

28th March 2025

NEWSLETTER

Be the best we can be



Deputy Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a super week at school with lots to report home!

I want to start by rewinding to last Friday night and say a huge congratulations to our incredible performers and technical crew who shone on stage at Dance Live at G Live Theatre! Their energy, talent, and dedication were truly amazing and we could not be prouder. Coming 2nd is a fantastic achievement and (despite the additional workload caused!!) we are thrilled that they will now compete in the finals in Portsmouth at the end of April! A massive and heartfelt thank you to Miss Grahamslaw for her inspiring leadership and thank you to all of the staff who supported throughout rehearsals, on the evening, and behind the scenes. A special shoutout must also go to our brilliant technical team, who worked tirelessly during lunchtime sessions to help bring the production to life.

Next, we say goodbye and good luck to our five ducklings today as they waddle off to their new adventures! It has been a joy to watch them hatch and grow over the past two weeks in Reception Class and we hope they have a quacking good time in their new home! A big thank you to the staff and children who cared for them and to Mrs Cross for her top-notch babysitting of the ducklings last weekend!

Yesterday, Year 5 delivered a tremendous assembly all about their time at Sayers Croft and what they did at school. It was an assembly packed full of fun and memories and Miss Baird could not have spoken more highly about it. The children spoke with confidence, smiled throughout, sang incredibly and most of all, they clearly enjoyed sharing their experiences with us all. Well done to Year 5 and I've heard that the adults all loved your Sayers Croft song.

Speaking of residential, I am composing this email at Phasel's Wood where the Year 4 children are having an amazing and adventurous time. Scavenger hunts, shelter building, fire lighting and talent shows filled yesterday and we are looking forward to another action-packed day today. I know you will join me in thanking the staff who have given up their time to attend and to all of the staff who have helped prepare and organise the trip.

We look forward to another exciting week to end the term and remind you that school finishes at 1.15pm on Friday 4th April for the Easter break.

Eid Mubarak to all our children and families, Have a great weekend.

David Gunning

Deputy Headteacher

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IMPORTANT NOTICES AND TERM DATES

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

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

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

absences@goldsworthprimary.co.uk

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

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



Weekly Reminders...

8.30 GATES OPEN (PLEASE DO NOT DROP CHILDREN OFF ANY EARLIER)

8.40 CHILDREN SHOULD BE IN CLASS FOR REGISTRATION

15.15 GATES OPEN

15.20 SCHOOL FINISHES

15.30 GATES ARE LOCKED

RECEPTION

- PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN ANY SUPERHERO OBSTACLE SPONSORSHIP FORMS TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASS TEACHER, ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY 4TH APRIL. WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR ANY FUNDS RAISED AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING OUR NEW RESOURCES WITH YOU.

YEAR 1

- NO REMINDERS

YEAR 2

- YEAR 2 CHILDREN WILL BE MAKING A PULL-ALONG TOY FOR THEIR DT PROJECT THIS TERM AND WILL NEED AN EMPTY TOILET ROLL TUBE FOR ONE PART OF IT. PLEASE COULD CHILDREN BRING IN AN EMPTY TOILET ROLL TUBE NEXT WEEK.

YEAR 3

- NO REMINDERS

YEAR 4

- NO REMINDERS

YEAR 5

- NO REMINDERS

YEAR 6

- NO REMINDERS



Snacks Just a reminder about having a healthy snack. Please **DO NOT** send your child into school with any snack containing nuts, packets of crisps and Haribo. Thank you



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.



Spring Flowers with spring on the way please can we ask parents not to allow their children to pick any flowers within the school grounds. Unfortunately picking flowers can lead to a decline in certain plant species.

Key dates...

Date		Event	Year Group	More Information
April 2025				
Tuesday 1st April		Rocksteady Concert	Children who attend Rocksteady	
Tuesday 1st April		Parents Evening 15.45 - 18.45	ALL	Appointments still available to book on Arbor until 31st March
Thursday 3rd April		Parents Evening 15.45 - 18.45	ALL	Appointments still available to book on Arbor until 2nd April
Thursday 3rd April		Inclusion Workshop 08.45 - 9.15	ALL	Parents invited
NEW Date changed to Wednesday 2nd April		Easter Service at the local Church (Approx. 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	
June 2025				
Tuesday 3rd - Friday 6th June		Year 6 residential (Swanage)	Year 6	Please make payment via the Arbor app

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!

