

20th December 2024

NEWSLETTER

Be the best we can be



Deputy Head's Lines

Excitement, passion, singing, dancing and jubilation. Anyway, that's enough about Newcastle's quarter final cup win on Wednesday as there has been a huge amount of going on at school this week!

It has been a wonderful week and full of festive moments - many of which will have turned into long lasting memories.

Our Reception Classes have entertained us in their class Nativities. Full of confidence and courage, the children performed superbly and were a real credit to their teachers and to you at home. The preparation of learning lines, songs and perfecting costumes all came together.

Next up was our annual Christmas Service at St Mary of Bethany Church. Children in Years 3 - 6 came together to read the Christmas Story and sing carols. I spoke to Mrs Barrett on the walk to church and she mentioned how Goldsworth children are renowned for their singing and I left understanding why. From solos and the choir to the whole school, every child sang with great energy, enthusiasm and enjoyment. Thank you to Year 4 for leading the event and of course to St Mary of Bethany for hosting.

On Thursday afternoon it was Year 1's chance to shine and showcase their singing as they delivered the story of Christmas through their own Christmas Concert. The children, full of gusto, brought the party atmosphere to the hall with their singing and dancing which entertained a crowd of approximately 200 guests!

I have heard some Premier League football managers complaining of a fixture pile up over the festive period and this could have certainly been argued by Miss Grainger and 3G as they were tasked to perform their class assembly on Thursday. I am pleased to say that they embraced the challenge and delivered a Hollywood performance. The children showcased their History learning of the Stone, Bronze & Iron Ages through humour, drama, singing and dancing. It was superb!

Christmas Parties were also in full flow this week. A great selection of food, some classic games along with music and dancing, the children absolutely loved them!

Finally, Christmas came early for the teaching staff with 21 brand new state of the art interactive boards. They look amazing but more importantly, they are enhancing the teaching and learning in each class. Thank you so much to our Friends of Goldsworth for contributing over half of the full cost; this would not have been possible without you.

On behalf of the leadership team, I want to thank our brilliant staff for their continued commitment at the end of a very long term. We are very privileged to lead such a talented and dedicated group. In addition, we want to thank you at home for the support you provide the children and staff. All of the above events are also reliant on you - from walking to church, making costumes, organising and leading parties to contributing your time and finances to the Friends of Goldsworth. We wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas break and look forward to an exciting 2025 together.

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Deputy Headteacher

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IMPORTANT NOTICES AND TERM DATES

Please ensure you have the term dates in your diary. The school will not be able to authorise any term time holidays, so please ensure you book within holiday periods.

ABSENCES: If your child is likely to be absent on any day, or part of the day, please report the absence by 8:30am

Telephone: **01483 771 321**, select option 1 for absences or email:

absences@goldsworthprimary.co.uk

You **must** provide brief details of the illness and if your child has had any vomiting or diarrhoea, please state this clearly.

Absences for Medical/Dental appointments should also be reported well in advance by emailing absences@goldsworthprimary.co.uk providing confirmation of the appointment i.e. an email/SMS/screenshot.



