

25th April 2025

NEWSLETTER

Be the best we can be



Deputy Head's Lines

I hope you enjoyed the Easter Break. The children have returned full of energy and enthusiasm and started the summer term in style.

I want to start by congratulating Miguel in Year 1 for being part of the Great Britain Roller Hockey Team who won the Gold medal in the recent Sparta Cup. We are all incredibly proud of Miguel and enjoyed celebrating in today's assembly.

In addition, I would like to congratulate Blake in Year 1 who has been selected to compete in a series called the Junior EMX (Electric Motorcross European Championship). Blake will be travelling and competing across Europe. I have asked Blake's family to keep us updated on his progress but I know you will join me in wishing him every success!

Our 60 Dance Live Finalists are just boarding the coach to Portsmouth as I write this. I hope they enjoy every moment and I can't wait to join them later this evening to cheer them on. We will update our Facebook Page (which we intend to use more!) this evening for those of you unable to make it. I know you will join me in thanking Miss Grahamslaw for leading the event and to all of the staff who will be supporting with hair, makeup and costumes this evening.

We hosted a Year 2 Football Tournament for all schools in the Swan Trust and it was a huge success. Over 60 children competed and had a brilliant time. Goldsworth performed superbly and finished 2nd after losing to Horsell in a closely fought final. Most importantly, the children had a wonderful time and we plan to host similar events in the future.

Despite the shorter week, there has been a huge amount going on in classrooms with online workshops, fossil hunting, coding, persuasive writing, learning about rivers, cup cake making and a fairytale themed day just a few of the highlights! Reception Classes are loving their new outdoor kitchen area so hopefully this inspires some help with the cooking at home!

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

WE'RE TAKING PART IN



**MINI LONDON
MARATHON 25
IN SCHOOLS**

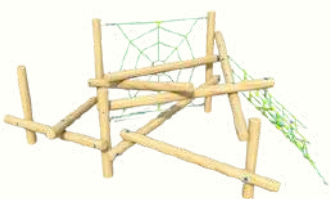


Important details:

Each child should bring in a **£1 donation** for this run – all money going straight to WWF. Your child is more than welcome to gain any extra sponsorship from friends and family and bring the money in on the day. Please make sure all children are in PE kit on Tuesday next week and appropriate footwear to run/jog 2 miles.

They can wear and stay in their PE kit all day.

All children must bring in a water bottle and an extra snack (if they wish) for after their run. We will leave water bottles at the half way point for them to refresh themselves.



Pick up sticks For Health and Safety reasons please do not allow your children to play on the Pick up Sticks outside of school hours. The school are **NOT** responsible for supervising children at these times. This applies to all equipment on the school grounds.



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.



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
May 2025				
Wednesday 7 th May		Class Photos	ALL	
w/c Monday 12 th May - Thursday 15 th May		SATS Week	Year 6	
Monday 12 th May (4SB & 4HD) and Tuesday 13 th May (4C)		Field Studies trip to Dorking Halls	Year 4	Please make payment via the Arbor app
Monday 19 th May		Trip to Wisley	Year 3	Please make payment via the Arbor app
Tuesday 20 th May		Hampton Court Palace	Year 5	Please make payment via the Arbor app
Friday 23 rd May		Roman workshop	Year 3	Please make payment via the Arbor app
June 2025				
Tuesday 3 rd - Friday 6 th June		Year 6 residential (Swanage)	Year 6	Please make payment via the Arbor app
Friday 20 th June		Sleepover	Year 3	
July 2025				
Friday 11 th July		Marwell Zoo trip	Year 1	Please make payment via the Arbor app
Friday 4 th July		INSET DAY	ALL	

Friends of Goldsworth News



Dates for your Diary

Tuck Shop – Thursday, 22nd May

Tuck Shop is one of our most popular events! We ask all parents to supply cakes, cookies or fruit, then the children can visit the Tuck Shop during the school day to buy themselves some treats! The money raised goes to the Friends of Goldsworth to spend on the 'extras' that are not provided by the school's budget.

If you would like to volunteer to help out at this event, even if you can only spare an hour, please register at

www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofgoldsworth/

Break the Rules Day – Friday, 23rd May

It's time to break some rules! Details are to be confirmed, but we will be providing a list of rules that the children can choose to break, in exchange for a small donation to the Friends of Goldsworth. Watch this space for more information!

Happy School Bags – Wednesday, 11th June

Start collecting your unwanted clothes! Happy School Bags will be sent out before half term – fill them (or any other carrier bag) with any good quality items you no longer need, return the bag to school on the morning of 11th June and every kilogram donated raises fund for our school. The clothes are then repurposed for second hand use, instead of ending up in landfill.

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
08/05/2025	3P	22/05/2025	Badgers	05/06/2025	5G
12/06/2025	Rabbits	19/06/2025	5E	27/06/2025	5HF

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. These will be from the new menu which was sent out last week, if you would like a further copy please email lunches@goldsworthprimary.co.uk to request this.

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
28 th April	AM	BATS	RABBITS	RABBITS	RABBITS
	PM	6P	6P	6P	6P
5 th May	AM	BANK HOLIDAY	5HF	5HF	5HF
	PM	BANK HOLIDAY	6H	6H	6H

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.

GOLDSWORTH MASCOTS AT WESTFIELD FC



Since the start of Goldsworth's partnership with Westfield FC, two of our year 1 pupils have attended every game at Westfield by supporting the players and being mascots. The boys have now earned themselves their very own Westfield football shirts!

Westfield FC look forward to seeing the boys and all our Goldsworth families back at Westfield next season.



WESTFIELD-FC.COM



2025

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



Miguel - GB Gold Medal Winner

GB UNDER 6



Congratulations to Miguel in Year 1 who was part of the Great Britain Roller Hockey Team who won a Gold Medal at the recent Sparta Cup.

We are so proud of you and honoured that Goldsworth has been represented in such an amazing way!



**GREAT
BRITAIN**
HOCKEY



2025

After School Club



CREATIVITY AND CRAFT CLUB

Please join our creativity craft club for KS2. Our 10 week course includes working with dried flowers, vintage fabrics and lots of glitter! We will enjoy making positive affirmations posters, enchanted forest scenes in miniature with fairy doors and so much more.

This is a very fun space to let your imagination run wild! Being creative helps mental growth and inner confidence.

We promote endless encouragement between friends and lots of positive support.

Cost - **£120 for 10 weeks** (Option to pay half termly)

Dates - **w/c 28/04 - w/c 21/07**

Please contact **Sarah** to reserve a space on **07972509472**.





Spanish Amigos

Language, Fun & Culture



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Join the FUN with SPANISH Amigos!

What We Offer

- A fun and engaging way to learn Spanish for children.
- Interactive classes with songs, games, and cultural activities.
- Our programmes follow the National Curriculum guidelines

Wednesday 23rd Apr-16th Jul 3:20 to 4:20

NO class on the 7th May

ONLINE Wednesday 23 Aprth - 16 Julyth 5:00-5:30 (12 sessions £78)

EXISTING return students

11 weeks incl. materials only
£104.50

FIRST TIME students

11 weeks incl. materials, activity book and CD - only £121.49

Why Learn Spanish?

- Early exposure to a second language improves maths, grammar, and creativity.
- Spanish builds your child's confidence in communication and learning.
- Spanish is the second most important international language, spoken by 400 million people.

BOOK NOW

<https://spanishamigos.co.uk/book-a-class/>

Enroll today and give your child the gift of a second language!

If you speak Spanish, French or Mandarin a contact us at info@spanishamigos.co.uk

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Wise Owl club

For all other enquires on the day-today 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.