

7th March 2025

NEWSLETTER

Be the best we can be



Deputy Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very exciting week at school with so much to report.

Firstly, I want to wish our families and staff a peaceful and fulfilling Ramadan. Ramadan is a sacred month of reflection, gratitude, and generosity. It is also a time of fasting, prayer, and acts of kindness, fostering a spirit of compassion and unity. We will be taking this opportunity in school to learn more about Ramadan and appreciate the diverse traditions that make Goldsworth such a rich and inclusive school.

World Book Week has been a huge success at school and the children have loved the additional activities, competitions and assemblies. We hope it has inspired them to love reading even more. It was a particular pleasure seeing how excited the children were yesterday dressed in the pyjamas with their creative potatoes. The standard was exceptional and we appreciate the time and effort making the initiative such a success. Thank you to Miss Pether for leading the week so brilliantly and to all of the staff for going over and above to facilitate the book fair and other additional activities.

Mr Nower and Mrs Cockin have been particularly busy with an athletics and cross country event earlier in the week. Full reports will follow in upcoming newsletters but the children did superbly.

The only complaint is that the children are causing extra work for us as they have made it through to the next round of the athletics! Well done to them and thank you to the staff organising and parents helping with transport.

It was a late night for our choir last night as they performed at Dorking Halls. I have not yet heard a full update but I do know how well prepared and excited the children were. Again, these events would not take place without the staff and parent support and an extra big thank you must go to Miss Chapman for leading the event.

Finally, you may have noticed I was joined by representatives from the police and Woking Council on the school gates yesterday. The team were completing a report to provide recommendations for a safer drop off and collection. I look forward to sharing their report and continue to ask that we consider both the safety of families when parking and be respectful to our neighbours.

I hope you and your children enjoy a very well deserved rest this weekend ahead of 'Science Week' which kicks off on Monday.

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

YEAR 1

- NO REMINDERS

YEAR 2

- NO REMINDERS

YEAR 3

- NO REMINDERS

YEAR 4

- 4C - SWIMMING NEXT WEEK. PLEASE ENSURE CHILDREN HAVE THEIR SWIMMING KIT WITH THEM MONDAY - THURSDAY. THEY ARE WELCOME TO BRING A SNACK WITH THEM TO EAT. WE WILL ONLY HAVE PE ON THURSDAY OF THIS WEEK SO PLEASE ENSURE THEY HAVE THEIR PE KIT ON THIS DAY.
- ALL OF YEAR 4 - WE HAVE OUR ANCIENT EGYPT WORKSHOP NEXT FRIDAY! CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO WEAR A COSTUME ON THIS DAY IF THEY WISH TO. PLEASE ENSURE THEY HAVE SENSIBLE SHOES FOR BREAK AND LUNCH TIME. PLEASE MAKE PAYMENT FOR THE WORKSHOP VIA THE ARBOR APP.

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

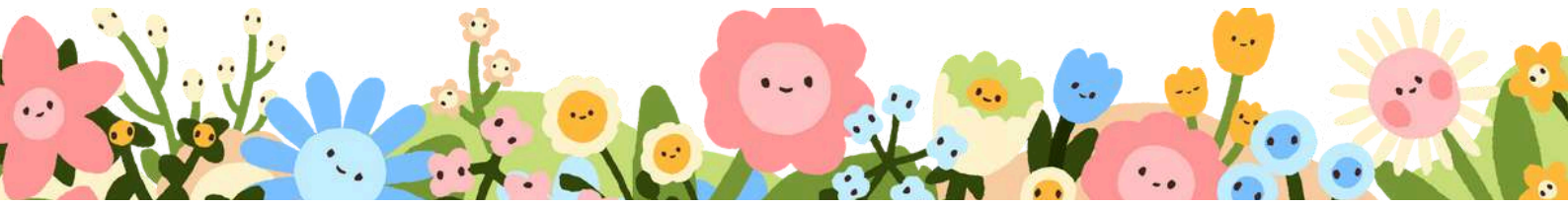
Just a quick reminder that from a health and safety point of view, if a child is wearing earrings and is unable to remove them themselves they will be unable to take part in PE, swimming and any clubs, unfortunately putting tape or plasters over earrings is not a safe option.