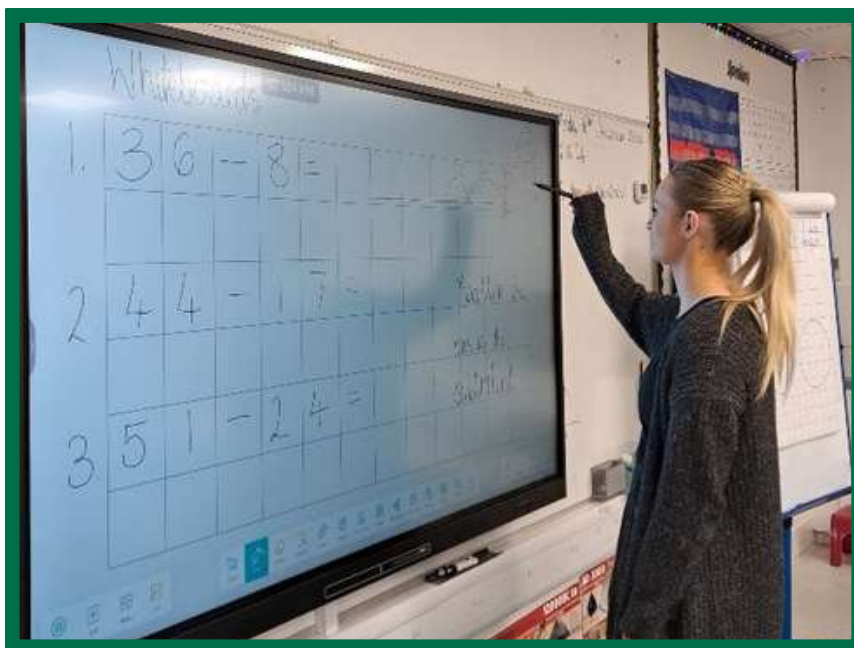
Friends of Goldsworth News



Fundraising Update

Thank you to everyone who bought vouchers for the No Adults Allowed Gift Shop earlier this month, you helped raise £350, and it was lovely seeing the children's excitement when choosing gifts for their loved ones.

We have had a great term, raising close to £5,000 since September through events such as tuck shop, the winter disco and the Christmas auction, as well as fundraising initiatives like the Christmas cards and Happy School Bags. This, and the amazing year of fundraising we had during the last academic year, has meant that we have been able to commit over £23,000 worth of funding to the school this year so far! This includes funding for new dictionaries, Lego, reading corners, dyslexia-friendly books, maths resources, repairs to the infant play equipment and a friendship bench. The Friends of Goldsworth also made a significant contribution towards the new interactive whiteboards that have caused great excitement across school! Thank you to everyone who has helped out at our events or contributed to our fundraising efforts, purchases such as these are not possible without our amazing Goldsworth community.



Important Reminder

Our Friends of Goldsworth committee members will be stepping down at the end of this academic year. As you can see, a huge amount will be lost if the Friends of Goldsworth has to close because we do not get parents stepping up to take over from the current committee. We are sure everyone will agree that our children benefit so much from the money Friends raises each year as well as having lots of fun at the events we run.

Friends of Goldsworth really contributes a lot to your child's school life, it would be really sad to see Friends close down and for all our events and fundraising efforts to stop.

If you would like to find out more about joining the committee, please get in touch via chair@friends'goldsworthprimary.co.uk or speak to Tara, Lucy, Joh or Laura if you see us around school. If you can get a group of friends together to do it with, even better! It really is incredibly rewarding and great fun.

Many thanks, and Happy Christmas!

Remember to follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/friendsofgoldsworth and Instagram www.instagram.com/friendsofgoldsworth for updates and reminders.

We also have a costume swap group on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2057262757820608>, where you can find second hand costumes for class performances, World Book Day and other school dress up days.



Weekly Reminders...

8.30 GATES OPEN (PLEASE DO NOT DROP CHILDREN OFF ANY EARLIER)

8.40 CHILDREN SHOULD BE IN CLASS FOR REGISTRATION

15.15 GATES OPEN

15.20 SCHOOL FINISHES

15.30 GATES ARE LOCKED

RECEPTION

- NO REMINDERS

YEAR 1

- NO REMINDERS

YEAR 2

- NO REMINDERS

YEAR 3

- NO REMINDERS

YEAR 4

- NO REMINDERS

YEAR 5

- NO REMINDERS

YEAR 6

- NO REMINDERS



football cards just a reminder children must leave trading cards and toys at home to keep them safe, please do not bring them into school.



Coats, lunches and water bottles Please remember to send children into school with a warm/waterproof coat, a lunch box if they have packed lunches and their water bottle.

Bikes and Scooters

A gentle reminder that children should not be riding bikes/scooters on the school ground. We kindly ask that children push their bikes/scooters once on school premises to help keep them and others safe. In addition, please note that electric scooters are not permitted on school grounds.



Earrings

Just a quick reminder that from a health and safety point of view, if a child is wearing earrings and is unable to remove them themselves they will be unable to take part in PE, swimming and any clubs, unfortunately putting tape or plasters over earrings is not a safe option.



Key dates...

