

28th February 2025

NEWSLETTER

Be the best we can be



Deputy Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have returned refreshed and full of energy as we kicked off the second half term of 2025.

Firstly, it was wonderful to see so many children representing the guides, brownies, scouts, cubs and beavers on Tuesday in recognition of World Thinking Day.

We started the week by introducing our half termly value of hope & ambition and the staff and children were given time to reflect and share their own hopes and ambitions for the half term ahead.

Year 5 are having a fantastic time at Sayer's Croft on their residential. Miss Baird and Mrs Knight sent me some photos of the beautiful scenery and the weather has been very kind. The children have represented Goldsworth superbly by being kind, resilient and making the most of every activity on offer. A more detailed report will follow and I know you will join me in thanking the staffing team for generously giving up their evenings, families and homes for the week to facilitate such a memorable trip.

On Thursday afternoon, Year 2 children were invited to bring in their bikes and scooters as they embarked on their learning about transport. Even with a few minor collisions and bumps, the children had an amazing time and are full of excitement for their learning ahead.

As always there was a buzz of learning throughout the rest of the school. A Year 2 Drama Workshop, golf, gymnastics, dance (1970's disco dancing as described by Miss Hurst!) and I even took part in Year 4's science investigation. The children were exploring the relationship between someone's height and the distance they could jump. I obviously did not jump as far as my height would suggest as the children kindly justified my poor performance with excuses such as: I was wearing a suit, no trainers and did not warm up!

Finally, it was great to welcome so many parents into school to look at the children's learning and celebrate their attainment and progress. Thank you for making the time to come in.

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to celebrating World Book Week with the children next week!

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Deputy Headteacher

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IMPORTANT NOTICES AND TERM DATES

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

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

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

absences@goldsworthprimary.co.uk

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

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



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

YEAR 1

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
March 2025			
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day and Book Fair week	All	
Friday 14th March	Year 4 Egyptians workshop all day	Year 4	Please make payment via the Arbor app
Monday 17th March - Tuesday 18th March	Bikeability	Year 4	
Thursday 27th March - Friday 28th March	Year 4 Residential (Phasels Wood Activity Trip)	Year 4	Please make payment via the Arbor app
April 2025			
Tuesday 1st April	Rocksteady Concert	Children who attend Rocksteady	More details to follow
Thursday 3rd April	Inclusion Workshop 08.45 - 9.15	All	Parents invited
Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April	EASTER HOLIDAYS	ALL	
Tuesday 22nd April	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL	ALL	
Wednesday 23rd April	Year 1 Fairytale Dress Up Day	Year 1	More details to follow
May 2025			
w/c Monday 12th May	SATS Week	Year 6	

TAEKWONDO, JUDO OR KARATE

We are looking to add taekwondo, judo or karate to our compliment of after school clubs. If you are able to recommend a provider.

Please email David Gunning
dgunning@goldsworthprimary.co.uk



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 (which works with the school to decide what events will be run and how the money raised will be spent), 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!

Fundraising

Tuck Shop

Thank you for all your generous donations of cakes, cookies and fruit for Tuck Shop before half term, and thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who gave up their time to help out. **You helped us raise £381.91!**



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.



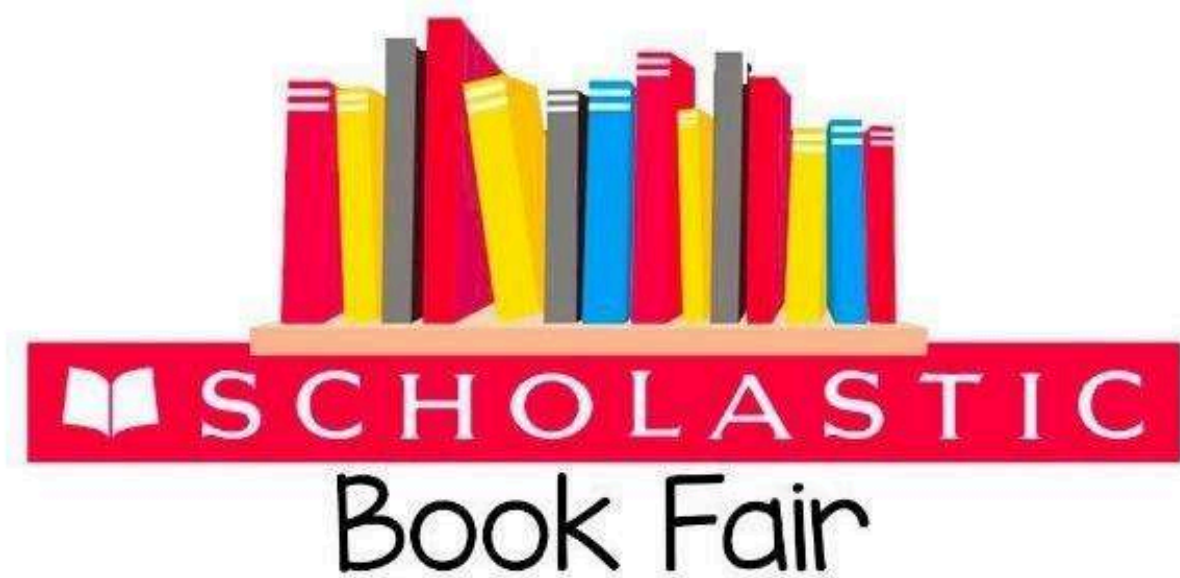
Goldsworth's Book Week Celebrations!

