GODFREY ERMEN MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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WELCOME BACK!

Dear Families, Thursday 3rd September, 2026

We hope that you have all had a lovely Summer and we are excited to welcome you all back for another great year! We start our swimming sessions next week and we are really excited to have the pool back again this year. ***Please keep an eye on the app for more information and details.***

Key Information Reminders

The School Day – starts at 8.45am
Please remember that the School Day starts promptly at **8.45 am** and finishes at **3:15pm**. Therefore, the school gates will open as follows:

Rec and KS1 Gate on School Road – the gate will open at 8.30am **but will close at 8.45am**. Parents and Carers must wait with their child until the Classroom doors open at 8.40am. Gates open at 3:00pm for you to wait for your children at the end of the day.

Nur and KS2 Gate on Edison Road – the gate will open at 8.30am **but will close at 8.45am**. Nursery Parents/Carers must wait with their child until the Classroom doors open at 8.40am. KS2 children are welcome to wait on the KS2 Playground until the Classroom doors open at 8.40am. Gates open at 3:00pm for you to wait on the playground at the end of the day.

If you are collecting from two different parts of school, please pick up your youngest child first. Staff will wait for you to collect other children. Please speak to staff if there are any issues.

DON'T FORGET – we serve breakfast from 8:30am on each gate! Come and grab your bagels, toast or the occasional crumpet from the staff on the gate. We love to have a catch up with you and the children.

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, you will need to bring your child to the School Office where they will be sent through to class. **You will be directed to sign your child in if they are late for registration**. Whilst we know that sometimes things happen to cause occasional lateness, it is so important to be on time for 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.

Absence
Please report an absence through Studybugs so that school is kept up to date on your child's absence.
Please note: We CANNOT authorise holidays in term time.

Uniform

Please ensure your child comes into school in the correct uniform everyday. Details of the policy can be found on the school website in letters and policies. They will need to bring their PE kit separately and get changed into their kit in school. Please send them with the correct kit at the start of the half term.



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. **Don't forget our pre-loved uniform in the main entrance! Donations are always welcome!**

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 (no larger than 6mm) 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. Children MUST remove earrings and jewellery before school when they are swimming.

School dinners

Please order your child's school dinners in advance. Orders can be placed over the weekend and as far in advance as you would like. By talking to your child about their dinners you can make a choice together and know what they are having.

Healthy Schools and Allergies

Please make sure that your child has a water bottle with them. No metal or glass bottles please. Children can fill up their water bottles throughout the day.

Packed lunches need to be healthy – so we request that you do 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.

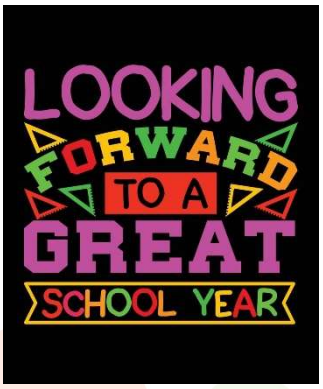


Birthdays

We are aware that food allergies are on the rise, which brings such a risk to some children in our school. We do not want some children to be excluded from certain birthday treats because they have a food intolerance. We are also acutely aware of the continuing rising cost of living which is affecting all of us. Therefore, we want to remind you not to send in birthday treats for the children in class – but we will help your child to celebrate their special day in school! Your child can still come into school in their own clothes and we will all enjoy singing 'Happy Birthday' to them at the end of the day. Thank you in advance for your support and understanding with this issue.

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An overview of the school year and current dates for your diary can be found below. There will be other activities in school and class trips which we will update you on throughout the year. Please put these dates in your diary and we look forward to seeing you at our family events!

Please note that we do review activities thoroughout the year and some events may need to be changed due to other issues affecting the event (e.g., weather conditions)

Please note that we have 2 weeks holiday at the end of May into June – please consider booking holidays at this time when they should be a bit cheaper and quieter as other schools only have one week!

