



Gorse Hall Primary and Nursery School

July Newsletter

Monthly Message from Miss Flood

Thank you to everyone who attending the Carnival, it was a great day and we won second place for Best School. The year 6 children had their transition days last week to High Schools. Our Summer Fair is next Saturday, 12th July **12pm till 2pm**, please come along. Once again we have been awarded with the SEND Inclusion Award, praised by the assessor for our continued commitment to providing the best outcomes for our SEND pupils. As we approach the end of the school year I would like to wish all the year 6 leavers all the best and lots of luck at their new schools. The leavers' assembly is on Friday, 25th July at 2pm - bring your tissues.

Nursery Intake

The nursery is now full for September, so unfortunately at present we would not be able to offer places for January. The next intake would be September 2026.



Nursery Fees

Reminder if you claim 30 free hours childcare you need to re apply every three months to confirm your eligibility.

School Meals

The Government pay universal free meals for children up to the end of year 2. This is a reminder to the parents of children in year 2 going to year 3 that from September if your child is on school meals you will be charged. At present the cost of a meal is £3.48 per day. We are in the process of moving to a new provider, when we have details of costs and ordering systems we will send it out to parents.

Summer Fair - Donations

The summer fair is on **Saturday, 12th July, 12 till 2pm**. Hopefully the sun will shine 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.

We are having non uniform days in exchange for donations for the fair. Thank you to everyone who have sent in bottles and chocolate.

Friday, 11th July is bring a plant or homebaked goods or both however generous you are feeling.

We need new items for the tombola as well if anyone has anything they can donate it would be greatly appreciated.



Staff Leaving

At the end of this month we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Sculthorp, who is the School Business Manager. Mrs Sculthorp has worked at school for the last 30 years and watched children grow into adults and then return as parents. We will be very sad to see her go and we wish her all the best in her retirement. Also retiring is Mrs Cunliffe one of our class teachers and music co-ordinator. We thank her for all her hard work over the years and for her commitment to the choir. We wish her well.

New Staff

In September we will be welcoming Mrs L Wareham as our new School Business Manager. Mrs J Hughes will be teaching in year 1 and Mrs E Andrews will be joining us as a teaching assistant in year 1. Miss Trudgeon will be working with SEND children as a learning support assistant. We hope they will all be very happy here at Gorse Hall.

Year 6 Talent Show

The year 6 children are holding a talent show on Wednesday, 9th July in the school hall at 1.45pm. All year 6 parents welcome.

Dojo Award Trip

Two children from each class in years 1 to 6 have been invited on a Dojo award trip to Hollywood Bowl and McDonalds on Monday, 14th July. Well done to all the pupils.

Governor Award Assembly

Every year we have an award given by the School Governors. One child from each class will receive this. Parents of the children awarded will be invited to a presentation assembly on Wednesday, 23rd July at 9.15am.

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 Monday, 7th July they visited Ashton Police Station to take part in a CSI Day. They all had an amazing day learning about crime and the life of a Police Officer.



Children Arriving Late

There is an increasing number of children arriving late through the main entrance. Please can you ensure your child is in the school grounds ready to come into school for 8.45am. Lateness has an effect on your child, as they are missing a vital part of the school day and they can also feel embarrassed going into the classroom when lessons have already begun.

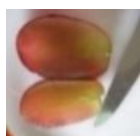


Online Safeguarding

It is vitally important that you monitor your child's online activity over the summer. It will likely be a time when they spend more time than usual online and therefore they are vulnerable to cyber bullying and other online threats. Please ensure that parental monitoring controls are on devices used by your child and that if any harmful content is accessed this can be reported to <https://reportharmfulcontent.com/> and should there be any incidents of cyber bullying this can be reported to <https://www.ceop.police.uk/ceop-reporting/>

Physical Safety in the Local Community

Please ensure that you if your child is about in the local community with friends that you know where they are and that they are aware they need to conduct themselves in the correct manner and they are sensible and safe at all times. Regular discussions about this with them really do make a difference. Road safety and being aware of general dangers in the community are of vital importance. If your child is making their way to school in September please do trial runs so they are aware of the business of roads and of where it is safe to cross.



Reminder - Cutting up Grapes

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

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.



