



Gorse Hall Primary and Nursery School

February Newsletter

Monthly Message from Miss Flood

Next week is children's Mental Health Week. The Well-being Ambassadors will lead a whole school assembly on the Monday. The theme will be 'This is my place' - this means different ways in which we belong e.g. school clubs, friends, families etc. We will be making class portraits, which will be made into tea towels that families can buy online. Further letters will be sent out about this. Also, Tuesday, 10th February is Safer Internet Day. The theme is 'smart tec, safe choices - exploring the safe and responsible use of AI. The children will be taking part in different activities on the day. The class assemblies are going well, it has been lovely to see so many parents/carers come and show their support.

Nursery



Nursery places will be allocated at the end of April 2026.

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.

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.**

After School Clubs and Extra Curricular Activities



The after school clubs running after February half term till the end of March 2026 are:

Monday - 1JW Multi Skills 3.15 to 4.15pm

Tuesday - 3LG 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.

Thursday - 6HW Basketball 3.15 to 4.15pm, Chess Club (lunchtime) and Sewing Club during the school day

Friday - 5CH Athletics 3.15 to 4.15pm and Swimming for class 4AF

Robinwood Residential - Current Year 5

If you would like your child to go on the residential to Robinwood please pay the deposit of £60.00 on Arbor as soon as possible to secure a place, **as there is only 1 space left.**



Data Collection Sheets and Photograph Permissions

Data collection sheets and photograph permissions have been sent out to all parents. Please can you complete these and return to school as soon as possible, so we have all up to date information and permissions. Thank you to all parents who have sent them back already.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening is on Monday, 2nd March and Tuesday, 3rd March 3.30pm till 6pm. The online booking on Arbor opens Monday, 9th February at 10am until Friday, 27th February at 3.30pm.

Checking your Emails

All communications from the school office are sent via email. Please can you ensure you check your emails daily, so you don't miss out on anything important e.g. trips, meals, cancelled sports clubs, reminders about non-uniform days etc.

Communicating with your Child's After School Childcare Provider

If your child attends an after school club e.g. Grow Happy or Sky High Achievers please can you let them know if your circumstances change and you no longer require them to collect your child. There are a lot of occasions where the providers are looking for children after school only to find out they have been collected.

Number Day

On Friday, 6th February it is National Number Day. Children can come to school in non-uniform and wear something with a number on. Letters have been sent via email with more information about the day.

Wear Red Day

On Friday, 13th February children can come to school in non-uniform wearing something red to symbolise Valentine's Day.

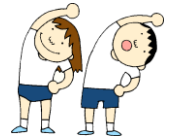


School Uniform Reminder

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.



Late Arrivals

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. Attendance is expected to be no lower than 97%. Penalty warnings will be issued to families with persistent absence and lateness.



Holidays in Term Time

Holidays or time off in term time is not authorised. 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.



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.

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 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 - Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated.

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

4AF Class Assembly 9.15am	Thursday, 5 th February
Number Day	Friday, 6 th February
Mental Health Week	WC Monday, 9 th February
Year 2 and 3 watching Great Fire of London Production	Wednesday, 11 th February
1JW Class Assembly 9.15am	Thursday, 12 th February
Parents' Evening	Monday, 2 nd March
Parents' Evening	Tuesday, 3 rd March
World Book Day	Thursday, 5 th March
SEND Coffee Morning 9 till 10am	Monday, 9 th March
Reception at Civic Hall to watch performance 10.30am	Thursday, 12 th March
Year 2 at Civic Hall to watch performance 1.30pm	Thursday, 12 th March
3LG Class Assembly 9.15am	Thursday, 12 th March
2LP Class Assembly 9.15am	Thursday, 19 th March
Rock Steady Spring Concert 2.30pm	Tuesday, 24 th March
Easter Service Holy Trinity Church 9.30am	Thursday, 26 th March
Mountain Rescue to Visit Nursery	Wednesday, 29 th April
3NW Class Assembly 9.15am	Thursday, 30 th April
Class Photographs	Thursday, 30 th April
2OH Class Assembly 9.15am	Thursday, 7 th May
Nursery Trip to Fireground	Tuesday, 23 rd May
Oak Class Assembly 9.15am	Thursday, 14 th May
5KS Class Assembly 9.15am	Thursday, 21 st May
SEND Coffee Morning 9 till 10am	Monday, 15 th June
Year 2 Trip Jodrell Bank	Wednesday, 24 th June
5CH Class Assembly 9.15am	Thursday, 25 th June
Elm Class Assembly 9.15am	Thursday, 2 nd July

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2026/2027

Spring Term 2026

School closes

School reopens

School closes

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

School Reopens

School Closes

Monday, 13 April 2026

Monday, 4 May 2026

Friday, 22 May 2026

Monday, 8 June 2026

Thursday, 23rd July 2026

Autumn Term 2026

School Closed Inset

School Reopens

School Closes

School Reopens

School Closes

Tuesday, 1st September

Wednesday, 2nd September

Friday, 23rd October

Monday, 2nd November

Friday, 18th December

Spring Term 2027

School Closed

School Reopens

School Closes

School Reopens

School Closes

Monday, 4th January 2027

Tuesday, 5th January

Friday, 12th February

Monday, 22nd February

Thursday, 25th March

Summer Term 2027

School Reopens

School Closed (May Day)

School Closes

School Reopens

School Closes

Monday, 12th April

Monday, 3rd May

Friday, 28th May

Friday, 14th June

Friday, 23rd July