

# Gorse Hall Primary and Nursery School

## May Newsletter



### Monthly Message from Miss Flood

Last week the year 6 children had their SAT's tests. I am so proud of the children and the way they have handled themselves. I would also like to thank all the staff involved for their hard work. As a treat the children went to the park on Friday and then they all had an ice-cream.

We have been awarded the Eco Green Flag Award again at Distinction level, well done to Mrs Hughes and our fabulous Eco team. The class assemblies so far have been amazing and well attended by parents. School finishes for the Whit holidays this Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, I hope you all have a lovely, restful break.

### Summer Fair

This year we will be holding a summer fair again at school on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> July. There will be lots of stalls. Hopefully the sun will shine, it will be a fun day and we will raise lots of money for school which will benefit the children. If you would like a stall at the fair please contact the school office, the cost will be £25.00 per stall. For the fair to succeed we rely on donations. If you have any unwanted gifts for tombola, bottle, chocolate and toy stalls we would love to receive them. We will also have a plant and homebaked stall and will be asking for donations nearer the time. Your continued support is appreciated.



### Carnival



This year we will be entering the Stalybridge Carnival on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June. This will be the 10<sup>th</sup> time we have taken part. This year the theme is emotions linked to the film Inside Out! We hope as many children and parents will take part, as it is always a fun day. Thank you to all those who have returned the consent forms. If you would like your child to

take part but haven't sent back the form please do so as soon as possible.

### 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 exercises and get to experience lots of activities from morning till night.



### School Trips

Reception will be going to Reddish Vale Farm on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> 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.



### SEND Coffee Morning

On Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June we will be holding a SEND coffee morning from 9am in the school hall. All welcome.

### **Mini Police**

A small number of children in years 5 and 6 have been taking part in an initiative run by Ashton Police Station called mini Police. They have been working closely with the Police taking part in different activities. On Thursday, 22<sup>ND</sup> May the children will be completing a first aid course in school.



### **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** - Reception Multi Skills

**Tuesday** - Rock Steady Music and Netball

**Wednesday** - Year 6 Football Practice

**Thursday** - Year 6 Rounders/Cricket, Guitars and Chess Club (lunchtime)

**Friday** - Year 4 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.gorsehall.tameside.sch.uk)

Last Word - Learn to enjoy the simple things in life, like savouring a piece of chocolate, a walk in the sunshine, the smile of a loved one...

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

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| Mini Police First Aid                                   | Thursday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> May          |
| Girls Cricket Tournament Y5/6 1pm                       | Thursday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> May          |
| <b>School Closes</b>                                    | <b>Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>    |
| <b>School Closed for Inset</b>                          | <b>Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>      |
| <b>School Reopens</b>                                   | <b>Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>      |
| Chick Hatching Y5                                       | Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> June            |
| School Meal Theme - Mexican Day                         | Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> June         |
| Years 2,3,5 and 6 Carbon Monoxide Workshops             | WC. 16 <sup>th</sup> May                |
| Choir Musical Evening 6.30pm                            | Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> June         |
| Stalybridge Carnival                                    | Sunday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> June           |
| SEND Coffee Morning 9am                                 | Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> June           |
| 5CH Class Assembly 9.15am                               | Tuesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> July           |
| Oak Class Assembly 9.15am                               | Wednesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> July         |
| Transition Day High Schools                             | Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July          |
| Reception Trip to Reddish Vale Farm                     | Tuesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> July           |
| Year 6 to visit Audenshaw School to watch a Musical     | Thursday, 10 <sup>th</sup> July         |
| Y6 to Audenshaw High School                             | Thursday, 10 <sup>th</sup> July         |
| Swimming Treat Year 6HW                                 | Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> July           |
| Summer Garden Party 12 till 4pm<br>of date)             | Saturday, 12 <sup>th</sup> July (Change |
| Transition afternoon for whole school and new reception | Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup> July         |
| School Meal Theme - Picnic Day                          | Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup> July         |
| Swimming Treat Year 6JC                                 | Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> July           |
| Year 6 Waffles (treat)                                  | Monday, 21 <sup>st</sup> July           |
| Rock Steady Concert 2.15pm                              | Tuesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> July          |
| Sports Week   | WC 21 <sup>st</sup> July                |
| Leaver's Assembly (time to be confirmed)                | Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup> July           |
| <b>School Closes for the summer</b>                     | <b>Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> July</b>     |

Please see the holiday dates on the next page and any changes.

## **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2025/2026**

### **Summer Term 2025**

|                     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| School closes       | Thursday, 22 May 2025 |
| School closed INSET | Friday, 23 May 2025   |
| School reopens      | Monday, 9 June 2025   |
| School closes       | Friday, 25 July 2025  |

### **Autumn Term 2025**

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|----------------------|--|
| School reopens INSET | Monday, 1 September 2025                 |
| School reopens       | Tuesday, 2 September 2025                |
| School closes        | Thursday, 23 October 2025                |
| School closed INSET  | Friday, 24 October 2025 (New Date Added) |
| School reopens       | Monday, 3 November 2025                  |
| School closes        | Friday, 19 December 2025                 |

### **Spring Term 2026**

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|----------------|--------------------------|
| 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**

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|---------------------|---|
| 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       | Friday, 24th July 2026 (Change of Date)     |