Date		Event	Year Group	More Information
January 2025				
Monday 6th January		Children return to school	ALL	
Thursday 16th January		Great Fire of London workshop	Year 1	Please make payment via the Arbor app
Monday 27th - Friday 31st Jan		Bikeability (1.15pm - 2.40pm)	Year 6	
February 2025				
Friday 7th February		Egyptian wokshop	Year 4	Please make payment via the Arbor app
Tuesday 11th February		Farm Visit	Year R	Please make payment via the Arbor app
Monday 17th - Friday 21st February		HALF TERM	ALL	
Monday 24th February		INSET DAY	ALL	
Tuesday 25th February		Children return to school	ALL	
Wednesday 26th February - Friday 28th February		Year 5 Residential (Sayers Croft)	Year 5	Please make payment via the Arbor app
Friday 28th February		Year 1 Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch drama	Year 1	Please make payment via the Arbor app

Class Assemblies...

Thursday Class Assemblies (9:00-9:30)

Parents/carers are invited to attend their child/rens Class/Year Group Assemblies.

ALL up and coming dates are highlighted below.

Please note Reception have THREE performances a year, dates will be confirmed in due course.

Date	Class	Date	Class	Date	Class
17/10/2024	4HD	21/11/2024	6H	28/11/2024	6D
19/12/2024	3G	16/01/2025	6P	23/01/2024	Owls
30/01/2024	Foxes	06/02/2024	Otters	13/02/2025	4SB
13/03/2025	3H	20/03/2024	4C	03/04/2025	BATS
01/05/2025	5HF	08/05/2025	3P	22/05/2025	Badgers
05/06/2025	5G	12/06/2025	Rabbits	19/06/2025	5E
26/06/2025	The Haven				

Medication/Antibiotics and sickness...

We appreciate that many children are suffering with illnesses at this time of year and often they are easily treated with calpol, **If your child requires antibiotics regardless of having the same antibiotics previously, they must have had at least 24 hour's worth of antibiotics before they can come in to school.** This is in case of allergic reaction to the medication and to reduce the spread of infection. If in doubt, please call the office.



Illness	Recommended period to be kept away from school	Comments
Diarrhoea and/or vomiting	48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea	
Hand Foot and Mouth	None once rash has developed	High temperature, runny nose sore throat and headache
Conjunctivitis	None	
Head Lice	None	Treat whole family as soon as you spot them

Swimming...



Week commencing		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
6th January	AM	3G	3G	3G	3G
	PM	6P	6P	6P	6P
13th January	AM	3H	3H	3H	3H
	PM	6H	6H	6H	6H

What to bring for your swimming lesson



Swimming Hat



**Goggles
(optional)**



Shorts



Costume



Towel



**Spare
underwear**



Please can we remind parents earrings are not to be worn on swimming days.

School Lunches...



School Lunches

School lunches for January and February 2025 are now available to order on Arbor, with the usual 5 day order cut off in place. Please remember that meals must be paid for in advance and that payment is also made through the Arbor app or website. We are not able to accept cash as the money goes directly to Surrey County Council.

If your child's lunch account has an outstanding balance of more than £25.00 we will ask that you send your child in with a packed lunch until the account has been cleared.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the School Office.

Free School Meals

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - Your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

If you do not qualify for most benefits your child may still be eligible for free school meals. Please ask in the School Office and we will give you a form to complete so we can check.

Your child will get free school meals if they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. Please do let us know if you get any of the qualifying benefits above as we will be able to get extra funding.

Packed Lunches

Having a nutritious lunch can positively affect children's behavior in the classroom thereby making learning easier. We believe it is our joint responsibility to teach our children about healthy eating habits.

We are a NUT FREE school please ensure foods containing nuts are NOT brought into school at all, either as part of a packed lunch or snack.

Thank you for your co-operation, if you have any queries or require further information please email lunches@goldsworthprimary.co.uk.

We are all very proud of Rose (year 5) who ran 5km to raise money for Challengers. She raised a brilliant £260 and completed her run in only 25 minutes. Rose was due to take part in the Guildford Santa run but wasn't well on the day so ran the Woking adult 5km park run on Saturday for the first time instead with 252 other runners.



