

7th February 2025

NEWSLETTER

Be the best we can be



Deputy Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another exciting week at school as we edge closer to half term. As I am writing this newsletter, Mr Nower is busy preparing for this morning's half termly 'Sports Personality Awards' and the Year 3 Team are setting up for their Egyptian Workshop!

Thank you and well done to the Otters children and staff for their class assembly - it felt more like a Broadway Musical with so much fabulous singing and dancing. It gave us all a very uplifting and entertaining start to Thursday and the children communicated their learning with as much enthusiasm as they complete their work in class!

On Wednesday we welcomed headteachers from our partner schools to work alongside us to review teaching and learning within the school. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and Our favourite comment of the day was when one of the children said, "The best thing about Goldsworth is the love we show to each other!!"

As always, there have been lots of sporting events with an inter-house gymnastics competition and on Thursday, Mr Nower took a group of 10 year 5 children to an orienteering event at Royal Holloway University!

A reminder that in addition to our Tuesday Club, we have added another 'Coding Club' starting on Thursdays after half term. The club is open to children in Years 3-6 and bookings are open on Arbor. Also, NT Sports are hosting a half term camp at Goldsworth and Mr Nower is leading an Inset Day Camp on Monday 24th February.

Finally, with Newcastle reaching the Cup Final this week, I have set the children a homework challenge of finding me a ticket for Wembley! Rewards will include unlimited house points and extra pudding at lunchtimes!

Have a great weekend!

David Gunning

Deputy Headteacher

dgunning@goldsworthprimary.co.uk

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			
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
Friday 28th February	Happy School bags	ALL	Please see Friends of Goldsworth page for information
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
April 2025			
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 – next week!

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.

On the day, children will need to bring: 50p in a named purse or envelope Six to twelve cakes or cookies (shop bought or home baked), or six pieces of portioned fruit.

These should be dropped off before school at the tables set up between years 1 and 2 (or outside the Qube, near the swimming pool, if it is raining). Cakes should be nut free (so no coconut toppings or almond paste). Children with allergies should bring two cakes and one fruit portion in a clearly named, sealed container stating the allergy and give this to their teacher.

We are currently short of volunteers for this event, so if you can spare some time on Thursday morning, even if it's only for half 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

School Lunches...



School lunches are now available for you to order up to the end of this term, Friday 4 April. Please note that lunches should 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.

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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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.



Pyjama Day



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

Friday 14th February, 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.

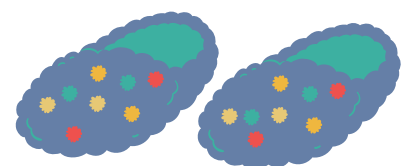
By participating, our school community will contribute to this meaningful cause.

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
10th February	AM	FREE	FREE	Bats	Bats
	PM	Rabbits	Rabbits	Rabbits	Rabbits
24th February	AM	INSET DAY	FREE	4HD	4HD
	PM	INSET DAY	4HD	FREE	5G

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.

Goldsworth Park Easter Crashcourse!



£80.00
(group)
£195.00
(121)



Monday 7th April - Friday 11th April



Goldsworth Park School , GU21 6NL



Suitable for ages 3Yrs+



5 x 30 minute lessons (held between 10:00am-12:30pm)



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YEAR 6 ORIENTEERING @ HOE BRIDGE

This Wednesday saw 8 Year 6 children attend an orienteering event at Hoe Bridge School. They were tasked with navigating the school grounds and finding 17 different checkpoints and marking them off.

We had two teams: Team 1 (Austen, Daksh, Eisa and Angela) and Team 2 (Joseph, Olivia, Jessica and Lily). Team one received bibs, and it was then that we witnessed our school's Prime Minister unable to put his bib on! When he eventually put it on, it was inside out! Definitely a highlight for me.

