

23rd May 2025

# NEWSLETTER

*Be the best we can be*



## Deputy Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful week full of events and enrichment to end the half term!

The week kicked off on Monday morning where Year 3 had a fantastic day at RHS Wisley, exploring the stunning gardens and diving into the world of plants! Children enjoyed wandering through the beautiful grounds, discovering vibrant flowers, towering trees, and spotting wildlife. They also took part in a guided workshop focused on how to keep plants healthy. The children left feeling inspired, ready to become plant-care experts at home! A huge thank you to Wisley's team and all the staff and parent volunteers who made the trip possible. It was truly a day to remember!

On Tuesday, it was Year 5's turn and they had a brilliant day at Hampton Court. The weather was lovely and the children were all able to picnic in the beautiful grounds. Year 5 learnt a great deal about the Tudors and Henry VIII's life at the palace by exploring the kitchens, the Great Hall, King Henry's apartments, the gardens and so much more. There was even time to have a go in the maze!

Alongside the trips, we had a week of sporting fixtures which started with a Year 4 Cross Country Run. The children ran approximately 2km in the heat but performed superbly. Cheered on by a large contingent of Goldsworth supporters, the children were also hugely encouraging to each other and we await the final results. A big well done to all of the children and in particular Jess who finished 4<sup>th</sup> out of 80 competitors!

Next up was a Year 4 & 5 Boys and Girls Football Tournament at Woking Leisure Centre. Our girls made it through to the semi-finals and narrowly lost to St Dunstan's and our boys were crowned champions after beating St Dunstan's in the final! Thank you to the staff and parent volunteers for helping and well done to every child involved for an excellent display and representing Goldsworth so positively.

Similarly, our Year 5 cricketers had a successful afternoon at Old Woking Cricket Club in a Woking School's competition. The children had 3 close games winning 1 and losing 2. Well done to the children and thank you to the staff and parents who stepped in to help coach.

More sport but this time swimming! Year 5 and 6 represented their houses and competed in a swimming gala. It was a pleasure dipping in (not literally!) to both events and seeing the confidence, enjoyment and talent on display. Congratulations to Nightingale who were both the Year 5 and Year 6 winners. Thank you to Miss Mills for organising the galas and for setting such high standards for the children.

Thank you to Badgers Class who delivered a really interesting assembly on Thursday morning informing us all about this half term's learning. They spoke about their non-chronological reports they have been writing about dinosaurs, their learning about hygiene and how to stay germ free in science and about balanced diets and why this is important from their DT topic. It was clear to see that they have very much enjoyed their recent learning and they spoke with confidence and enthusiasm. Well done Badgers!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Tuck Shop on Thursday. There was an infectious buzz of excitement throughout the school and the staff were very grateful that some goodies had made their way to the staff room! It was a great warm up for today's 'Break the Rules' day! We really appreciate the time and effort invested into organising events and the money raised makes an enormous difference. For example, with the help of FOG, we have just purchased a huge amount of play equipment for children to enjoy at lunch times.

Finally, we have hosted the Life Space portable classroom this week to deliver PSHE lessons for all children. The children have loved the enriching and immersive sessions and we have received excellent feedback from the visiting teachers.

My last thank you is to those of you who made it to the end of an extra long newsletter! I wish you and your children a very well-earned rest over half term!

*David Gunning*

Deputy Headteacher

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## IMPORTANT NOTICES

**8.30am Gates Open**

**8.40am Registration in class**

**3.15pm Gates Open**

**3.20pm End of Day**

**3.30pm Gates are locked**

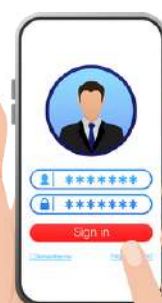
**ABSENCES:** If your child is likely to be absent on any day, or part of the day, please report the absence by 8:30am

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

[absences@goldsworthprimary.co.uk](mailto: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.

