

24th January 2025

# NEWSLETTER

*Be the best we can be*



## Deputy Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you well. I cannot believe that we are already approaching February although I was delighted to see Cadburys Crème Eggs on sale ahead of Easter!

We have had a wonderful week in school and might have to increase our budget allocation for stickers after handing out so many this week! It is always incredibly motivating and rewarding to recognise excellent effort and exceptional work.

The highlight of this week was the Owls' Class Assembly. The children took us on a journey through their recent learning and it was hard to believe just how much they have already covered so far in Year 1. Their assembly was a true representation of a typical day in class - lots of fun and lots of learning! Well done to the children and staff on a brilliant assembly and thank you to parents and carers for watching.

Another highlight this week was the children's manners. I spent part of Thursday supporting the lunch team by serving the children's pudding (a delicious looking cookie). Without fail, every child said thank you which is a real credit to them and you at home.

Mr Nower, our full time sports coach, has had a very busy week. On Monday we entered a team of Year 2 children into a friendly football tournament at Sythwood where we won 2 games out of 4. On Tuesday there was a multi-skills event for 16 of our Year 3 children and this afternoon our Year 5 & 6 girls have a football tournament. More detailed reports will appear in upcoming newsletters.

Speaking of sport, thank you for responding to our recent Google Form. Your feedback is highly valued and I will respond fully soon. In summary, we were delighted with the positive comments but have noted lots of ways to improve our current offer.

Finally, I am meeting with local residents to explore ways to help make school drop off and collection safer. In addition, there has been an increased number of complaints of families blocking neighbours in their drives when parking. The complaints have also extended to dangerous driving within the school car park. We kindly ask parents not to drive into the car park unless permission has been given. Thank you in advance for working together for a safer and calmer drop off and collection.

Thank you for your continued support and I hope you have a restful weekend.

*David Gunning*

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](mailto: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](mailto:absences@goldsworthprimary.co.uk) providing confirmation of the appointment i.e. an email/SMS/screenshot.



# 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.

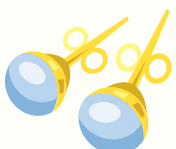
### Bikes and Scooters

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
<b>January 2025</b>			
Monday 27th - Friday 31st Jan	Bikeability (1.15pm - 2.40pm)	Year 6	Bookings have now closed
<b>February 2025</b>			
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
Thursday 13th February	Tuck Shop	ALL	Please see Friends of Goldsworth page for information
<b>Monday 17th - Friday 21st February</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>ALL</b>	
<b>Monday 24th February</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>ALL</b>	
<b>Tuesday 25th February</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>	<b>ALL</b>	
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
<b>March 2025</b>			
Friday 14th March	Year 4 Egyptians workshop all day	Year 4	Please make payment via the Arbor app
Thursday 27th March - Friday 28th March	Year 4 residential (Phasels Wood Activity Trip)	Year 4	Please make payment via the Arbor app
Friday 28th March	Happy School bags		Please see Friends of Goldsworth page for information
<b>Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April</b>	<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>	<b>ALL</b>	
<b>Tuesday 22nd April</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>	<b>ALL</b>	

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF ANY UNWANTED/GOOD CONDITION FIDGET TOYS.**



# Friends of Goldsworth News



## Friends of Goldsworth News

### Important Reminder

Our Friends of Goldsworth committee members will be taking a step back at the end of this academic year, meaning that a huge amount will be lost if we do not get parents stepping up to join the 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.

If you would like to find out more about joining the committee, or are interested in joining our events team to help run events like the school discos, uniform sales or the summer fayre, please get in touch via [chair@friends.goldsworthprimary.co.uk](mailto:chair@friends.goldsworthprimary.co.uk). Or visit our Facebook and Instagram accounts (details below) to find out more about us, what we do and why we do it. It really is incredibly rewarding and great fun, and if you can get a group of friends together to do it with, even better!

### Dates for the Diary

#### Tuck Shop – Thursday, 13th February

Tuck Shop is one of our most popular events! We ask all parents to supply cakes, cookies or fruit, then the children can visit the Tuck Shop during the school day to buy themselves some treats! The money raised goes to the Friends of Goldsworth to spend on the 'extras' that are not provided by the school's budget. If you would like to volunteer to help out at this event, even if you can only spare an hour, please register at [www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofgoldsworth](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofgoldsworth) or email [events@friends.goldsworthprimary.co.uk](mailto:events@friends.goldsworthprimary.co.uk)

#### Happy School Bags – Friday, 28th February

Your child should bring home a Happy School Bag before half term – fill this (or any other carrier bag) with any good quality clothing you no longer need, return the bag to school on the morning of 28th February and every kilogram donated raises fund for our school. The clothes are then repurposed for second hand use, instead of ending up in landfill.

