

2nd May 2025

NEWSLETTER

Be the best we can be



Deputy Head's Lines

I want to start by celebrating last Friday's Dance Live event. Following their success at G-Live, the children entered the National finals in Portsmouth and finished 3rd overall. Their performance was sensational and their energy, enthusiasm and enjoyment shone through. It really was like being at the final of Britain's Got Talent and I can only imagine how proud you were as parents. The 60 dancers were supported by the tech team, lighting team and backstage team. So many of our teachers supported in the build up and on the night with hair, makeup, costumes and keeping the children safe. A big thank you to Manners Residential for sponsoring the team which helped them organise travelling in style. I know you will all join me in thanking Miss Grahamslaw for driving the project forward by generously giving up her own time, sharing her expertise and passion and giving the children a memory and experience they will never forget.

There was no rest for the children this week as the whole school completed a mini marathon. A more detailed report can be read further down but it was a fantastic day which the children and adults really embraced. Even more importantly, we have raised a huge amount of money for the World Wildlife Fund. Thank you to Miss Hurst for leading such an excellent and inspiring event.

After winning their respective league, our Year 5 Football Team were invited to the district finals at Pirbright School on Thursday. Competing against 3 other league winners, the children battled hard but missed out on another title as Pirbright were the eventual winners. Mr Nower was very proud of their performance and as always, the children were excellent ambassadors of the school.

A gentle reminder that we are having a 'Ground Force Morning' next Saturday 10th May. Please arrive anytime from 9.30am and will be finished by midday. We will be focusing on the Forest School Area and while we will have tools for you to use, please do bring any spare gardening tools/spades. Whether it is 30 minutes or an hour, any support is hugely appreciated and children are welcome to join us (but remain your responsibility). Refreshments will also be provided!

Another date for your diary is 7pm on Tuesday 3rd June where we will be hosting an evening talk and discussion opportunity about the use of Smartphones and the impact it is having. More details will follow but I cannot recommend attending more highly.

I wish everyone a wonderful bank holiday 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

- NO REMINDERS

YEAR 1

- NO REMINDERS

YEAR 2

- NO REMINDERS

YEAR 3

- NO REMINDERS

YEAR 4

- NO REMINDERS

YEAR 5

- NO REMINDERS

YEAR 6

- NO REMINDERS



Deodorant children are not to bring aerosols to school. If they are older and have started to wear deodorant, they need to use it in the morning before they leave the house.



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



Sunscreen, Lunch boxes and water bottles. Due to the warmer weather, please remember to apply sunscreen before school, DO NOT bring sunscreen into school. Children should make sure they have their lunch box if they have packed lunches and their water bottle.

Key dates...

Date		Event	Year Group	More Information
May 2025				
Monday 5 th May		BANK HOLIDAY	ALL	
Tuesday 6 th May		BACK TO SCHOOL	ALL	
Wednesday 7 th May		Class Photos	ALL	Children are required to wear Summer uniform including a branded cardigan or jumper
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	More details to follow
Tuesday 24 th June		KS2 Sports day (field 9:15-10:45)	Years 3 - 6	Parents welcome to attend
July 2025				
Thursday 3 rd July		KS1 Sports day (field 9:15-10:45)	Years 1 & 2	Parents welcome to attend
Friday 4th July		INSET DAY	ALL	
Tuesday 8 th July		Reception Sports day (field 9:15-10:15)	Year R	Parents welcome to attend
Friday 11 th July		Marwell Zoo Trip	Year 1	Please make payment via the Arbor app
Monday 14 th July		Grandparents celebration 9:45 - 10:30	Years 1 & 2	Grandparents welcome to attend. The event will take place on the infant field
Monday 14 th & Tuesday 15 th July		Reception Beach Trip	Year R	Please make payment via the Arbor app

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.

SAVE THE DATE – Summer Fayre – Sunday, 22nd June

Save the date for our biggest event of the year! Further details to follow soon!

SAVE THE DATE – Legoland discount day – Friday, 4th July

Save on the cost of tickets, while raising funds for our school! More details to follow.

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.

School Lunches...



We are pleased to be offering a special one-off “**World Bee Day**” menu on **Thursday 15 May 2025**, as per the flyer recently sent out. We will be serving a Red Option of Busy Bee Chicken Bites and a Green Option of Bumble Bee Bubble & Squeak Bites, both with fresh made honey & tomato dip, buzzin’ tasty tater tots & pollinated peas with Flying Honey Flapjack or Fresh Fruit Salad with honey drizzle for after.

Please note there will not be a Yellow Option on this date, if you order this option on Arbor your child will be given the Green Option, as above.

School lunches must be paid for in advance and payment can be made through the Arbor app at the same time as you place your orders. Please note that 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.

