

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of term 1, here is your new termly letter which will provide you with some advanced notice of some of the upcoming events next term (whilst further correspondence will come out about many of these events and this is not an exhaustive list of all things happening next term, we know that the school year gets very busy and it is easy to miss things so wanted to give you as much notice as possible where we can):

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>Event:</b>	<b>Location:</b>	<b>Further Information:</b>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November		The first day back after half term break!		
	17:00	New EYFS Admissions Open Evening	Main Hall	We have an information evening at 5pm. Please share this with anyone you know whose children will be starting Reception/EYFS in September 2025 and may be interested in sending their child to Gordon.
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	9:00 – 15:30	Basketball Mini Youth Games	Medway Park, Mill Road, Gillingham, ME7 1HF	You will have had a separate letter if your child has been selected for either of the two Basketball Mini Youth competitions for this term.
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	15:30 – 17:00 (Wed) 15:30 – 18:30 (Thurs)	Parents Evening	Main Hall	A letter has been sent out for you to pre-book your appointment with your child's class teacher for parents evening. Each teacher has a 10 minute slot per child to discuss your child's progress.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> , Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> , Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	9:15-10:15	EYFS Tours	Main office	This is for anyone whose children will be starting Reception/EYFS in September 2025 and wants to look around the school. Please spread the word!
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	15:15	PTA Uniform Shop	PTA room	This is our successful second hand uniform shop where you can donate or buy second hand uniform and help raise money for the school, as well as being able to buy uniform at a much lower price.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	9.15-9.45	Year 6 Showcase assembly	Main Hall (enter through Junior Gate)	This assembly is an opportunity for Year 6 to share with you all that they learnt in Term 1. Throughout the year, each year group will have one of these assemblies.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	8:45	PTA Coffee Morning	PTA Room	This is an opportunity to meet the PTA, discuss how you can get involved with our PTA and meet other parents for some coffee and cake!

Thursday 14th November	9.00	Coffee Morning with our emotional support worker.	Infant Hall	All parents are welcome. This is an opportunity to gain information about the types of emotional support that Kyle Jenkins from the emotional support team can offer.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November		Children in Need		More details will be sent out about this and how we intend to raise money for Children in Need but children will be invited to wear something spotty or yellow to school.
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	15:30	Year 4 MTC Information evening	Infant Hall	The door will be open from the junior playground so that you can head straight to the infant hall for a 3.30 start. This is an opportunity to find out about the Multiplication Table Check and how to best prepare your child for it. Children are welcome to attend with you.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	16:00 – 17:30	Year 3 and 4 Disco	Main Hall	Throughout the year, the PTA will be running discos for each year group. Next term, it is year 3 and 4s turn! Children can bring money to buy sweets and small treats!
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	15:30	EYFS and Year 1 Phonics and Early Reading Parent workshop	Infant Hall	The door will be open from the junior playground and sign posted so that you can head straight to the infant hall for a 3.30 start. This is to learn more about the Phonics Screening, how we teach Phonics at Gordon and how you can best support your child at home. Children are welcome to attend with you.
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	13:10	Elfridges	PTA Room	This is not an event that parents come into school for. Within school, children have the opportunity to bring money in and buy presents for family members from the PTA.
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	TBC	Christmas Market ( <i>pending confirmation of stalls</i> )	Playground	This year, due to the positive response on social media from our parents, for the first time ever, we are planning on hosting a Christmas Market with external stalls after school and through the evening. We will send out more details nearer the time and will confirm if this is going ahead, depending on interest in stalls. If you would like to have a stall, please get in touch with the PTA.
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30	iRock concert	Main Hall (enter through Junior gate)	This is an opportunity for children who take part in iRock to perform to their family members and show what they have been doing in iRock.

	15:15	Uniform Shop	PTA room	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	9:00	KS1 Carol Concert	Main Hall (enter through Junior gate)	Family members are invited to see children perform the Carols that they have been learning in singing assembly this term!
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Time TBC with church	KS2 Carol Concert at the church	St Nicholas' Church	We are very excited to announce that this year the children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to perform at the church. There will be a lower KS2 performance in the morning and an upper KS2 performance in the afternoon but exact timings need to be confirmed with the church. You will then be informed of this.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas Jumper Day		Children are invited to wear their Christmas Jumper to school and to provide a voluntary donation for Save the Children.
	14:00 (Provisional)	EYFS Nativity	Main Hall	Family members are invited in to school to watch the EYFS nativity.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	15:40-16:15	Carol Concern in local care homes for the KS2 Choir	Leave from Gordon, visit local care homes and return for collection at Gordon	Members of the choir have been invited to sing carols and festive songs in two local residential care homes in the lead-up for Christmas break. This is a lovely opportunity for them to get out in the community, help spread festive joy and spark some nostalgic memories among the elderly residents!
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	14:30	Book Look	Infant and Junior Gate will be open at 2.30	From 2.30, you are invited to come into school and head to your child's classroom. You will have the opportunity to look through their books and your child will be able to show you the work they are most proud of this year. When you are finished, you can take your child home. We aim to do this at the end of term each term for the foreseeable future!

Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December		Dress up Day for 125 Years		In order to finalise the celebrations for the 125 years, children are invited to dress up as if they came to school in the Victorian Era. They will be having a day off time, following similar learning to children who came to Gordon 125 years ago!
	15:15	Christmas Fair	Main Hall, Infant Hall and Playground	After school, our usual Christmas fair will be on! This year has an exciting twist with visits from the revealing of our new commemorative mosaics by the mayor and mayoress, as well as a performance by the choir and lots more exciting elements to make our school fair bigger and better than ever before!

If any of these dates change, we will let you know as soon as possible and we aim to ensure our communication is as clear as possible through Parent Mail, our fortnightly newsletter and Facebook updates.

We will send further dates each term and will be adding dates for the entire school year to a calendar on the school website as soon as possible

Thank you for your continued support,

From SLT

Mrs Youseman (Head of School)

Miss Martin (Deputy Head)

Miss Bassett (Assistant Head Teacher)

Miss Langiano (Assistant Head Teacher and SENCO)