

14th February 2025

# NEWSLETTER

*Be the best we can be*



## Deputy Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful week at school to end an action-packed half term full of events, workshops, trips, sporting fixtures and much more. I joined Year 6 as they made their own 'Buzz Wire' games. Despite being absolutely rubbish myself, I was blown away by their creations and it reflected learning at Goldsworth so well: active, creative and inspiring.

It is no different in Year R and after some initial difficulty getting the animal-filled trailer up the muddy ramp to the infant field, Reception children were very lucky to get a visit from Mill Farm Cottage this week. The children (and staff) were very excited to meet the different animals, especially the lambs that were just one week old. Farmer Tom shared lots of fun facts about each of the animals and the children got stuck in with the farmyard jobs. The infant field hasn't yet recovered from Peppa and George (the cheeky little piglets!).

4SB's assembly was a delightful start to our Thursday, jam-packed with all that they have learnt this half term. They entertained us with their gymnastics skills, told us about their science topic about bones, explained about fractions, sang to us, left us on us on a cliff hanger with their suspense story and impressed with their violin playing. Well done and thank you to the children and staff.

Finally, we ended half term in our pyjama's and I want to say a huge thank you to our Pupil Parliament Team for organising and helping raise lots of money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

We hope you and your children enjoy a restful and well-earned break over half term and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 25th February.

*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

- PLEASE CAN RECEPTION HAVE SOME DONATIONS OF TISSUES FOR THE CLASSROOMS - THANK YOU!

## YEAR 1

- PLEASE CAN YEAR 1 HAVE SOME DONATIONS OF TISSUES FOR THE CLASSROOMS - THANK YOU!
- WE HAVE 'THE LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER'S LUNCH' WORKSHOP IN SCHOOL AFTER HALF TERM. PLEASE PAY FOR THE WORKSHOP ON ARBOR.

## 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

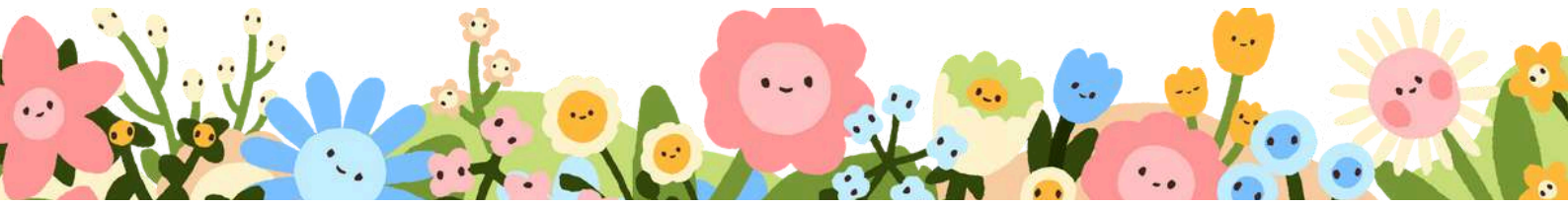
Just a quick reminder that from a health and safety point of view, if a child is wearing earrings and is unable to remove them themselves they will be unable to take part in PE, swimming and any clubs, unfortunately putting tape or plasters over earrings is not a safe option.



# Key dates...

Date		Event	Year Group	More Information
<b>February 2025</b>				
<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
Thursday 27th February		Year 2 and Year 3 Rocks and Fossils workshop	Year 2 & 3	Please make payment via the Arbor app
Wednesday 26th 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
<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
<b>April 2025</b>				
Tuesday 1st April		Rocksteady Concert	Children who attend Rocksteady	More details to follow
<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>	
Wednesday 23rd April		Year 1 Fairytale Dress Up Day	Year 1	More details to follow
<b>May 2025</b>				
w/c Monday 12th May		SATS Week	Year 6	

# 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!

## Thank you

Thank you for all your generous donations of cakes, cookies and fruit for Tuck Shop yesterday, and thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who gave up their time to help out. It's always such a popular, happy event and yesterday was no exception. We will update you with the money raised after half term.

