



Gorse Hall Primary and Nursery School

January Newsletter

Monthly Message from Miss Flood

I would like to welcome you back to school and wish you all the best for 2026. This month our class assemblies start and will run until July. Class 1 JH are the first to hold their assembly in the school hall on Thursday, 22nd January at 9.15am. Please see the dates for the fridge for your child's assembly date. Please support your child's learning by encouraging the completion of homework. You will be sent our new behaviour and online safety policies next week. Please read these carefully, sign them and return to school.

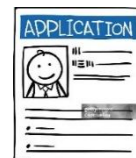


Bad Weather

In the event of a school closure a decision would be made by 8am that morning and a message would be sent to parents. Also if we had to make a decision to send children home due to adverse weather conditions you would be contacted via email, therefore please ensure all your contact details are up to date with the school office.

Reception Applications

Reminder the application system for reception places 2026 in Primary Schools closes on Thursday, 15th January. **The online website for applications is www.tameside.gov.uk**



Nursery



If your child turns 3 before 31st 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.

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.**

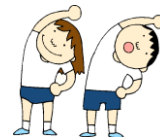


School Uniform Reminder

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 2026 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, 12th to Wednesday, 14th 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 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 -The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty.

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

School Re-Opens

Swimming Sessions start for Class 4AF
1JH Class Assembly 9.15am
4EC Class Assembly 9.15am
4AF Class Assembly 9.15am
Year 2 and 3 watching Great Fire of London Production
1JW Class Assembly 9.15am
3LG Class Assembly 9.15am
2LP Class Assembly 9.15am
3NW Class Assembly 9.15am
2OH Class Assembly 9.15am
Oak Class Assembly 9.15am
5KS Class Assembly 9.15am
5CH Class Assembly 9.15am
Elm Class Assembly 9.15am

Tuesday, 6th January
Friday, 9th January
Thursday, 22nd January
Thursday, 29th January
Thursday, 5th February
Tuesday, 10th February
Thursday, 12th February
Thursday, 12th March
Thursday, 19th March
Thursday, 30th April
Thursday, 7th May
Thursday, 14th May
Thursday, 21st May
Thursday, 25th June
Thursday, 2nd

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2025/2026

Spring Term 2026

School Reopens

School closes

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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

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Monday, 13 April 2026
Monday, 4 May 2026
Friday, 22 May 2026
Monday, 8 June 2026
Thursday, 23rd July 2026