



Gorse Hall Primary and Nursery School

September Newsletter

Monthly Message from Miss Flood

I would like to welcome all the children back to school and all the new children joining us for the first time. Everyone has settled into their new classes and are working hard. You should have received the Curriculum Matters and Sticky Knowledge Mats for this half term. This will enable you to understand what your child is learning about in each subject and the Sticky Knowledge Mat contains the knowledge and vocabulary focussed on during the topic work covered. Please can I remind all parents that if there are any changes to your child's information that you inform the school office or complete a new data collection sheet. Also can you ensure your child comes to school wearing the correct uniform and P.E wear.



Nursery - 30 Free Hours

If your child currently accesses the 30 free hours you will need to re-apply every three months to confirm eligibility.

Late Arrivals - New Signing in System

All children arriving late after 8.45am through the main entrance will need to be signed in by an adult. This is for safeguarding, so we know who is in the school building. Also children leaving school early will need to be signed out and proof of appointment shown to the office or sent via email.



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. If you change your email address please let school know as soon as possible, so we can update our system.



Parent Portal - Arbor

Our Parent Portal is Arbor. This is a communication link between parents and the school office and is a payment system for meals, trips, clubs etc. You can also view your child's information, attendance, any incidents and positive behaviour logs. If you have not yet downloaded the App please can you do so as soon as possible. Your username is your email address and then you create a password. Any problems please contact the office for support.

Seesaw

All new pupils will have been sent an email to invite you to accept Seesaw. This is a communication link between parents and your child's class teacher, where they will share pictures and inform you about any homework or information you need to know about the class. If you have not yet accepted your request please can you do so as soon as possible. Also if you haven't received a request please contact the office or speak to your child's class teacher.

Open Evening – Reception 2027

If your child is due to start reception in September 2027 you will need to apply on line through Tameside's website from November until the deadline in January. We are holding an Open Evening on Wednesday, 4th November for the parents of children who are looking for a reception place for September 2027. School will be open for you to view from 4pm to 5.30pm. If you would like to book to come and look around please contact the school office either via telephone or email. admin@gorsehall.tameside.sch.uk



Staff Leaving

At the end of September Mrs Priest our year 4 Learning Support Assistant will be leaving. We would like to thank Mrs Priest for all her hard work at Gorse Hall over the years and wish her well with her new venture.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

We will be holding a MacMillan Coffee Morning on Thursday, 24th September at 2pm in the school hall. Please come along to support this charity.



After School Clubs and Extra Curricular Activities



The after school clubs running this half term are:

Monday - 2LP Multi Skills

Tuesday - Year 3 and 4 Tag Rugby

Wednesday - Year 6 Football Practice, Choir and Science Club (3NW)

Thursday - Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby

Friday - Year 5 and 6 Cross Country

Clubs running throughout the school day:

Thursday - KS2 Chess and Stitch Club

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening this year will be held on Monday, 9th November and Tuesday, 10th November 3.30 till 6pm. We will message parents when the appointment system is open on Arbor. This is an opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher and see how they have settled into their new class.

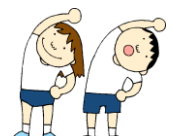


School Uniform Reminder

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. All uniform can be purchased from the two uniform shops in Ashton. There are price lists in reception with vouchers giving you money off.

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.



Toast Club

Reminder we sell toast in the hall every Friday from 8:20am. If your child would like toast 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.**

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.

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.



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 - Focus on the journey, not the destination. Joy is found not in finishing an activity but in doing it.

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

Themed Dinner (Languages)
Flu Sprays
Parents' Evening
Parents' Evening
SEND Coffee Morning
Rocksteady Christmas Concert
Reception Visit to Tatton Park
Bikeability Year 6
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School Closes 1pm
School Re-opens
Year 2 Theatre Production

Thursday, 24th September
Monday, 9th November
Monday, 9th November
Tuesday, 10th November
Monday, 23rd November
Tuesday, 8th December
Thursday, 10th December
Wednesday, 16 December
Thursday, 17th December
Friday, 18th December
Tuesday, 5th January 2027
Friday, 29th January

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026

School Closes
School Reopens
School Closes

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