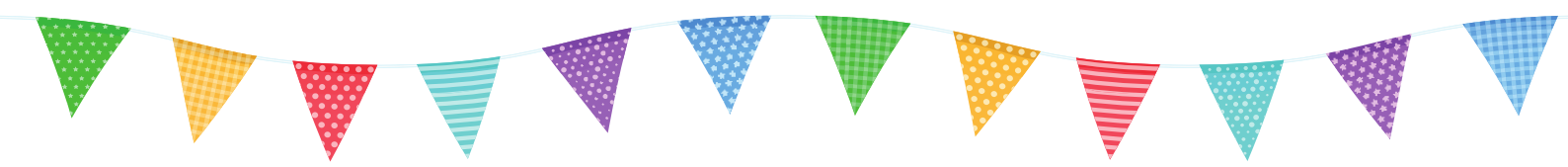
Absences for Medical/Dental appointments should also be reported well in advance by emailing [absences@goldsworthprimary.co.uk](mailto:absences@goldsworthprimary.co.uk) providing confirmation of the appointment i.e. an email/SMS/screenshot.



# Key dates...

Date		Event	Year Group	More Information
<b>May 2025</b>				
<b>Monday 26th May - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>ALL</b>	
<b>June 2025</b>				
Tuesday 3rd - Friday 6th June		Year 6 residential (Swanage)	Year 6	Please make payment via the Arbor app
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June		FoG Happy bags	ALL	Please see FoG page for more details
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June		Sleepover	Year 3	More details to follow
Tuesday 24th June		KS2 Sports day (field 9:15 - 12:00)	Years 3 - 6	Parents welcome to attend
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>		<b>BACK TO SCHOOL</b>	<b>ALL</b>	
<b>July 2025</b>				
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July		KS1 Sports day (field 9:15-10:45)	Years 1 & 2	Parents welcome to attend
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>		<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>ALL</b>	
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July		Reception Sports day (field 9:15-10:15)	Year R	Parents welcome to attend
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July		Rocksteady Concert 1.45pm & 2.40pm	Children who attend Rocksteady	Parents of children who attend Rocksteady
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July		Marwell Zoo Trip	Year 1	Please make payment via the Arbor app
Monday 14th July		Grandparents Celebration 9:45 - 10:30	Years 1 & 2	Grandparents welcome to attend. The event will take place on the infant field
Monday 14th July		Year 6 Production - 6pm	Year 6	Year 6 Parents welcome - more information to follow
Tuesday 15th July		Year 6 Production - 2pm	Year 6	Year 6 Parents welcome - more information to follow
Wednesday 16th July		Year 6 Production - 6pm	Year 6	Year 6 Parents welcome - more information to follow
Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th July		Reception Beach Trip	Year R	Please make payment via the Arbor app
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July		Rocksteady Concert times 1.45pm - 2.30pm	Children who attend Rocksteady	Parents of children who attend Rocksteady

# Friends of Goldsworth News



## **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.

## **Non-uniform Day – Friday, 20th June**

In exchange for pupils wearing their own clothes, we will be asking for the following donations for the Summer Fayre:

- Jolly Jars for our jolly jar stall (start saving your clean, empty jars now!)
- Bottles (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) for our Tombola stall

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

Save the date for our biggest event of the year! Your class rep should be in touch with details of your class stall, please do volunteer if you can!

## **Raffle/Auction Donations**

Do you work for a company that could donate a prize to the school raffle or auction? If so, we would love to hear from you. For instance, tickets to sporting events, one-off experiences, electronic items, merchandise goodie bags, etc.

Please email [thecommittee@friends.goldsworthprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:thecommittee@friends.goldsworthprimaryschool.co.uk) if you are able to contribute.

## **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.

## **Match Funding**

Many companies throughout the UK offer employees the chance to boost their fundraising efforts by 'matching' the money they raise. It really is money for nothing, and you could help double the amount of cash we raise for the Friends of Goldsworth with very little effort.

Not all companies offer match funding but those that do will pledge a sum of money relating to the amount their employee has raised for or donated to the charity of their choice. Some organisations will match funds on a £ for £ basis, others will stipulate what they are prepared to give.

If your company participates and if you volunteer at events like the summer fayre, on a class stall for example, then submitting a simple form could result in lots of extra funds for the school. Please do check with your employer, as every donation makes a huge difference to our fundraising!

Remember to follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/friendsofgoldsworth](https://www.facebook.com/friendsofgoldsworth) and Instagram [www.instagram.com/friendsofgoldsworth](https://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.



**Limited Offer - Save Over 25%**

**Fri 4th July, Inset Day is Fun Day!**

**£29 per ticket**

Children under 0.9m tall and officially registered carers are FREE!\*

Book for your friends & family too! The more the merrier!



