



Gorse Hall Primary and Nursery School

November Newsletter

Monthly Message from Miss Flood

I hope everyone had a relaxing October half term. This next half term is busy with the lead up to Christmas. Our Christmas Fair is Friday, 28th November 3.30pm to 5.30pm. This is our main fundraising event of the year and we rely upon the support of all parents for donations. I thank you in advance for your contributions and continuous support to school.

Reception Applications

The application system for Primary Schools opened on 1st November 2025. You will need to complete an on line application before the closing date, which is 15th January 2026. We will be holding an open day for new parents on Monday, 17th November 3.30pm till 5pm. **The online website for applications is www.tameside.gov.uk**



Nursery



Our next intake for nursery is September 2026. 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.

Christmas Fair

On Friday, 28th November we will be holding our annual Christmas Fair 3.30pm to 5.30pm. This is a fund-raising event and is always well supported. The main raffle prize this year is a Nintendo Switch 2 with a Mario Carts game. Raffle tickets can be purchased through the school shop on Arbor for £1.00 each, all numbers will be emailed to you. Please can you support us by donating any new items we can use to make up raffle prizes, toys, cans of hot dogs, cans of pop. We are also having non uniform days on Fridays leading up to the fair.



Friday, 14th November is bring a bottle (alcohol, soft drinks, bubble baths, shampoo, ketchup etc.)

Friday, 21st November is bring a Jingle Jar (jars filled with sweets/goodies)

Friday, 28th November is bring home baked goods, cakes, buns, biscuits etc.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Children in Need

On Friday, 14th November it is Children in Need Day. Children are coming to school in non uniform that day as it is bring a bottle for the Christmas fair. Children can wear their Pudsey ears, t. shirts or accessories.

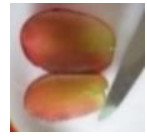


SEND Coffee Morning

Monday, 24th November we will be holding a SEND coffee morning in the school hall at 9.10am. All welcome.

Reminder - Cutting up Grapes

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



Christmas Performances

Monday, 8th December - reception and year 1. 1JW and Elm parents are invited to a performance at 9.15am and 1JH and Oak parents are invited at 2.30pm.

Wednesday, 10th December - Nursery Christmas performance 9.15am

Thursday, 11th December - year 2 Christmas performance 9.15am

Christmas Parties

Tuesday, 16th December - nursery, year 1 and year 2

Wednesday, 17th December - year 3 and 4

Thursday, 18th December - year 5 and 6

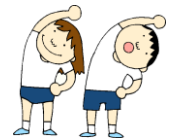


School Uniform Reminder

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 upto the end of November are:

Monday - Year 2 Multi Skills 3.15 to 4.15pm

Tuesday - Year 3 + 4 Dodgeball 3.15 to 4.15pm, Rock Steady during the school day

Wednesday - Year 6 Football Practice 3.15 to 4.15pm and choir 3.15 to 4pm

Thursday - Year 5 + 6 Dodgeball 3.15 to 4.15pm, Chess Club (lunchtime), 3LG Science Club 3.15 to 4.15pm and Sewing Club during the school day

Friday - Years 5 and 6 Cross Athletics 3.15 to 4.15pm

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. The places are limited.



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.

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.

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.

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

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.

Late Arrival at School

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.



Time off in Term Time

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 - Today is a perfect day to just be happy!

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

Zoolab year 1	Wednesday, 12 th November
Fire Service to Visit year 6	Thursday, 13 th November
Non-Uniform Day bring a bottle and Children in Need Day	Friday, 14 th November
New Reception Intake Open Day 3.30 to 5pm	Monday, 17 th November
Non-Uniform Day bring a Jingle Jar	Friday, 21 st November
SEND Coffee Morning 9.10am	Monday, 24 th November
Nursery Toy Workshop in school with year 5	Wednesday, 26 th November
Safe Squad in for Year 6	Thursday, 27 th November
Non-Uniform Day bring Home Baked Goods	Friday, 28 th November
Christmas Fair 3.30pm to 5.30pm	Friday, 28 th November
Christmas Story Y2 Holy Trinity	Wednesday, 3 rd December
Christmas Story Y3 Holy Trinity	Thursday, 4 th December
Class 1JW and Elm Xmas Performance 9.15am	Monday, 8 th December
Class 1JH and Oak Xmas Performance 2.30pm	Monday, 8 th December
Nursery Build a Bear Trip	Tuesday, 9 th December
Rock Steady Concert 2.30pm	Tuesday, 9 th December
Reception Trip to Tatton Park	Wednesday, 10 th December
Nursery Xmas Performance 9.15am	Wednesday, 10 th December
Year 2 Xmas Performance 9.15am	Thursday, 11 th December
Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day	Thursday, 11 th December
Nursery, Elm, Oak, Year 1 and 2 Xmas Parties	Tuesday, 16 th December
Year 3 and 4 Xmas Party	Wednesday, 17 th December
Year 5 and 6 Xmas Party	Thursday, 18 th December
Holy Trinity Church Christmas Service 9.30am	Thursday, 18 th December
Last Swimming Session for Class 4EC	Friday, 18 th December
School Closes	Friday, 19th December
School Closed for Inset Training	Monday, 5th January 2026
School Re-Opens	Tuesday, 6th January
Swimming Sessions start for Class 4AF	Friday, 9 th January
Year 2 and 3 watching Great Fire of London Production	Tuesday, 10 th February

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025

School closes

Friday, 19 December 2025

Spring Term 2026

School Closed Inset

School Reopens

School closes

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School closes

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, 23rd July 2026