### Free Parent Webinars

Parentkind, the national PTA fundraisers' charity, are running a number of free parent webinars in the next few months, including How to Talk So Kids Will Listen, Nurturing Healthy Online Behaviour, From Meltdowns to Mindfulness, and Helping Your Child Communicate Confidently. To access these webinars for free, visit <https://www.parentkind.org.uk/your-pta-expert/parent-webinars>, select the webinar you are interested in and enter our school's postcode, GU21 6NL.

Remember to follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/friendsofgoldsworth](https://www.facebook.com/friendsofgoldsworth) and Instagram [www.instagram.com/friendsofgoldsworth](https://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.

# 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
<del>17/10/2024</del>	<del>4HD</del>	<del>21/11/2024</del>	<del>6H</del>	<del>28/11/2024</del>	<del>6D</del>
<del>19/12/2024</del>	<del>3G</del>	<del>16/01/2025</del>	<del>6P</del>	<del>23/01/2024</del>	<del>6W</del>
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
27th January	AM	FREE	FREE	4HD	OWLS
	PM	Bats	Bats	Bats	Bats
3rd February	AM	FREE	FREE	FREE	5HF
	PM	Badgers	Badgers	Badgers	Badgers

## 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...



Please note that you are now able to order school lunches up to the end of this term, Friday 4 April. These must be paid for in advance and payment can be made through the Arbor app at the same time as you order lunches. We are not able to accept cash as the money goes direct 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.

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. Please talk to your children and remind them not to swap items of their lunch with each other to keep our children with allergies safe. Thank you for your co-operation, if you have any queries or require further information please email [lunches@goldsworthprimary.co.uk](mailto:lunches@goldsworthprimary.co.uk).

## 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.

Please ensure that you provide cutlery for your child to eat their packed lunch with if it is needed, school cutlery is not available to be used.

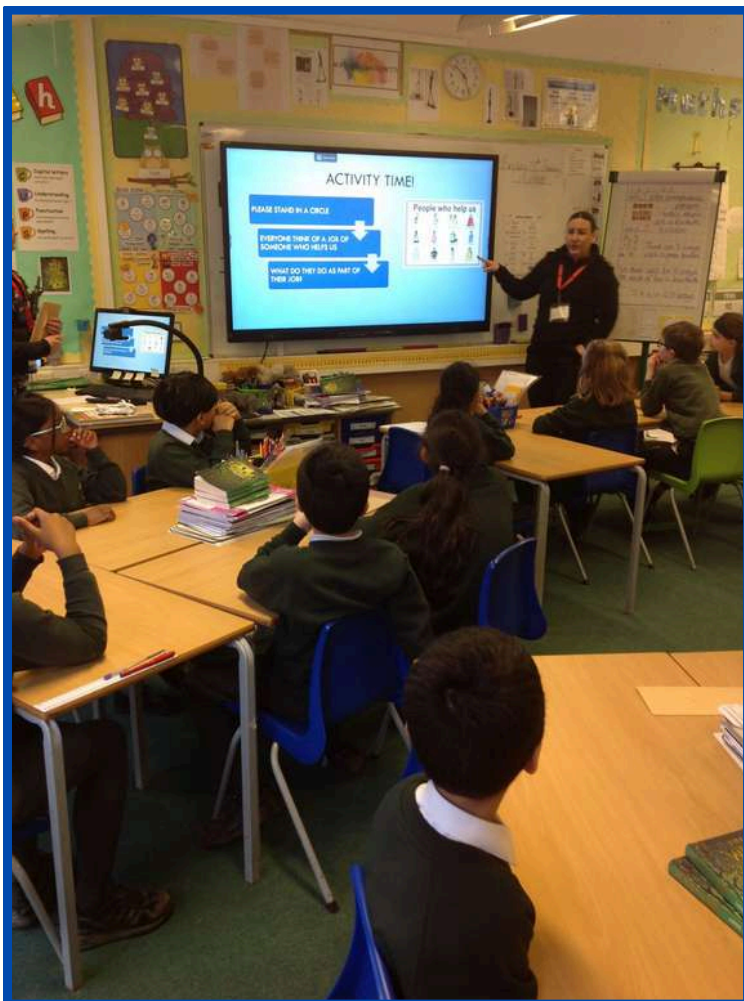
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# YEAR 4 VIST FROM SURREY POLICE

Year 4 had a visit from Surrey police on Friday 17th January. They learnt about the role of the Youth engagement officer and how they can keep children safe.

4HD were even lucky enough to try out the handcuffs. The children asked lots of questions and enjoyed the visit. They are hoping to return later in the year with a police vehicle for the children to explore.