Key dates...

Date		Event	Year Group	More Information
March 2025				
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 20th March		Rocksteady Concert @ 14.30	Children who attend Rocksteady	
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		Reception Mother's Day performance at 2.45 infant playground	Year R	Mothers/Grandmothers to attend
April 2025				
Tuesday 1st April		Rocksteady Concert	Children who attend Rocksteady	
Thursday 3rd April		Inclusion Workshop 08.45 - 9.15	ALL	Parents invited
Thursday 3rd April		Easter Service @Church (Approximately 9:30am)	KS2 ONLY	
Friday 4th April		End of Term - Finish @ 1.15pm	ALL	
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 - Thursday 15th May		SATS Week	Year 6	
Monday 19th May		Trip to Wisley	Year 3	Please make payment via the Arbor app
Tuesday 20th May		Hampton Court Palace	Year 5	Please make payment via the Arbor app
Friday 23rd May		Roman workshop	Year 3	

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 - Happy School Bags

Thank you to everyone who dropped off a Happy School Bag last Friday, you helped us raise **£180.45** for our school, as well as helping to repurpose your clothing donations for second-hand use and saving them from 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	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.

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	4C	4C	4C	4C
	PM	OTTERS	OTTERS	OTTERS	OTTERS
17th March	AM	3H	3H	3H	3H
	PM	OWLS	OWLS	OWLS	OWLS

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 School 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)



Guaranteed Progression with Experienced Instructors



End of Course Assesment & Certificate

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2025

SPARTA CUP
16-20 APRIL 2025
IGUALADA, BARCELONA, SPAIN



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SKATERS

MIGUEL FOURIE



Congratulations to Miguel who has made the Great British team for Roller Hockey.

Miguel started playing ice hockey and roller hockey at 4 years old and his hard work and dedication has helped him to progress and be recognised at a National level.

I know you will join me in congratulating Miguel and wishing him and his team mates the best of luck in the Sparta Cup!



2025

YEAR 3/4 INDOOR ATHLETICS

On Tuesday we took 21 Year 4's to the indoor athletics at Guildford Spectrum. We participated in the afternoon session along with 11 other schools. It followed the same format as the Year 5 and 6 athletics, with events such the team relay, 1 lap and 2 lap sprints, hurdles, standing long jump, chest push and many more. Everyone tried their absolute best in all of the events, with some of the parents commenting how well they thought everyone did and how they worked as a team throughout the entire afternoon.

The results are yet to be published so we are waiting with anticipation as to where we will place. I am optimistic of a good result so we will have to wait and see where we have come.

A big thanks goes to Mrs Cockin for her help in getting the children ready for the event as the practice definitely showed on the day.

Once again, all the children showed exemplary behaviour and represented the school perfectly.

Mr Nower



YEAR 5/6 CROSS COUNTRY

On Monday I took 10 children to a cross country event at Hoe Bridge School. It was a successful afternoon with over 160 children across both races!

They ran a 1.3km route, which took them around the school grounds, through very muddy fields (many children lost their shoe!) and up to the finishing area next to the spectators. They completed two laps of this course to make it a total of 2.6km, more than most had ran before in one go!

Girls went first much to their disappointment but they all ran amazing races and all finished! Rose was our highest placed girl with 16th place but the overall result was determined by adding all of the places together (e.g. 16+23+33 etc).

Boys went second, now knowing how muddy it was thanks to the girl's advice. Both Matty and Sam got tripped over at the start but that didn't stop them from completing the race! Credit to both of them as they could have easily given up but they hobbled round and both finished the race! Our highest placed boy was Zac with 12th, almost overtaken at the end by Jake (14th) which made for an exciting last sprint!

As you can see by the picture, there were any red faces and tired legs but they all did amazingly well. Both groups cheered each other on as they went round the route which was great to see, and they all represented the school perfectly.

Mr Nower





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.

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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