Next week, we will be celebrating World Book Day, enjoying a number of fun activities aimed at promoting reading (and the pleasure taken from it).

The date is Thursday - 06.03.2025 – and the theme this year is Read Your Way; we kicked things off before half term, asking children to complete Reading Rivers highlighting all the different ways they access reading outside of school.

During the week, children can expect:

- An assembly led by an Olympian author, sharing their new book (and Gold medal!).
- A world book day assembly, led by the Reading Team.
- Potato Parade – a chance for children to share the creative costuming of their book-character spuds.
- Visits to the Scholastic Book Fair (see overleaf)
- A reading treasure-hunt homework (see below!)
- The Building of a Whole School Story
- Pyjama dress-up on World Book Day (06.03.2024)
- Bed Time reading → children sign up for a book read by a mystery teacher.



SCHOLASTIC Book Fair

Next week, Goldsworth will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair, as part of our celebration of **World Book Day**.

We warmly welcome parents to visit the book fair with their children on Tuesday and Thursday, to pick up some wonderful reads.

Payment options are available: we welcome both cash and card (we have access to the Zettle app' to enable card payments). You can also purchase a pre-paid gift card to use at the fair, from the [scholastic website](https://www.scholastic.co.uk).

Please note the Book Fair will be held Tuesday and Thursday only, as it will be collected early on Friday after school.

Should your preferred text not be available on the day, fear not! We will complete an 'additional orders' form with you to be sent back at the end of the week. We expect those texts to arrive shortly after this.

Tuesday	Thursday
1520-1600	1520-1600



Class Assemblies...

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

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

ALL up and coming dates are highlighted below.

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

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

Do I need to keep my child off school?

Chicken Pox	Conjunctivitis	Diarrhoea & Vomiting	Glandular Fever	Hand, foot & mouth	Impetigo
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
Measles or German Measles	Mumps	Scabies	Scarlet Fever	Slapped Cheek	Whooping Cough
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
	Flu	Head Lice	Threadworms	Tonsillitis	
	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	

Please see link to other languages

<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.

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
3rd March	AM	4HD	4HD	4HD	4HD
	PM	FOXES	FOXES	FOXES	FOXES
10th March	AM	4C	4C	4C	4C
	PM	OTTERS	OTTERS	OTTERS	OTTERS

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.

ROSE TOOK PART IN THE SOUTH EAST ENGLAND INDOOR ATHLETICS

ON 16 FEBRUARY ROSE TOOK PART IN THE SOUTH EAST ENGLAND INDOOR ATHLETICS SPORTSHALL REGIONAL FINAL.

AS A MEMBER OF THE SURREY COUNTY UNDER 11 SQUAD, ROSE COMPETED IN THE HURDLES RELAY AND THE VERTICAL JUMP. SURREY GIRLS WON THE COMPETITION, TAKING HOME A GOLD MEDAL. THANKS TO MRS COCKIN FOR NURTURING ROSE'S INTEREST IN ATHLETICS AT SCHOOL.



ROSE

INCREDIBLE

WORLD RECORD!

The following year 6 children (Matthew, Kammy, Poppy, Arnav, Sam, Yaazhini, Summer, Mira and Eshaal) created an extremely long maths cube line consisting of 458 cubes during wet play this week. The cube line went across the whole of the 6P classroom and out of the door! They used a variety of colours and it took their whole lunch time to complete. They could have made it longer but they had run out of cubes.

The 6P children set a World Record as nobody had ever attempted it before - they were resilient enough to complete it and they did.





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

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