



GODFREY ERMEN MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Wednesday, 3rd January 2024

Dear Families,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope that you had a fun and peaceful holiday.

We just wanted to remind you of some key dates and messages for this term.

As we begin to prepare for Y6 SATs, Y1 and 2 phonic screening and the Y4 multiplication check, you will be invited to meetings to find out a bit more about what you can do to help support your child. The first of these meetings is next week about the Year 4 multiplication check. We look forward to seeing our Year 4 parents there. Further meetings will be shared on SeeSaw. Your support with all of these is valued and appreciated.

Date	Activity	Time
Back to school: Wednesday 3rd January		
Thursday 11 th January	Year 4 parents' meeting - multiplication check information	3:15 – 4:00
Monday 12 th February Wednesday 14 th February	Parents' Evening	3:30 – 6:00
Half – term holiday starts: Friday 16th February Back to school: Tuesday 27th February		
Friday 8 th March	It's A Spring Thing – family event	9:00 – 10:00
Monday 25 th March – Thursday 28 th March	Easter Activities – <i>details to follow</i>	
Thursday 28 th March	Years 5 and 6 Easter Eucharist	To be confirmed
End of term: Thursday 28th March Back to school: Monday 15th April		
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday Monday	
Monday 13 th May – Thursday 16 th May	Year 6 SATs week	
Monday 20 th May – Friday 24 th May	Sports Week	
Half – term holiday starts: Friday 24th May Back to school: Tuesday 4th June		
Tuesday 4 th June – Friday 14 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Check	
Monday 10 th June – Friday 14 th June	Phonic Screening Check	
Wednesday 5 th June – Friday 7 th June	Year 6 Kingswood Residential	
Friday 21 st June	Non-uniform day (collection for fair)	
Thursday 27 th June Friday 28 th June	Year 6 Transition Days	
Thursday 4 th July	Summer Fair	3:30 – 5:00
Wednesday 10 th July	Reports sent out	
Friday 12 th July	Meet The Teacher meetings and family activities	9:00 - 10:00
Tuesday 23 rd July	Year 6 Leavers' Disco	
Wednesday 24 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Eucharist	
End of the school year: Wednesday 24th July		

Lateness

If you arrive with your child after 8.45am, the playground gates will be locked as lessons begin at 8:45am. After this time, bring your child to the School Office to sign them in. Whilst we know that sometimes things happen to cause occasional lateness, it is so important to be on time for



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school, as this sets good expectations and good habits for life. We are very grateful for your support in getting your child to school on time.

Attendance

Our rewards for attendance begin again this half term. We have a dedicated webpage for information about attendance, including how your child can earn a gold, silver or bronze badge this term. [Attendance | Godfrey Ermen Memorial CE Primary \(gems-salford.co.uk\)](http://www.gems-salford.co.uk) Find out how many badges we have awarded on our website page - we look forward to giving out even more this term!

Uniform

Please ensure your child comes into school in the correct uniform everyday. Details of the policy can be found [Microsoft Word - School Uniform Policy - GEMS 2023 \(gems-salford.co.uk\)](http://www.gems-salford.co.uk) PE kits need to be brought in separately to change into their kit in school.

As the weather is getting colder, please can we remind you that the children need to have warm coats and jumpers. Children are encouraged to bring black jogging bottoms and a black jumper (no logos) for their PE sessions. Please make sure that children have suitable footwear and, if they come to school in wellies, that they have a change of footwear to make sure that they are comfortable.

If you are finding uniform difficult to get hold of, please come and speak to us about any support you or your child might need. Thank you to the parents that continue to share their pre-loved uniform with us. This is so helpful and much appreciated. Don't forget our pre-loved uniform in the main entrance!

It is recommended in the uniform policy that long hair be tied up and **long hair must be tied up for PE and swimming**. Make up and nail varnish/false nails must be removed before coming to school.

We expect children to look smart at all times as they represent our school so well so we will continue to promote our uniform expectations.

Jewellery/Earrings

Please note that for health and safety reasons, we do not allow jewellery in school and that only stud earrings are allowed and a watch (no smart watches). On PE days, stud earrings should be taken out at home, so your child can take part safely in all lessons.

School dinners

Please make sure that you order your child's school dinners in advance. Don't forget to talk to your child about their dinners you can make a choice together and know what they are having. In the cold weather, you may prefer your child to have a hot dinner. Please speak to the office if you need any help with accessing school dinners.

There are opportunities to try out school dinners with our regular theme days – keep an eye on SeeSaw for more information as the year goes on!



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Healthy Schools and Allergies

Please make sure that your child has a water bottle with them. No metal or glass bottles please.

Packed lunches need to be healthy – so we want to remind you to not put sweets or chocolate into the lunches – thank you!

We are a nut-free school so request that children are not sent with anything in their lunches that could contain nuts or nut products.

Please do not send cakes and sweets into school for birthdays – we are mindful of allergies and the risks this entails.

After School Clubs

Our after school clubs will be starting in the week beginning 15th January and will run for the whole of this term. A letter and a google form will be sent out this week for you to sign up to.

Watch out for the offers available!

Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact school and arrange a meeting with key staff to help you. The list on the right can also be found on the school website.

Once again, thank you for your continued support of school.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Kinch
Headteacher

Key Contacts

Call the school office to contact the following staff:

Contact Name	Role	Reason to Contact
Mrs Royle & Mrs Kirkwood	School Secretary	General Enquiry about the School or to report an absence
Mrs Anderton	School Business Manager	General Enquiry about the School
Miss Kinch	Headteacher	Concerns and Safeguarding Concerns
Mrs Stanger	Deputy Headteacher	Concerns
Mrs Brookes	Head of Phase 1 - Nursery and Reception	
Mrs Dearing	Head of Phase 2 - Years 1 and 2	
Mrs Cheers	Head of Phase 3 - Years 3 and 4	
Mrs White	Head of Phase 4 - Years 5 and 6	
Mrs Brookes	SENDCo	Questions regarding SENs (Special Educational Needs)
Ms Williams	Family Liaison Officer	Attendance and absence reporting, safeguarding concerns