



Gorton Primary School

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Welcome Back

Welcome back to a new year at Gorton Primary School. It has been lovely to see the children settling back into routines, seeing their friends and being so enthusiastic about their learning!

We have lots of exciting learning opportunities and trips planned this term for our pupils as well as a real focus on community events and engagement with parents. I thank you for your continued support.

Dates to remember:

- ❖ **Mon 16th October**
Snack deadline
- ❖ **Wed 18th October**
Parents Evening,
3.30-6.30pm
- ❖ **Thur 19th October**
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3.30-6.30pm
- ❖ **Thur 19th October**
Non-uniform day,
£1.00 donation
- ❖ **Fri 20th October**
Staff Inset day
- ❖ **Mon 30th October**
Autumn 2 starts
- ❖ **Mon 6th November**
Nursery + Reception
Wonderdome
school trip

Parking and Playground

Thank you for adhering to our safer parking requests. It is everyone's responsibility to safeguard children. We have seen many families parking away from school and walking in which keeps the pavements clear and road quieter for our families.

Please do not park on pavements or in school car parks. A reminder that all scooters and bikes must be dismantled on the playground at drop off and collection.

Please ensure that you lock your child's scooter or bike up if you are leaving it on the premises. All property left is not the school's responsibility. A reminder that dogs and other animals are not permitted on school grounds.

If you have any questions or concerns, I am stood on the front gate in the mornings and afternoons, or alternatively, please make an appointment with the office to arrange to speak with a member of staff.

With thanks – Miss McCoy



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Attendance

Attendance and punctuality is imperative to ensure all children are in school and do not miss out on their learning. We are now running a 'Scores on the Doors' system, where each class will receive a tick for 100% class attendance. Once classes achieve five days full attendance, their class will get a reward.

Children with good attendance 96% or above will get a half-termly certificate, a badge for 100% attendance and win the teddy bear for their class each week for the class with the highest attendance. We appreciate your ongoing commitment to ensure you child attends school every day and on time.

Better late
than never
**But never late
is better**



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

6 days or less
absence per year
97% or above
**VERY GOOD
THIS IS YOUR
TARGET**

Between
7 and 19 days
absence per year
90% - 96%
**BELOW
EXPECTATIONS**

More
than 19 days
absence per year
Under 90%
**POOR
ATTENDANCE**

Music



www.anthemtuition.co.uk

Pupils enjoyed a wonderful musical performance by Anthem Tuition who sang songs in a variety of styles from pop, reggae and rock. Pupils loved this performance and enjoyed singing and clapping along as well as having an air guitar dance off.

Well done to Mudathir for winning free music lessons with his epic air guitar playing!



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Before and After school Clubs

We have breakfast club available from 8:05am each morning. Children are welcome to attend for just £1.00 and will receive breakfast. This is great for families who need an early start to get to work or just get pupils into a good morning routine. Please sign up at the office.

We have our afterschool childcare club for £10 a session from 3:15 – 6:00pm each evening. Siblings' discounts are also available. Please contact the office to arrange booking a place.

Cheerleading Club

We now host cheerleading sessions on Mondays from 3:15- 4:15pm. We are going to run additional classes for pupils to audition for the Gorton Cheerleading Club which intends to compete in local and national competitions later in the year. A letter regarding this will be sent to families in the next few weeks. This is a great opportunity for pupils to commit and develop their sports skills and represent the school in competitions.

Progressive Sports

We are continuing to work with Progressive Sports to run a range of after school sport activities. We have changed the provision to increase places from 16 to 26 per club to allow more pupils to attend for free! Collection is at 4:15pm for these clubs and we ask that parents/carers are on time for collection.

We are also continuing to run our community clubs on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 – 6:30pm. These are completely free to attend for families in the Gorton community.

Please keep an eye out for upcoming links to sign up to these sessions.



Half-Term Clubs

Clubs will be run by Progressive Sports every half-term and term holiday throughout the year. We will also be running a full summer and Easter holiday schedule completely free. Sign up links will be sent out prior to each upcoming term break.

NSPCC Assemblies

You have
the right
to speak out
and stay safe.



All children from Year 1- 5 will have virtual NSPCC assemblies based around safeguarding.

Year 2 and 5 will take part in special workshops to learn more about how to stay safe through Speak Out and Stay Safe assemblies.

You can find out more about this at:

[nspcc.org.uk](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)

Owl Trip – Reception

EYFS had a 'hoot' of a time when they visited an owl at one of our sister schools.

Children got to experience the owl close up and learn all about how it lives, what it eats and its habitat.

