



# Gorse Hall Primary and Nursery School

## December Newsletter

### Monthly Message from Miss Flood

On Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> November we held our Christmas Fair. Thank you to all the parents for your kind donations and coming along to support the fair. We raised £2700.00, which is fantastic!. The money will go towards buying resources for the children. Year 1 had their Christmas performance yesterday, which was amazing. Nursery performance is tomorrow and year 2 on Thursday. On Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> December years 1 to 6 will be attending our annual carol service at Holy Trinity Church at 9.30am, parents are welcome to come along. Tomorrow the reception children are visiting Tatton Park for a Santa Experience, I'm sure they will love it. Class parties are next week and Santa will be visiting school. Lastly I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and we will see you in the New Year on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

### Reception Applications

Reminder the application system for reception places 2026 in Primary Schools closes on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> January. **The online website for applications is [www.tameside.gov.uk](http://www.tameside.gov.uk)**



### Nursery



If your child turns 3 before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026 and you would like a nursery place for September 2026 please call at the school office for an application 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.

### Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

On Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> the children will be having their Christmas dinner and they can wear their Christmas jumpers to school.

### Toast Club

Reminder we sell toast in the hall every Friday from 8:20am. If your child would like plain toast or toast with jam before school please come along. Toast is 10p per slice. **Please can I remind parents that this is not a drop off you need to stay with your child until the bell goes at 8.45am.**

### Christmas Performances

Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December - Nursery Christmas performance 9.15am

Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> December - year 2 Christmas performance 9.15am

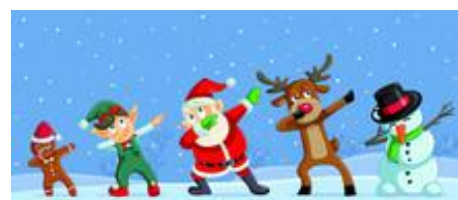
### Christmas Parties

Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December - nursery, year 1 and year 2

Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December - year 3 and 4

Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> December - year 5 and 6

Children can come to school in their own clothes on their party day.



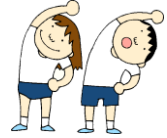


### School Uniform Reminder

Reminder school uniform is **grey trousers/skirt, yellow polo shirt, maroon jumper/cardigan with the school logo**, unless they are **year 6** then it is **black jumper** with the school logo and **black shoes**. Parents will be contacted if children are not wearing the correct uniform.

### P.E Kit Reminder

School P.E kit is **plain black shorts/joggers and white t-shirt and black trainers**. Children should only wear their kit to school on their P.E Day. For after school clubs, children need to bring their P.E kit and change after school.



### After School Clubs and Extra Curricular Activities



The after school clubs running from January till the end of February are:

**Monday** - Year 1 Multi Skills 3.15 to 4.15pm

**Tuesday** - Year 3 Basketball 3.15 to 4.15pm, Rock Steady during the school day

**Wednesday** - Year 6 Football Practice 3.15 to 4.15pm, choir 3.15 to 4pm, Year 3 Science Club 3.15 to 4.30pm

**Thursday** - Year 4EC Basketball 3.15 to 4.15pm, Chess Club (lunchtime) and Sewing Club during the school day

**Friday** - Years 5 and 6 Athletics 3.15 to 4.15pm and Swimming for class 4AF

### Robinwood Residential

We have booked Robinwood once again for the current year 5 children for when they will be in year 6. The residential is Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2026. Letters have been sent home with all details and costs. If you would like your child to go on the residential please pay the deposit on Arbor as soon as possible to secure a place, as there are only a few spaces left.



### Healthy Break Time Snack

Children in early years and key stage 1 are given fruit by the Government. However, if your child would like to bring their own snack this is fine as long as it is a healthy choice. Children in key stage 2 need to bring a healthy snack with them **not bags of crisps and chocolate bars**.



### Parking around School

Please be considerate when parking around school. Please do not park on street corners and pavements as you are blocking the way for pedestrians and prams. Also be mindful about parking and blocking peoples driveways and access to their properties.

### Reminder - Cutting up Grapes

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



### 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. It is always advisable to check with the class teacher regarding any allergies in the class.

## Nut Allergies

We have children in school with severe nut allergies. 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 unable to administer antibiotics/painkillers or any other 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 them.



## 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.

## Attendance, Late Arrivals and Holidays in Term Time

Attendance and punctuality is important for all children to enable them to achieve the best outcomes and to access the Education provided. **The school day starts at 8:45am and finishes at 3:15pm.** Children should be at their class entrances ready to start the day for 8:45am. Attendance and punctuality is monitored on a regular basis and we communicate regularly with the Authority. Attendance is expected to be no lower than 97%. Penalty warnings will be issued to families with persistent absence and lateness.

Reminder school starts at **8:45am**. When your child arrives late at school, **he/she misses a vital part of the school day, as teaching starts** immediately. Your child may also feel embarrassed at having to enter the classroom late, when lessons have already begun. Frequent lateness can add up to a considerable amount of learning lost and can seriously disadvantage your child.



Holidays or time off in term time is not authorised, unless there is an extremely exceptional circumstance. If your child needs time off during term time please collect a form from the office so we know how long they will be absent from school and the reason. Five days or more over the year will incur a fine. The fines are £80.00 per child per adult, so a family of four would be £320.00.



## Safeguarding Concerns

If you have any concerns regarding safeguarding issues and are concerned 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** - You cannot live your life to please others. The choice must be yours.

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

Reception Trip to Tatton Park	Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> December
Nursery Xmas Performance 9.15am	Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 2 Xmas Performance 9.15am	Thursday, 11 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day	Thursday, 11 <sup>th</sup> December
Nursery, Elm, Oak, Year 1 and 2 Xmas Parties	Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 3 and 4 Xmas Party	Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 5 and 6 Xmas Party	Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup> December
Holy Trinity Church Christmas Service - years 1 to 6 9.30am	Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup> December
Last Swimming Session for Class 4EC	Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>School Closes</b>	<b>Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>
<b>School Closed for Inset Training</b>	<b>Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>
<b>School Re-Opens</b>	<b>Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>
Swimming Sessions start for Class 4AF	Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 2 and 3 watching Great Fire of London Production	Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> February

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2025/2026**

**Autumn Term 2025**

**School closes**

**Friday, 19 December 2025**

**Spring Term 2026**

**School Closed Inset**

School Reopens

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**Monday, 5 January 2026**

Tuesday, 6 January 2026

**Friday, 13 February 2026**

Monday, 23 February 2026

**Friday, 27 March 2026**

**Summer Term 2026**

School Reopens

**School Closed May Day - Bank Holiday**

**School Closes**

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Monday, 13 April 2026

**Monday, 4 May 2026**

**Friday, 22 May 2026**

Monday, 8 June 2026

Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2026