Date	Activity	Time
Wednesday 2nd September	Term starts	8:45am
Monday 14th September - Friday 18th September	Sports Week	Details to follow
Thursday 24th September	EYFS Open Day	
Friday 9th October **(collection from Monday 5th October)**	Harvest Celebration - Collecting for local charities and the school "feeling the pinch" trolley	
Thursday 15th October	EYFS Open Day	
Thursday 22nd October	SEND Parents' Meeting	3:30pm
Last day in school before half-term: Friday 23rd October	**Back to school: Monday 2nd November**	
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Day	
Thursday 12th November	EYFS Stay and Play	
Monday 16th November – Friday 20th November	Anti-Bullying Week and Interfaith Week: "Break the Silence"	
Friday 20th November	Non-uniform day: Children in Need Come as you are incl. traditional dress	
Wednesday 18th November Wednesday 25th November	Parents' Evenings **Please note that these are over 2 weeks**	3:15 – 5:30
Thursday 26th November	EYFS Open Morning	
Friday 27th November	Non-uniform day (collection for the Fair)	
Thursday 3rd December	Christmas Fair	3:30 – 5:00
Wednesday 9th December Thursday 10th December	KS1 Nativity Performance	
Thursday 10th December	EYFS Christmas Market	1:30 – 3:00
Friday 11th December	Non-uniform day: Winter Jumper Day It's a Winter Thing: Family Christmas activities in school	9:00 -10:00
Tuesday 15th December	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Celebration	Details to follow
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Dinner	
	KS1 Lowry Theatre Trip	
Thursday 17th December	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Celebration	
Friday 18th December	Class parties	
Friday 18th December	***ATTENDANCE PRIZES***	
End of term: Friday 18th December	**Back to school: Monday 4th January**	

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Monday 1st February – Friday 5th February	Children's Mental Health Week	
Thursday 4th February	SEND Parents' Meeting	3:30pm
Friday 5th February	Non-uniform day (Fundraising for children's mental health charity)	
Last day in school before half-term: Friday 12th February	**Back to school: Monday 22nd February**	
Thursday 4th March	World Book Day	
Monday 8th March – Wednesday 10th March	Y6 Residential	
Wednesday 24th March Wednesday 31st March	Parents' Evenings	3:15 – 5:30
Thursday 25th March	It's a Spring Thing: Family Easter Activities in school	9:00 – 10:00
Friday 26th March – Monday 29th March	**Easter Weekend – school closed for bank holiday**	
Friday 2nd April	***ATTENDANCE PRIZES***	
End of term: Friday 2nd April	**Back to school: Monday 19th April**	
Monday 3rd May	**Bank Holiday Monday**	
Monday 10th May – Thursday 13th May	Year 6 SATs week	
Wednesday 19th May	SEND Parents' Meeting	3:30pm
Thursday 20th May	EYFS Stay and Play	
Last day in school before half-term: Friday 28th May	**Back to school: Monday 14th June**	
Monday 14th June – Friday 18th June	Year 4 Multiplication Check	
Monday 14th June – Friday 25th June	Years 1 and 2 Phonic Screening Check	
Thursday 24th June	EYFS Trips	
Friday 18th June	Non-uniform day (collection for fair)	
Thursday 24th June Friday 25th June	Year 6 Transition Days at High School	
Thursday 1st July	Summer Fair	3:30 – 5:00
Friday 2nd July	Rock Kidz!	
Monday 5th July- Friday 9th July	Transition Week	
Wednesday 7th July	Meet the Teacher session	9:00 – 10:00
Friday 9th July	Reports go out	
	Y6 Hoodie Ceremony	Details to follow
Monday 19th July	Year 6 Family 'Picnic on the Park'	
Tuesday 20th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	
Wednesday 21st July	Year 6 Disco	
Thursday 22nd July	Year 6 Leavers' Eucharist and Blessing	
Friday 23rd July	Year 6 Shirt Signing	
	ATTENDANCE PRIZES	
End of the school year: Friday 23rd July		