

31st January 2025

NEWSLETTER

Be the best we can be



Deputy Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers,

I want to start by congratulating our Year 5 & 6 Girls' Football Team on winning their tournament last Friday afternoon. The team performed superbly but more importantly showed togetherness and determination to end as champions. This is also testament to the opportunities Mr Funnell has provided over the past 2 years and the girls' resilience to train throughout the years in all conditions.

Congratulations to Foxes Class on an excellent assembly. Mrs Kozlowski was full of praise and particularly impressed with the singing as the children communicated their learning with confidence and pride. Well done and thank you to the children and staff.

Year 2 enjoyed a glorious walk along the canal to Goldsworth Park Lake yesterday. Along the way they went over and under bridges and explored the historical features. This supported their Geography and Science lessons where the children have been learning about habitats and human/physical features. The adults and children were very grateful that the weather was kind. Thank you to the Year 2 Team for organising and to the parents for generously giving your time to support.

As per usual, there has been lots going in the classrooms. Together with our science leaders, it was a pleasure to spend time in lessons and it was clear to see how much the children love science! Lessons were rich in language, active and inspiring. Children in Year 4 were analysing human and animal skeletons while Year 4 were learning about the heart through drama!

Another highlight has been the amount of cooking this week, I have strategically placed myself in the 'right places at the right times' and have managed to persuade the children it is important for me to sample their creations! I particularly enjoyed the currant buns and the toasted marshmallows made in Forest School!

Finally, Happy Chinese New Year! It was lovely to hear about so many families celebrating and I know this has been a topic of conversation in class assemblies throughout the week.

Have a great 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

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.



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.



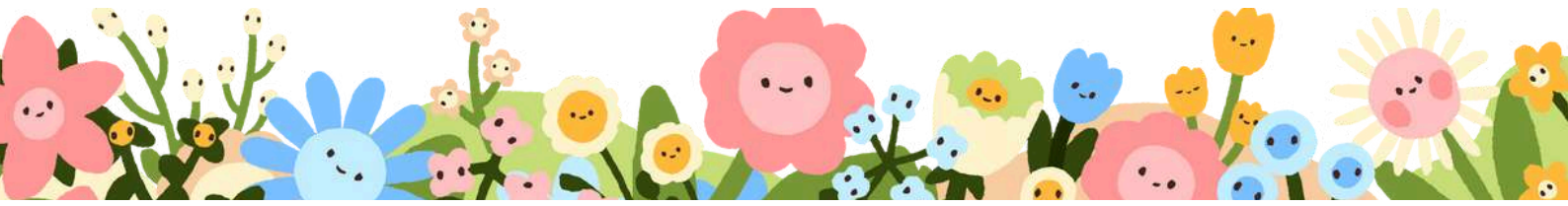
Key dates...

Date	Event	Year Group	More Information
February 2025			
Friday 7th February	Egyptian wokshop	Year 3	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
Friday 14th February	Pyjama Day	ALL	Please see further information in the newsletter
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
March 2025			
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
Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April	EASTER HOLIDAYS	ALL	
Tuesday 22nd April	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL	ALL	

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



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. 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 or email 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 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.

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	6W
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



Pyjama Day



Dear Parents and Guardians, We are pleased to announce that on:

February Friday 14th, Goldsworth Primary School

(Reception to Year 6) will be hosting a Pyjama Day in support of the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Event Details:

- **Date: 14th February**
- **Purpose: Fundraising for Make-A-Wish Foundation**
- **Donation: £1 per participant**

Permitted garments:

Pupils are invited to attend school in the following attire:

- Pyjamas
- Onesies
- Night socks
- Oodles
- Slippers
- Dressing gowns



Important Note: Students must wear appropriate footwear during lunch and break times for safety purposes.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation is a remarkable charity dedicated to granting wishes for children with terminal illnesses, providing them with hope and creating treasured memories during challenging times.

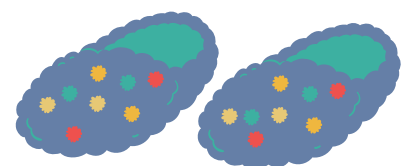
By participating, our school community will contribute to this meaningful cause.

We appreciate your support in making this event a success.

Kind regards,

Daksh and Clara

Pupil Parliament: Prime Minister and Media Minister



Swimming...



Week commencing		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
3rd February	AM	FREE	FREE	FREE	5HF
	PM	Badgers	Badgers	Badgers	Badgers
10th February	AM	FREE	FREE	Bats	Bats
	PM	Rabbits	Rabbits	Rabbits	Rabbits

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.

