

5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

# NEWSLETTER

*Be the best we can be*



## Deputy Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to welcome the children back to school this week and I extend a particularly warm welcome to our new reception families and our new starters in other year groups.

The children have returned full of energy and excitement and have made a great start to the new academic year. Yesterday's assembly was all about the GOLD of Goldsworth and our ambition is that every child will embrace each value this year to achieve great things!

**Growing together**  
**Opportunities for all**  
**Learning for life**  
**Daring to Dream**

All of our after school clubs start next week and there are still spaces left. Information and bookings can be made via the Arbor App.

You will have noticed that this week's newsletter has been communicated through and 'Arbor In-App Message'. We plan to reduce the number of emails sent and where possible, communicate directly through the Arbor App

We are looking forward to our curriculum evenings next week. This is an opportunity for Mrs Kozlowski to share our school priorities before class teachers discuss routines, expectations and information about the year ahead.

All sessions will start in the main hall:

**Tuesday 5pm: Years 5 & 6**

**Wednesday 5pm: Years 3 & 4**

**Tuesday 5pm: Years 1 & 2**

Despite a shorter school week, I hope your children have a well earned rest over the weekend and we look forward to welcoming them back for a full week on Monday.

Have a wonderful weekend

*David Gunning*

Deputy Headteacher

[dgunning@goldsworthprimary.co.uk](mailto:dgunning@goldsworthprimary.co.uk)

**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>September 2025</b>				
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September		Curriculum evening (5pm-6pm) (Main hall/sports hall)	Year 6	Parents invited
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September		Curriculum evening (5pm-6pm) (Main hall/sports hall)	Year 5	Parents invited
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September		Curriculum evening (5pm-6pm) (Main hall/sports hall)	Year 4	Parents invited
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September		Curriculum evening (5pm-6pm) (Main hall/sports hall)	Year 3	Parents invited
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September		Curriculum evening (5pm-6pm) (Main hall/sports hall)	Year 2	Parents invited
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September		Curriculum evening (5pm-6pm) (Main hall/sports hall)	Year 1	Parents invited
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> September		9am coffee morning - use of smartphones	ALL	ALL Parents welcome
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> Septembert		Curriculum evening (5pm-6pm) (Main hall/sports hall)	Year R	Parents invited
<b>October 2025</b>				
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October		Tapestry Workshop Thursday 2nd October 9-9.30am	Year R	Parents invited
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October		Individual School Photos	ALL	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October		Individual School Photos	ALL	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October		Brooklands Bus Visit in School	Year R	

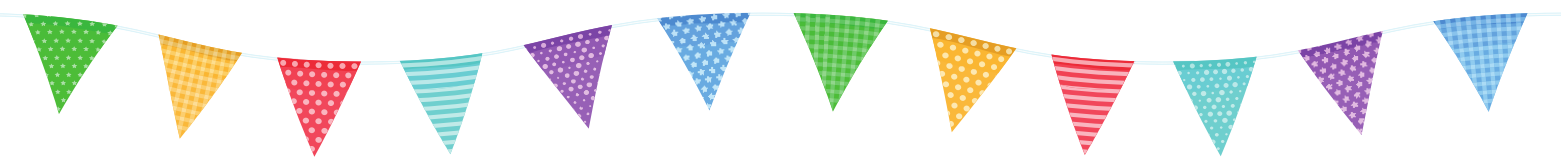
# LETTINGS

**Our school's fantastic facilities are available for hire! Whether you have a special event, a community gathering, or any activity in mind, our spaces could be the perfect venue.**

**Currently, we have availability for renting on Sundays. If you are interested or would like more details, please email;**

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

# Friends of Goldsworth News



Welcome back to our existing families and a big hello to all our new families. If you don't know us already, we are the PTA (Parent Teacher Association) for Goldsworth Primary School. The Friends of Goldsworth are made up of a group of parent volunteers who work with the school to ensure the best educational experience for all our children. We run events such as the summer fayre, Christmas silent auction, school discos, tuck shop and second-hand uniform sale, and the money these events raise is then spent on the 'extras' that are not provided by the school's budget. In the last three years alone, we have raised over £150,000! Some of the things we have funded in recent years include reading books, lunchtime games, a friendship bench, our fantastic library furniture and interactive whiteboards in every classroom.

All families are automatically members of the Friends of Goldsworth when their child joins our school. All parents and carers are encouraged to get involved, even if they only have a small amount of time available, so please help out at our events and donate second-hand uniform, raffle prizes or offers of services and skills. Without you, our events wouldn't be able to go ahead, so please get involved in any way you can!

And if you are interested in getting more involved in the Friends of Goldsworth and joining our Committee or Events Team, please email us at [thecommittee@friends.goldsworthprimary.co.uk](mailto:thecommittee@friends.goldsworthprimary.co.uk) We would be happy to answer any questions, or to meet up to chat through what is involved. It is hugely satisfying to help give back to our wonderful school, it's a great way to get to know the staff, kids and other parents, and most of all it's a lot of fun!

We are excited to begin a new year of fundraising for our fantastic school. We will be in touch shortly with dates for your diary of upcoming events, so please keep checking our section of the school newsletter, and remember to follow us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/FriendsofGoldsworth](http://www.facebook.com/FriendsofGoldsworth) and Instagram [www.instagram.com/friendsofgoldsworth](http://www.instagram.com/friendsofgoldsworth).

Many thanks,  
The Friends of Goldsworth team

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

# Get In Touch With Us.



## General Enquires

**Office  
Email:**

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## Lunches

**Office  
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## Absences

**Absences  
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## Admissions

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## WiswOwl

**Lunches  
Email:**

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

# 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.

### Reminder: 48-Hour Rule for Sickness Bugs

As we head into the summer term, a gentle reminder to all families: if your child has experienced vomiting or diarrhoea, they must remain at home for 48 hours after the last episode before returning to school. This helps us to prevent the spread of illness and keep everyone in our school community healthy and well. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.



# Wise Owl club

This is a gentle reminder that Wise Owl will be closing for the summer holidays at the earlier time of 4.15pm on Tuesday 22nd July. Please can you kindly ensure you have collected your child/children by this time, as there will be no members of staff on site after this time. The whole team at Wise Owl would like to wish you all a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing you in the Autumn.

Thank you.

**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)



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Bridge Barn Lane, Woking  
Surrey. GU21 6NL**

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

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



## WOKING FAMILY CENTRE

***10 week course  
Starting 24th Sept 2025  
7.00pm - 8:45pm***

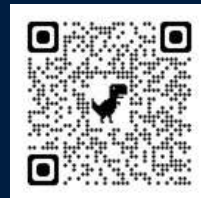
### **Online** The Nurturing Programme (formerly Parenting Puzzle)

**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

For more information scan the  
QR code or call: 01483 310419



***Woking Family Centre, The Bungalow, Sythwood, Woking  
Surrey, GU21 3AX***



**Changing childhoods.  
Changing lives.**



## 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 [dbs@goldsworthprimary.co.uk](mailto:dbs@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/carers 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/carers 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/carers 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.