



Gorse Hall Primary and Nursery School

March Newsletter

Monthly Message from Miss Flood

Thank you to all the parents who attended Parents' Evening. For those of you who didn't make an appointment please could you contact the class teacher to make an alternative time to discuss your child's progress. Please contact them via Seesaw. The children all looked amazing in their costumes/pyjamas on World Book Day. Well done to all the children who took part in Book in a Box, the entries were all fantastic.

Can I remind parents that school closes for Easter after lunch on Friday, 27th March. Children will need to be collected from school at 1pm.

Nursery

Nursery places for September 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.



Ryder & Dutton Estate Agents

We would like to say a huge thank you to Ryder & Dutton Estate Agents for their kind donation of balance bikes. This is part of their 'Helping the Community' project. We are very grateful as this is a much needed resource for the physical development of our little ones.

Toast Club

Reminder we sell toast in the hall every Friday from 8:20am. If your child would like plain piece of toast or with jam before school please come along. Toast is **10p** per slice, all money goes towards resources for the children. **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 - Year 6 Basketball 3.15 to 4.15pm, Chess Club (lunchtime) and Sewing Club during the school day

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

Easter Service

Our annual Easter Service will be at Holy Trinity Church in Stalybridge on Thursday, 26th March at 9.30am. It would be lovely for parents to join us.





Easter Egg Competition

On Thursday, 26th March we will be holding our annual Easter Egg Competition. Children can decorate an egg and bring it to school. Please ensure your child's name and class is written clearly. Winners will receive a prize.

Birthday Treats

If you are sending birthday treats in for the class please ensure these are not lollies, only soft sweets or chocolate. Also can you check with your child's teacher if there are any children with allergies.

Little Bikers

The children in nursery and reception will be taking part in Little Bikers every Friday, starting 17th April until Friday, 15th May. This will give the children skills to ride a balance bike.

Robinwood Residential - Current Year 5

To avoid disappointment 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.

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.

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.

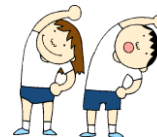


School Uniform Reminder

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.



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.



Medical

If your child is diagnosed with a medical condition or asthma please let the office know as soon as possible, so their records can be updated..

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.



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 - Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud.

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

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, 12th 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
Bikeability Year 6	WC Monday, 13 th July

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2026/2027

Spring Term 2026

School closes

Friday, 27 March 2026 at 1pm

Summer Term 2026

School Reopens

Monday, 13 April 2026

School Closed May Day - Bank Holiday

Monday, 4 May 2026

School Closes

Friday, 22 May 2026

School Reopens

Monday, 8 June 2026

School Closes

Thursday, 23rd July 2026

Autumn Term 2026

School Closed Inset

Tuesday, 1st September

School Reopens

Wednesday, 2nd September

School Closes

Friday, 23rd October

School Reopens

Monday, 2nd November

School Closes

Friday, 18th December

Spring Term 2027

School Closed

Monday, 4th January 2027

School Reopens

Tuesday, 5th January

School Closes

Friday, 12th February

School Reopens

Monday, 22nd February

School Closes

Thursday, 25th March

Summer Term 2027

School Reopens

Monday, 12th April

School Closed (May Day)

Monday, 3rd May

School Closes

Friday, 28th May

School Reopens

Friday, 14th June

School Closes

Friday, 23rd July