## Dates for the Diary

### 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.

Keep Updated 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.

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>Owls</del>
<del>30/01/2024</del>	<del>Foxes</del>	<del>06/02/2024</del>	<del>Otters</del>	<del>13/02/2025</del>	<del>4SB</del>
<b>13/03/2025</b>	<b>3H</b>	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				



# Do I need to keep my child off school?

<b>Chicken Pox</b>	<b>Conjunctivitis</b>	<b>Diarrhoea &amp; Vomiting</b>	<b>Glandular Fever</b>	<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b>	<b>Impetigo</b>
Until all spots have crusted over	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	48 hours from last episode	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
<b>Measles or German Measles</b>	<b>Mumps</b>	<b>Scabies</b>	<b>Scarlet Fever</b>	<b>Slapped Cheek</b>	<b>Whooping Cough</b>
4 days from onset of rash	5 days from onset of swelling	Until after 1st treatment	24 hours after commencing antibiotics	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
	<b>Flu</b>	<b>Head Lice</b>	<b>Threadworms</b>	<b>Tonsillitis</b>	
	Until recovered	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	

There is a link to other languages to that the office can share with parent/carers where English is not their first language <https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/publications/do-i-need-keep-my-child-school-english-and-translations>

## 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.

We are offering a “World Reading Day Menu” on Thursday 6 March – Jumbo Hotdog with waffle fries, BBQ beans, fried onions and homemade ketchup (Red Option) or Vegan Hotdog with waffle fries, BBQ beans, fried onions and homemade ketchup (Green Option). If your child would like to have this special lunch please order either the Red or Green option on Arbor for that day, the Yellow and Blue Options will not be available and if you order these your child will be given the Green option.

Please remember 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.

## Packed Lunches

Having a nutritious lunch can positively affect children’s behaviour 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.

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 remind your children 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 concerns or questions 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.

# Swimming...



Week commencing		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
24th February	AM	<b>INSET DAY</b>	FREE	4HD	4HD
	PM	<b>INSET DAY</b>	4HD	FREE	5G
31st February	AM	4HD	4HD	4HD	4HD
	PM	FOXES	FOXES	FOXES	FOXES

## 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.





On Friday 7th February, the Year 3 children enjoyed a very interactive Ancient Egyptian workshop where they had the opportunity to show off their awesome costumes, handle real life artefacts and learn more about the process of mummification. Thank you to everyone involved!





# YEAR 6 HOUSE VAULT RESULTS

**Einstein** 183pts

**Nightingale** 139pts

**Attenborough** 131pts

**Rowling** 126pts

## Individual Results

1. Alice 2. Matthew 3. Charlotte & Imogen

4. Lily & Kamran

5. Carys T, Katie C & Olivia Z

6. Hannah, Isaac, Summer, Zoe

Oliwia, Eva, Carys H, Mira

Sam, Zaeem & Elisabeth





# Goldsworth Park Easter Crashcourse!



**£80.00**  
**(group)**  
**£195.00**  
**(121)**



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# **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**







# **Rugged earth adventures Fun Camp Day**

**Feb 1/2 Term**

**Plus MONDAY 24th Feb**

**Drop off from 09.00 - pick up 15.30**

**Nerf fun - laser tag - bushcraft archery & axes - campfire  
cooking - marshmallows  
team building games - Arts and crafts  
and much more.**

**Book online**

**[ruggedearthadventures.co.uk](http://ruggedearthadventures.co.uk) T: 07460 333050**

**Sutton Green Garden Centre GU4 7QB**

**Rugged Earth will donate a portion of the proceeds  
from the inset day camp to the Friends of  
Goldsworth!**



# **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**



# 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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# LES567

**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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## 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.

## 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**

[wiseowl@goldsworthprimary.co.uk](mailto:wiseowl@goldsworthprimary.co.uk)



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