IMPORTANT - Supervising Your Child/Children Before and After School



Children are going up into the trees in the playground before and after school. We have a Forest School up there now and a lot of the equipment is getting damaged. Also, children should not be on the MUGA 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.

Robinwood Activity Centre Residential

Reminder to all the parents of children who are going to Robinwood, the full balance needs to be paid by the end of the month.

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



Sports Days

Monday, 14th July, 9.15am to 10.15am - Nursery

Monday, 14th July, 2pm to 3pm - Oak and Elm

Tuesday, 15th July, 9.15am to 10.15am - Year 3

Tuesday, 15th July, 2pm to 3pm - Year 5

Wednesday, 16th July, 9.15am to 10.15am - Year 1

Wednesday, 16th July, 2pm to 3pm - Year 2

Thursday, 17th July, 9.15am to 10.15am - Year 6

Friday, 18th July, 9.15am to 10.15am - Year 4

Parents are welcome to come and watch. Children will need to wear their P.E kits to school on their Sports day.



After School Clubs and Extra Curricular Activities

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

Monday - Reception Multi Skills

Tuesday - Rock Steady Music and Netball

Wednesday - Year 6 Football Practice (Choir has now finished until the next academic year)

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

Friday - Year 4 Rounders



Toast Club



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

Healthy Break Time Snack

Children in early years and key stage 1 are given fruit by the Government. Children in key stage 2 need to bring their own snack for break time. Some children are bringing unhealthy snacks e.g., large packets of crisps and chocolate bars. Please send your child with a healthy option and if they are bringing crisps, just a normal sized packet, please.

Lollies



Children are **not** allowed to bring in lollies for snacks or birthday treats. For health and safety reasons if you would like your child to bring birthday sweets, 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.

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.

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 - Dwell on the beauty of life. Watch the stars, and see yourself running with them.

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

Year 6's Got Talent	Wednesday, 9 th July
Picnic Day	Thursday, 10 th July
Year 6 to visit Audenshaw School to watch a Musical	Thursday, 10 th July
Y6 to Audenshaw High School	Thursday, 10 th July
Swimming Treat Year 6HW	Friday, 11 th July
Summer Garden Party 12pm till 4pm	Saturday, 12 th July
Nursery Sport's Day 9.15 to 10.15am	Monday, 14 th July
Elm and Oak Sport's Day 2pm to 3pm	Monday, 14 th July
Year 3 Sport's Day 9.15am to 10.15am	Tuesday, 15 th July
Year 5 Sport's Day 2pm to 3pm	Tuesday, 15 th July
Year 1 Sport's Day 9.15 to 10.15am	Wednesday, 16 th July
Year 2 Sport's Day 2pm to 3pm	Wednesday, 16 th July
Year 6 Sport's Day 9.15am to 10.15am	Thursday, 17 th July
Year 4 Sport's Day 9.15am to 10.15am	Friday, 18 th July
Transition afternoon for whole school and new reception	Thursday, 17 th July
Swimming Treat Year 6JC	Friday, 18 th July
Year 6 Waffles (treat)	Monday, 21 st July
Rock Steady Concert 2.15pm	Tuesday, 22 nd July
Governor Award Assembly 9.15am	Wednesday, 23 rd July
Leaver's Assembly 2pm	Friday, 25 th July
School Closes for the summer	Friday, 25th July

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

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2025/2026

Summer Term 2025

School closes
School closed INSET
School reopens
School closes

Thursday, 22 May 2025
Friday, 23 May 2025
Monday, 9 June 2025
Friday, 25 July 2025

Autumn Term 2025

School reopens INSET
School reopens
School closes
School closed INSET
School reopens
School closes

Monday, 1 September 2025
Tuesday, 2 September 2025
Thursday, 23 October 2025
Friday, 24 October 2025
Monday, 3 November 2025
Friday, 19 December 2025

Spring Term 2026

School reopens
School closes
School reopens
School closes

Monday, 5 January 2026
Friday, 13 February 2026
Monday, 23 February 2026
Friday, 27 March 2026

Summer Term 2026

School reopens
School closed
School closes
School closed INSET
School reopens
School closes

Monday, 13 April 2026
May Day - Bank Holiday - Monday, 4 May 2026
Thursday, 21 May 2026
Friday, 22 May 2026
Monday, 8 June 2026
Friday, 24th July 2026