**Raise Funds for our School & Have Fun!**

**Deadline Midnight 19th June**

**Booking Opens 8am Sat 24th May**

Scan the QR Code or go to our [booking site](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofgoldsworth) to book, pay and provide us with the necessary details.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofgoldsworth>







# **Football Fun Day** **Saturday 5th July**

**at Goldsworth School Field**

**8.45am - 10.45 - Year 2 Boys Tournament**

**9.15am - 10.30am Year 1 Boys Tournament**

**11am - 12.15pm - Years 1 & 2 Girls - Activities and Mini-Tournament**

**11am - 12.30pm - Year 4 Boys Tournament**

**1pm - 3pm Year 3 Boys Tournament**

**Year 3 & 4 Girls Tournament**



**£7 per child available via Arbor Shop**

**(all money raised will be put towards Forest School & School Sport)**

## **BREAK THE RULES DAY!**



**Henry, Jacob, Michael and Finlay have had great fun breaking the rules at break - running around as giant dinosaurs.**

# 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
<del>17/10/2024</del>	<del>4HD</del>		<del>21/11/2024</del>	<del>6H</del>	<del>28/11/2024</del>	<del>6D</del>
<del>19/12/2024</del>	<del>3G</del>		<del>16/01/2025</del>	<del>6P</del>	<del>23/01/2024</del>	<del>Owls</del>
<del>30/01/2024</del>	<del>Foxes</del>		<del>06/02/2024</del>	<del>Otters</del>	<del>13/02/2025</del>	<del>4SB</del>
<del>13/03/2025</del>	<del>3H</del>		<del>20/03/2024</del>	<del>4G</del>	<del>03/04/2025</del>	<del>BATS</del>
<del>08/05/2025</del>	<del>3P</del>		<del>22/05/2025</del>	<del>Badgers</del>	05/06/2025	5G
12/06/2025	Rabbits		19/06/2025	5E	27/06/2025	5HF



# School Lunches...



School lunches are now available to order for the rest of this academic year.

Please remember that 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](mailto: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
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	AM	5HF	YEAR 6 PUPILS WHO ARE NOT ATTENDING THE RESIDENTIAL	5G	BADGERS
	PM	MOLES	MOLES	MOLES	MOLES
9 <sup>th</sup> June	AM	4SB	4SB	3P	FREE
	PM	HEDGEHOGS	HEDGEHOGS	HEDGEHOGS	HEDGEHOGS

## 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.



# Do I need to keep my child off school?

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

# SWAN MOONWALKERS

Mrs Read walked the full moon 26.2 miles other teachers and staff from The SWAN Trust completed 15.1 miles (the half-moon). We managed as a team to raise **£2497**. It was a long night I finishing at 7am, the atmosphere was fantastic, a great experience and effort.







# AFTER SCHOOL FRIDAY DRAMA CLASSES FOR KS2

**6TH JUNE - 18TH JULY**

## ***SUMMER 2: DEVISING THEATRE***

- **HOW CAN WE DEVISE A SCENE?**
- **HOW TO ENGAGE AN AUDIENCE**
- **DEVELOPING A CHARACTER**
- **SCRIPT DEVELOPMENT**
- **PREPARATION FOR PARENT SHOWCASE**

**- 1 HOUR AFTER SCHOOL -**

**\*NO CLUB ON 20TH JUNE OR 4TH JULY\***



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**Woking Family Centre**

**Every Friday - 4 weeks**

**6th June- 27th June 2025**

**11:30 - 1pm**

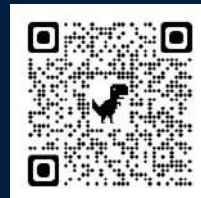
# The Parenting Puzzle

**This tried and tested programme can help you deal with challenges supporting a calmer family life.**

**The course covers:**

- Recognising feelings behind behaviours
- Different approaches to positive discipline
- Co-operation and self discipline
- The importance of looking after ourselves

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Surrey, GU21 3AX**



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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](mailto: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](mailto:smcgiven@goldsworthprimary.co.uk)**

**From the Wise Owl team**

**[wiseowl@goldsworthprimary.co.uk](mailto:wiseowl@goldsworthprimary.co.uk)**



**Goldsworth Primary School,  
Bridge Barn Lane, Woking  
Surrey. GU21 6NL**

**01483 771321 [office@goldsworthprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@goldsworthprimary.co.uk)**

**<https://goldsworthprimary.co.uk>**



## 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](mailto: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.