assembly 9.15am	Wednesday, 2 nd July
Reception Trip to Reddish Vale Farm	Tuesday, 8 th July
Swimming Treat Year 6HW	Friday, 11 th July
Swimming Treat Year 6JC	Friday, 18 th July
Garden Party	Saturday, 19 th July
Rock Steady Concert 2.15pm	Tuesday, 22 nd July
Leaver's Assembly (time to be confirmed)	Friday, 25 th July
School Closes for the summer	Friday, 25th July