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

Swimming...



Week commencing		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
5 th May	AM	BANK HOLIDAY	5HF	FREE	5HF
	PM	BANK HOLIDAY	6H	6H	6H
12 th May	AM	BADGERS	BADGERS	BADGERS	BADGERS
	PM	6D	6D	6D	6D

What to bring for your swimming lesson



Swimming Hat



**Goggles
(optional)**



Shorts



Costume



Towel



**Spare
underwear**



Earrings

Just a quick reminder; 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.

Sponsorship

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Manners Residential, a respected local estate agent based in Woking, proudly sponsored Goldsworth Primary School on their remarkable journey to the Dance Live! 2025 finals. James Manners, Director and local resident, commented, "It was our absolute pleasure to support such a talented and hardworking team! We're thrilled to hear the day was a success and that everyone got to travel together — what a fantastic experience for the children. Well done to all involved! Your passion, creativity, and teamwork truly shone through, and we couldn't be prouder to have played a part in your Dance Live 2025 journey."



Star Fundraiser Ethan



Tuesday was a day to remember for our school as children from Year 1 to Year 6 took part in the Mini London Marathon, a fantastic event that brought energy, enthusiasm, and a strong sense of community to our school grounds.

From the moment the young runners lined up, their excitement was evident. Every child arrived with a positive attitude, ready to take on the challenge of a two-mile run around the school.

What made this event truly special was the unwavering spirit of teamwork and perseverance demonstrated by our students. Some sprinted with determination, others paced themselves steadily it was not just about speed but about participation, effort, and resilience.

Teachers and staff joined in the celebrations, offering high-fives, words of motivation, and plenty of applause as students conquered their two-mile challenge. Some even partook in the two miles themselves to give support to the children.

The event was a resounding success, highlighting the importance of physical activity and the joy of movement. As a school we managed to run the distance of 41 marathons – over 1088 miles! What a fantastic achievement.

We want to give a huge thank you for all the donations we received for WWF, including the extra sponsorship that the children raised. **All together we managed to raise over £1050!** A special mention needs to go to **Ethan in 4C who managed to raise over £300!** We cannot wait to see what animal we adopt.



"Clubman" award at Chobham Rugby Club

Congratulations to JJ who was presented with the "Clubman" award by the Minis Chair at Chobham Rugby Club. This was essentially awarded for his helpful demeanor with, hard work and support to his teammates and coaches. Well done JJ - we are very impressed and really proud of you.

Charity Fundraising

We are absolutely delighted to share some wonderful news about one of our fantastic students. **Charlie, from Rabbits class**, has been showing immense dedication and compassion by participating in a fundraising initiative for motor neurone disease.

Not only did Charlie decide to do a two-mile run, but he also wanted to contribute to WWF for our school. His kind heart led him to set up a charming stall right outside his house this past weekend, where he showcased a lovely poster to promote his cause. And guess what? Charlie raised an amazing total of ****£306**!**



YEAR 2 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT (20.04.25)

Last week, 13 year 2's took part in a football tournament against four other schools. We entered two teams, with a team being placed into both groups.

Both teams played excellently throughout showing determination, teamwork and perseverance. We battled hard, scored some goals and made some great saves! Our orange team needed to win their last game in order to go through to the final. We went 1-0 up inside the first few minutes! I checked with the score keeper and they said as it stood, all teams had the same points and the same goal difference...another goal was needed to top our group. With a minute to go, we crossed it and slotted it home to make it 2-0 sending us through to the final!!

Our blue team finished 4th and played the other 4th placed team where they unfortunately lost but they all did extremely well!

Our orange team were playing Horsell Village School in the final, I was certainly very nervous for this! Horsell opened the scoring with a great finish making it 1-0. The rest of the game was super tense but we couldn't manage to equalise. They scored another goal right at the end and the game finished 2-0.

They should all be super proud of how well they did and I have no doubt they will all be a part of many other competitions in their school life!

Mr Nower



Spring Clean!

Over the Easter holidays, several members of 3P (and some siblings) joined together to clean the streets of Woking.



Led by Rufus, Annabelle, James, Jasmine, Imogen, Leon, Freya, Evie and Alfie started at the Goldsworth gates, and made their way down the canal collecting the rubbish they found.

Armed with bags, litter pickers, and what appears to be at least one pet, the generous group made it all the way to St Johns, and on their way they filled more than ten bin bags of litter!

While it is saddening to know that there is

so much rubbish in Woking, it is heart-warming to see our children taking the initiative to do something about it. We are of course enormously proud of this kind and sustainably-minded act, and want to say a huge thank you to the team, and their parents.

I'm told they had a brilliant time in the sunshine, and hear they are keen to go again soon. Perhaps they will even inspire others to do the same!



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.