YEAR 3 GYMNASTICS RESULT

Rowling	129pts
Nightingale	123pts
Einstein	118pts
Attenborough	110pts



Individual Results

1.Tanya, 2.Vanja, 3.Lila, 4.Anna, 5.Freya,
6.Josephine, 7.Haroon, 8.Isabelle, 9.Nell,
10.Leon, Logan and Annabelle



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2025
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Parent helpers/DBS Checks

We have always very much appreciated parent helpers in school and could not run so many different activities without you. We encourage all parents who wish to volunteer to have a DBS check undertaken as without a DBS you cannot be left alone with the children.

It can take several weeks for a check to be completed, so if you wish to help on a particular trip/activity, please don't leave it until the last minute.

Next steps....

To request an application please email db@goldsworthprimary.co.uk

Once you have completed the google form and read all documentation attached with the application, please bring in your **3 forms ID**. The school office will take copies of your ID and the originals will be returned to you immediately.

If you declare a name change, please also provide documentation to support any name change (i.e. marriage/adoption certificate).

Once your ID has been verified by the school, the school will then set up your online application on the Strictly Education DBS portal. You will then receive an email from Strictly Education to complete the online application (please also check your spam folder).

Please note; you will need to log onto the online system using a computer, NOT a mobile or tablet device. If applicable, please ensure that you provide your middle name and full history of previous names used when completing your online application.

Once your DBS certificate is issued

When your DBS certificate is issued, the original certificate will be posted to your home address. It is a requirement that you bring the DBS certificate to the school office to allow us to update our records. You will be added to our 'Volunteers' tab on the sign in system at the school office.

You may be unable to volunteer until the school has had sight of your certificate.

Contribution for DBS application

To process your DBS application, there is a **£12.50 fee** (this is an administration charge payable to our Registered Body to process your online application). Please make payment via the School Shop section on the Arbor app.

To comply with Health and Safety regulations, you must sign in and out at the main office each time you volunteer, whether you are remaining in school or helping on a school trip. You must also wear your temporary ID badge whilst on the premises.



Penalty Notices for Unauthorised Leave of Absence have changed

New Regulations in Force from 19th August 2024

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of **£160.00, per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of **£160.00, per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to **consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child**, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.



Pick-up and drop-off times are busy outside schools. This can cause an increased safety risk to both children and parents.

Parking restrictions outside schools are there to keep you and your children safe. Parking inconsiderately can put people in danger and you also risk being fined.

Safety tips for parking outside schools

When picking up or dropping off children at schools, you should do the following:

Allow yourself plenty of time as the area is likely to be busy.

Do not park on yellow zigzag lines and avoid parking opposite them.

If you decide to park further away, [please be considerate of local residents and avoid blocking driveways or access ways.](#)

Fines

Local councils can issue motorists with penalty charge notices (PCN) for waiting, stopping, or parking on yellow zigzags if restrictions are in place. These are issued by civil enforcement officers.

Most parking or waiting fines are now enforced as a civil matter, rather than a police matter. A PCN does not result in a criminal record or points on a license if dealt with by the council.

In some areas, the local council doesn't have civil parking enforcement powers. In these areas parking is enforced by us or by police-employed traffic wardens who will issue a fixed penalty notice (FPN).

These are enforced through the criminal justice system.

Fines can vary depending on location. Stopping in a restricted area outside a school will result in a higher fine. The fee is also halved if paid within 14 days and you have 28 days to pay or challenge the fine.

Wise Owl club

This is a polite reminder that Wise Owl will be closing its doors on
Friday 20th December at the earlier time of 4.30pm.

Please ensure that your child/children are collected before this time as
there will be no members of staff left on site after this time.
All of the staff would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year!

For all other enquires on the day-to-day running of Wise Owl,
please email the manager;

Dawn Durrant

ddurrant@goldsworthprimary.co.uk

If you would like your child to go on the waiting list/interested in a space at
Wise Owl Breakfast or After-school Club, please email:

Suzanne McGiven, Office Administrator

smcgiven@goldsworthprimary.co.uk

From the Wise Owl team

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