# YEAR 2 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT @ SYTHWOOD (20.01.25)

A group of boys from Year 2 had the opportunity to play in a football tournament at Sythwood Primary School on Monday. We played four group games and then if we made it into the top two, we would progress to the quarter finals.

First game against Hermitage I think we were still warming up from the car journey so unfortunately we lost 3-0.

Second game against went a lot better as the boys were slowly figuring out their positions and the size of the pitch (very small!) and narrowly lost to Pirbright 1-0.

Now were warmed up and it showed as we won our next game 3-0! Goals from Faizal, Santino and Sam secured the three points against Westfield, passing and moving better than Newcastle (sorry Mr Gunning).

Our last group game was against Sythwood which was a narrow encounter, but Maverick working extra hard to win the ball back slotted it home to give us a 1-0 win!

Unfortunately we didn't do enough to make it through to the next round but all the boys should be really proud that they represented the school and showed respect throughout.

Special shout out to Charlie's sister Ella for being our cheerleader!

Overall a good afternoon out and thanks to all the parents and carers who came to support who made the day enjoyable for the children.

Mr Nower



# YEAR 3 MULTI SKILLS @ ST DUNSTANS (21.01.25)

On Tuesday 21st January a group of 15 Year 3 children attended a multi-skills festival at St Dunstan's Primary School. The event consisted of eight activities in a carousel format, moving from one skill to the next. Some of the sports they were tested on were netball, basketball, hockey, football and golf along with other throwing and rolling activities. They competed against other schools to get the highest score on that station, and also competed against each other as for each activity they were split into groups.

A highlight for me was on the football station where they had to spin around 10 times before they took a penalty against a goalkeeper. A lot of missing the ball and wobbly walks back followed which everyone found hilarious!

Overall a very successful afternoon with all the children representing the school perfectly and showed great respect when being shown each station.

Mr Nower





**24TH  
FEB**



# INSET DAY CAMP

**9AM - 3PM - £27**

**8AM - 9AM - £2.50**

**3PM - 5PM - £4.50**

**FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-11  
YEARS OLD**

**EARLY BIRD 10% DISCOUNT STARTS NOW!**

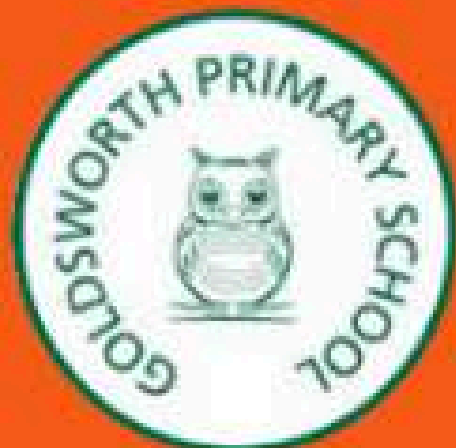
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**EXPIRES MIDNIGHT FRIDAY 31ST JANUARY**



## ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Hall Games
- Outdoor Sports
- Archery
- Arts & Crafts
- Team Competitions
- Dodgeball
- Balloon Volleyball
- Dance
- Parachute Games
- Individual Challenges



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[campain-2-group.co.uk](https://campain-2-group.co.uk)

[HTTPS://IN2SPORT.CLASSFORKIDS.IO](https://in2sport.classforkids.io)



## Spring 2025 session availability

We have sessions available for 2 year old children this Spring and some half day sessions available for 3 year old children.

We provide full day care, 50 weeks of the year for children aged 2 - 4 years.

We are open Monday to Friday from 7.30am to 6.30pm.

For further details or to request a registration pack

please email [admin@goldenowlsdaynursery.co.uk](mailto:admin@goldenowlsdaynursery.co.uk)

call **01483 728276** or pop by the nursery for a chat about your requirements.



## 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](mailto: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.



## WHAT WE CAN OFFER :-

- ★ MAGIC SHOWS ★
- ★ BALLOON TWISTING ★
- ★ ARTS & CRAFTS ★
- ★ PARTY GAMES ★
- ★ CIRCUS WORKSHOPS ★
- ★ GLITTER TATTOOS ★
- ★ TEEN & CHILDREN'S DISCO ★
- ★ BADGE MAKING ★
- ★ CREATE A BUDDY ★
- ★ SAND ART ★
- ★ DINOSAUR VISITS ★



## WHY NOT VISIT

[www.magicmikeparties.co.uk](http://www.magicmikeparties.co.uk)

Call: 07938321822



## **Wise Owl club**

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

**Dawn Durrant**

**[ddurrant@goldsworthprimary.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:smcgiven@goldsworthprimary.co.uk)**

**From the Wise Owl team**

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