Both teams set off in opposite directions and Eisa within the first 10 meters managed to fall over and lose his shoe! Another highlight for me. I wandered round to keep an eye on their progress, and when I asked them how they were doing, they all said "my feet are soaking wet!".

They called all the schools in to check how each group had done. Team 1 versus Team 2 - who had done better? Team 2 got 13 checkpoints but Team 2 just edged them out with 14!

Well done to all of the children who represented the school and the very polite bus drivers who took us to and from the event.

Mr Nower



YEAR 5 SPRING FESTIVAL @ ROYAL HOLLOWAY UNIVERSITY

On Thursday we took a group of year 5's to attend a multi-skills festival to try out different sports and play in some competitive games and activities against other schools. We travelled by coach to Royal Holloway University in Egham where we used their state of the art football pitches, netball courts and sportshall to complete the different sports. They tried a total of five sports; rugby, football, netball, basketball and cheerleading!

We had rugby first up where they did some passing drills and then to finish they had a tackle bag which they had to run into and knock over. Once they had all completed it, they turned round to me and starting chanting "Mr Nower! Mr Nower!" trying to get me to have a go. I gave into the pressure and had a go much to their amusement!

Second was basketball which everyone enjoyed. We did some passing, dribbling and then a shooting game against another school. Third was cheerleading which was a lot of fun! Two cheerleading students showed them a routine and then helped them through a series of balances and lifts. Everyone got stuck in and seemed to really enjoy it!

Fourth was netball where we played a team shooting game and then into games. The hoops were adult size which made shooting slightly difficult! Finally we played some football out on their 3G astro. They took part in some shooting drills which ended in us versus Barnsbury in a 20 person game!

We then came back on the coach where it was significantly quieter due to everyone being so tired from a full day of activities!

Overall it was such a great day out, weather was good and it was well run. Hopefully we can go more events like this in the future!

Mr Nower



YEAR 4 VAULT RESULT

Einstein 205pts

Attenborough 205pts

Rowling 131pts

Nightingale 186pts

Individual Results

- 1. Zara**
- 2. Aleena**
- 3. Ella**
- 4. Jessica & Eva**
- 5. Mikayla**
- 7. Alicia & Claudia**
- 8. Olivia**
- 9. Peony**
- 10. Ela**
- 11. Darcie & Lily**
- 13. Mikey**



FREE BASKETBALL OPPORTUNITY

28TH FEB - 4TH APRIL

Year 5-8 Girls are invited to the following event:

Event Details

Event: FREE Girls Basketball Session Y5-8

Date & Time: Series: 28/02/2025 - 02/05/2025

Closing Date for sign-up, modifications or removal:

Friday, 2 May 2025 20:00

Type: Youth Training; Youth Session

Venue: Woking College

Click here to sign up now!

Participants

Signing Up Required: Yes

Eligible Participants: Everyone welcome

Sign-up closes at Friday, 2 May 2025 20:00

Min. Attendees: n/a; Max. Attendees: 20

A FREE basketball taster session for 8 weeks introducing external club members to basketball! Running Friday nights 6:30-8pm at Woking College. 28th February to 4th April, with 25th April and 2nd May after the Easter break

Aiming to improve basketball skills but also encourage young females into sociable, friendly and supportive sporting environments.

Open to all Year 5 to 8 external girls, we are open to those in Y4 as well! We encourage so many to try out and join our growing and successful girls program.

[Click here to sign up now!](#)

wokingblackhawksbb@gmail.com



MULTIPLICATION PARENT WORKSHOP

**LEARN HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH
MULTIPLICATION, AS THEY PROGRESS
THROUGH THE SCHOOL**

**PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN
YEARS 1-6**

MONDAY 31ST MARCH

MORNING SESSION: 9AM

EVENING SESSION: 6PM





INSET DAY CAMP

**24TH
FEB**

9AM - 3PM - £27
8AM - 9AM - £2.50
3PM - 5PM - £4.50

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



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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

Woking, GU21 6NL

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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 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

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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