



Gomersal St. Mary's CE (C) Primary School

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9/10/26

Dear Parents/Carers

If your child has any allergies please can you let school know. It is essential that we are aware if any substance could cause your child to become unwell, even if it is simply a rash.

Please can I ask that you do not park on the yellow zig zag lines outside of the school gates. This applies to both sides of the road. They are there to keep our children safe from any vehicles on the road.

Tea Time Club:

The next event is on Friday 23rd October – come along to **Slime and Such Night!**

Don't forget to book on with the school office so you can enjoy all the fun.

Choir:

There are a few places left for our school choir who will be performing in a Christmas concert at Dewsbury Town Hall in December. If you would like a letter with more information please ask the office or ask Miss Barker.

Deadline for ordering Christmas Items:

The deadline to order Christmas gifts made from your child's art work is 12 October at 12 noon.

Welcome Service change of date:

Please note that the date of the Welcome Service has changed to **Tuesday 13th October**. It is still at St Mary's Church. If your child has recently joined our school you are welcome to attend.

Eden Camp:

Year 5 children will be going on a trip to **Eden Camp on 13th October**. Children need to wear school uniform, bring a coat and a water bottle. They will also need a packed lunch. If your child receives free school meals, a lunch will be provided by school. Don't forget that the trip is not expected to return to school until **5pm**.

Deadline for ordering Parent Young Voices tickets:

Please order your Young Voices tickets by 16 October. Please return your form with **cash payment** to the school office. These tickets are not on Arbor.



Parents Evening:

Thank you to everyone who came along to support our parents evenings this week. It is very important that we are able to share the progress your child is making both academically and pastorally.

Winter Health (Kirklees information) :

As we move into the colder months, you and your children may be susceptible to the usual winter bugs and viruses. Winter bugs and viruses are usually mild but can sometimes become more serious particularly in younger children or if an infection spreads to a vulnerable person.

Here are some tips to help keep everyone healthy this winter!

Teach your child how to wash their hands and cover their coughs and sneezes. Good hygiene habits are important defences against infections. Teach your child how to wash their hands properly and use a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes.

Support your child's school or nursery by keeping them off when needed. This will depend on the type of infection and how it is spread. If your child has mild respiratory symptoms, like a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough but are otherwise well, they can continue to attend their school or nursery. If your child has a tummy bug with vomiting and/or diarrhoea, keep them off for 48 hours after symptoms have stopped.

[When to keep your child off school](#)

Check your child is up to date with their vaccinations.

It's never too late for children to catch up on their vaccines. Vaccination is the best defence against severe illness.

[Find out more about childhood vaccines, catch up clinics and why they are important](#)

[Influenza \(Flu\) vaccine factsheet – Information for patients, parents and carers - GOV.UK](#)

[Children's flu vaccine - NHS](#)

Universal Credit and Free School Meals:

Do you receive Universal Credit? If so you would qualify for Free School meals/ a free meal.

From the start of the 2026 to 2027 academic year, all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit, attending relevant schools, will be entitled to receive a free meal.

Going forward, there will be 2 categories of benefits-based free school meals:

- Targeted FSM, which continues to be based on the existing threshold, covering pupils who are in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less
- Expanded FSM, a new category covering pupils who do not qualify for targeted FSM, but who are in households receiving Universal Credit and so can now receive a free school dinner

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/schools/free-school-meals.aspx>

Please log on and apply if you haven't already done so. Any problems please let Mrs Grant know.

Upcoming events:

Event	Date	Who is invited?	Where will it take place?
Year 6 NCMP Screening (Height and Weight)	12/10/26	Year 6	School
Welcome Service CHANGE OF DATE	13/10/26 10am	Family and friends of pupils who are new starters to our school.	St Mary's Church
School Book Fair	19/10/26 – 23/10/26	Whole school	School



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Flu vaccines	20/10/26	Reception to year 6	School
School Discos £4 per child. Please pay on Arbor	22/10/26 3pm - 4pm: Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 4.15pm – 5.15pm: Years 3 - 6	Whole school	School hall
Last day of the half term	23/10/26		

Coffee Morning:

Coffee mornings are held in the Children's Centre on Tuesdays and will be run by Miss Alderson. Everyone is welcome so after you have dropped off your children pop in for a drink and a chat. Coffee morning runs until 10am.

After School Clubs for this half term:

DAY	CLUB	Year groups
Tuesday	Gymnastics	Reception to Year 6
Thursday	Football	Reception to Year 6

Training Days for this year

30 th November 2026
4 th January 2027
22 nd February 2027
4 th May 2027

Yours sincerely

Miss J. Barker