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 6 GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT @ ST DUNSTAN'S

This Friday a group of year 6 girls took part in a round robin style tournament at St Dunstan's. Six teams were there including us so we had five games in total.

The first game was against Barnsbury which ended up being quite a tricky start. After both team had some shots at goal, we finally broke through with "a lovely curled corner that went top bins" is how Oliwia wanted it described (she took a corner and it bounced off a defender for an own goal). The game ended 1-0 us and we had started the tournament off strong.

The second game was against St Dunstan's who we knew were going to be tough. Lots of chances for both teams again with the pitch proving difficult to control and pass the ball. In the last minute of the game, the ball opened up for Carys H to shoot but she narrowly missed the target resulting in the game finishing 0-0.

A solid start for the girls who were starting to become a bit cold (especially Immy in goal!).

Our third game was against Beaufort and unfortunately we came away second best losing 2-0. A good solo goal and a long throw in (that narrowly missed Carys T's head!) proved the difference meaning we had 4 points from 3 games.

The next two games the girls knew were important so everyone was high in confidence.

Our penultimate game was against New Haw and instantly the girls started pressing and tackling high up the pitch. As a result, Ava won the ball back who set up Carys H for a lovely composed finish. We then scored our second goal of the game through left-footed shot from Ava. We got a bit comfortable at the end so conceded a goal but we came through as 2-1 winners.

Our last game of the tournament was against St Johns and once again we started quickly. Leila won the ball back, laid it off to Carys H who slotted it home. Another composed finish from Ava made it 2-0 to Goldsworth. Another win and the girls had huge smiles on their faces as they came off the pitch.

It was results time and we weren't 6th. We weren't 5th. We weren't 4th. We weren't 3rd and we weren't second so Goldsworth had won the tournament!! A massive ten points with the next best team achieving seven showed how well the girls had done.

Well done to all the girls who played and I look forward to the next one!

Mr Nower



YEAR 5 AND 6 SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS @ GUILFORD SPECTRUM

Last Wednesday, we took 22 children to the Indoor Athletics event over at Guilford Spectrum. It was a very successful event with 10 schools participating in our morning session. Everyone did brilliantly and put in 100% effort into everything they did. Shout out to Zac who must have thought he was at a Woking FC game as he supported and lifted the team with some football-style chants!

We were very strong in the running with both the boys and girls winning the over-under relays and finishing high up in the 1+1 and 2+2 relays. Everyone had at least one field event to complete and competed near the top end. We performed very well on the standing long jump and triple jump, speed bounce and vertical jump. Towards the end was the javelin where everyone lined up and threw at the same time. Mr Nower said to Ed if he could throw it past the measuring tape he could receive 10 house points. Ed threw...(Mr Nower was incredibly nervous whilst it was in the air!)...and it landed just short! The house points were safe and Mr Nower breathed a huge sigh of relief. With that throw, Ed won the round.

Then it came to the results...

They started at 10th place. It wasn't us. They kept going through the numbers and we weren't being mentioned. We had made it into the top 5 and we were happy with this. Then there were three schools left. Us, St Dunstan's and Barnsbury. In 3rd place was...St Dunstan's. We were in the top 2! The whole place fell silent and all the children were eagerly waiting..."2nd place goes to...Goldsworth". We had achieved an amazing 2nd place, an amazing result showing just how well they did in their events.

The final scores were:

1. Barnsbury – 434 pts
2. Goldsworth – 364 pts
3. St Dunstan's – 350 pts

Overall, everyone represented the school really well and they should be proud of how they did! Thanks to Mrs Cockin for helping sort the teams and practices, helped make the day run that bit smoother!

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!

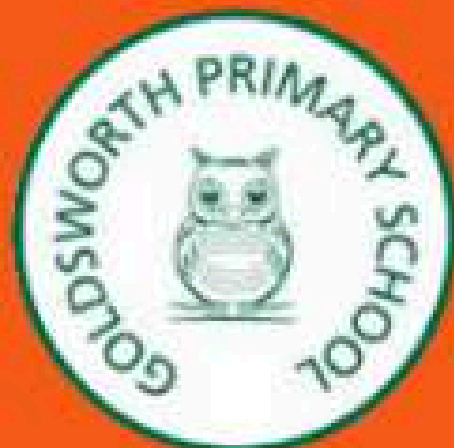
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EXPIRES MIDNIGHT FRIDAY 31ST JANUARY



ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

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



 Goldsworth Primary School

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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

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 dbb@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

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

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

wiseowl@goldsworthprimary.co.uk



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