Easyfundraising

Don't forget that the Friends of Goldsworth Primary School are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us, if you haven't done so already. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. You can find our easyfundraising page at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fogoldsworth/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1

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	4G	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

Do I need to keep my child off school?

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



You are now able to order school lunches for after the Easter break, up to the last day of this half term, Friday 23 May.

School lunches must be paid for in advance and payment can be made through the Arbor app at the same time as you order lunches. We are not able to accept cash as the money goes direct to Surrey County Council. If your child's lunch account has an outstanding balance of more than £25.00 we will ask that you send your child in with a packed lunch until the account has been cleared.

Packed Lunches

Following government guidelines, we believe it is our joint responsibility to teach our children about healthy eating habits and a good packed lunch should contain:

A starchy food such as bread, rolls, pitta bread, naan bread, potatoes, rice or noodles.

A good source of protein, iron and zinc such as meat, fish, beans or egg.

A good source of calcium such as milk, cheese, yoghurt or fromage frais.

A portion of fruit, this can be a piece of fresh fruit or dried fruit.

A portion of vegetables or salad, this could be fresh vegetables (carrot or cucumber sticks for example).

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
1st April	AM	4SB	4SB	NO SWIMMING	NO SWIMMING
	PM	5G	5G	5G	
21st April	AM	BANK HOLIDAY	FREE	5E	RABBITS
	PM	BANK HOLIDAY	BATS	BATS	BATS

What to bring for your swimming lesson



Swimming Hat



Goggles (optional)



Shorts



Costume



Towel



Spare underwear



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.

Y6 FOOTBALL VS BEAUFORT MATCH REPORT (20.03.25)

Last Thursday our Year 6 team took on Beaufort in a friendly match here at Goldsworth. It had been a while since they had played a game so they would need to dust the cobwebs off and learn each other's names again!

The format of the game was four quarters of 10 minutes, totaling a 40 minute game. It was a hot afternoon so the players definitely benefited from more breaks!

The first quarter was very cagey, both sides unsure whether to attack or try to survive the first quarter without conceding. A good save from Finlay early on gave the team a boost, but it was Jorge (on debut) who found the back of the net with a well taken finish to give us a 1-0 lead.

Both teams made several changes in the second and third quarter, with the game balancing out and not many shots being had. Lots of defending and a few half chances resulted in us keeping our 1-0 lead heading into the final quarter.

We started this quarter a bit slow with Beaufort having lots of the ball, and they capitalised on this scoring a goal on the counter attack to make it 1-1 with 5 minutes to go. With this goal, it was like a switch went off and team started hunting the ball down with tenacity and hunger.

The ball broke to Matty on the right wing and he slotted it home to regain the lead! But we didn't stop there...we hunted the ball down once more, and once again Matty hits a screamer from outside the box! It was at that point I relaxed a bit! And to top it off, Zac (a year 5) gets himself a goal right at the end to make it 4-1 and give Goldsworth the win.

The game was played with great spirit, with all the players showing great sportsmanship throughout the game.

Mr Nower





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



JL TENNIS GROUP AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Our fun and active sessions are aimed to work on all the skills and technique needed to become a great tennis player. Every session is designed to challenge players of all abilities.



Wednesday's
3.20-4.20pm



All abilities welcome



Years 1, 2 & 3



Rackets provided

Please email jltennisgroup@gmail.com to book on for the after school tennis club at Goldsworth Primary School.

Limited spaces available.



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- Rackets and equipment can be provided
- All coaches fully licensed and accredited

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sessions



Wise Owl club

This is a polite reminder that Wise Owl will be closing its doors for the Easter half term break at the earlier time of 4.30pm on Friday 4th April.

Please ensure you kindly collect your child by this time at the very latest as there will be no staff on site after this time.

The Wise Owl team would like to wish you all a very happy Easter and we look forward to seeing you all after the holidays.

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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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.