

12th September 2025

NEWSLETTER

Be the best we can be



Deputy Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a wonderful first full week at school and your children have made an excellent start to the new academic year. There is a buzz of excitement throughout the school and children have transitioned into their new year groups with enthusiasm and maturity.

Congratulations to the Reception children on their first week at school and we look forward to them joining full time from Monday. The children have been getting used to their new learning environments, trying out school lunches and I was even treated to a dinosaur quiz when I popped in earlier!

The rest of the school have been just as busy! Writing postcards to Flat Stanley, volcano inspired music lessons and learning about the three principal deities in Hinduism are just a few examples. In addition, swimming, Forest School, and gymnastics are all underway!

Thank you to those of you who attended the curriculum evenings this week. I used the opportunity to thank our Friends of Goldsworth Team and highlight the impact they continue to have. I also asked for parents to consider joining the team to help them continue their excellent work. If this is something you are interested in, please contact your class rep who will put you in touch.

Finally, we had a good turnout for this morning's coffee morning where we discussed the impact smartphones are having on our children. Other than me forgetting the milk, it was a really successful morning! I shared some research around the harmful effects of smartphone use for children, discussed some of the challenges we face at school and home before facilitating discussions between parents. We are keen to keep the conversations going and a date for our next coffee morning will be advertised soon.

David Gunning

Deputy Headteacher

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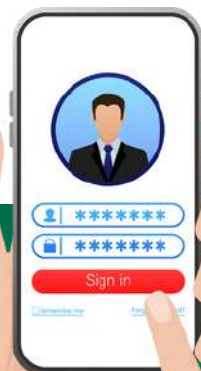
ABSENCES: If your child is likely to be absent on any day, or part of the day, please report the absence by 8:30am

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.



Key dates...

Date		Event	Year Group	More Information
September 2025				
Thursday 25 th September		Curriculum evening (5pm-6pm) (Main hall/sports hall)	Year R	Parents invited
October 2025				
Thursday 2 nd October		Tapestry Workshop Thursday 2nd October 9-9.30am	Year R	Parents invited
Monday 6 th October		Individual School Photos	ALL	
Tuesday 7 th October		Individual School Photos	ALL	
Thursday 9 th October		Brooklands Bus Visit in School	Year R	
Friday 24 th October		Harvest Assembly (am)	ALL	All Parents Welcome

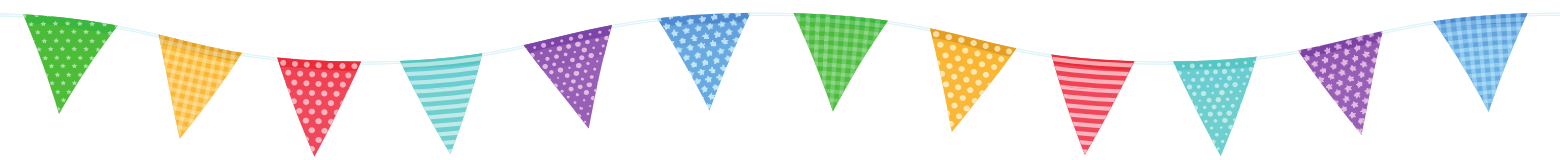
LETTINGS

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

Friends of Goldsworth News



Dates for your Diary

Happy School Bags – Friday, 26th September

Your child should have brought home a Happy School Bag this week – fill this (or any other carrier bag) with any good quality clothing you no longer need, return the bag to school on the morning of 26th September and every kilogram donated raises funds for our school. The clothes are then repurposed for second-hand use, instead of ending up in landfill.

Friends of Goldsworth AGM – Thursday, 2nd October

The Committee of Friends of Goldsworth Primary School invites all parents and carers to attend our AGM which will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 2nd October 2025 at Goldsworth Primary School, Bridge Barn Lane, Woking GU21 6NL. You can attend in person or online. We will email a Teams link closer to the date.

All committee members are automatically trustees of the Friends of Goldsworth Primary School charity. Each year all committee roles are open for re-election; if you would like to find out more information about any of these roles or if you would like to nominate yourself for a role please email thecommittee@friends.goldsworthprimary.co.uk for more details. The trustee/committee positions are:

Chair – we have received a nomination from Lucy Hoggett for this role

Treasurer – we have received a nomination from Joh Carter for this role

Secretary – we have received a nomination from Chelsea Theologo for this role

Communication Coordinator – we have received a nomination from Laura Winter for this role

Events Coordinator – no nominations yet for this role

You can nominate yourself for any of the above roles, whether there is an existing nomination or not – we're really keen to get new people to join the committee.

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 you! 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.

School Lunches...



School lunches are available for you to order up to half term on the Arbor app or website.

School lunches are free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, and charged at £2.90 per meal for Key Stage 2 Children (Years 3 – 6).

Please note that with effect from Monday 15 September if your child is in year 3, 4, 5 or 6 and is not entitled for free school meals, your Meals Account will need to be in credit before you are able to order any lunches.

If your child is in year 3, 4, 5 or 6 and you think they may be eligible for free school meals please email lunches@goldsworthprimary.co.uk and you will be sent a form to complete. All enquiries will be dealt with in complete confidence.

If you have forgotten to order a school lunch for your child please provide them with a packed lunch from home – our kitchen cook lunches to order and may not always have a spare meal available.

Please help us to reduce food wastage by cancelling pre-ordered school lunches either on Arbor or by email to lunches@goldsworthprimary.co.uk if your child prefers to bring a packed lunch from home on any day.

Packed Lunches

Eating a healthy, balanced lunch is essential to ensure children have the right nutrients and enough energy to see them through the school day. It can also positively affect children's behaviour in the classroom thereby making learning easier.

We believe it is our joint responsibility to teach our children about healthy eating habits and as such please see below a simple visual guide outlining the sort of things we would hope to see in your child's packed lunch. As 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 also ensure that your child is able to open their lunchbox/food flask by themselves and that you provide any cutlery they may need to eat their lunch.

Thank you for your co-operation, if you have any queries or require further information please email lunches@goldsworthprimary.co.uk

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
15th September	AM	4D	4D	4D	4D
	PM	5P	5P	5P	5P
22nd September	AM	4SB	4SB	4SB	4SB
	PM	5H	5H	5H	5H

What to bring for your swimming lesson



Swimming Hat



Goggles (optional)



Shorts



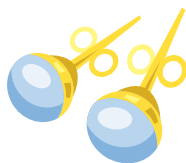
Costume



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.

Home Tie

13 September 2025, Woking Park

3pm Kick Off



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Get In Touch With Us.



General Enquires

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office@goldsworthprimary.co.uk

Lunches

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Email:**

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Admissions

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Email:**

admissions@goldsworthprimary.co.uk

WiswOwl

**General
enquiries
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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.

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Clubs will be held on the school field or playground depending on the weather and conditions of school field.

MONDAY

Year 3 & 4

Boys & Girls Football

3.30 - 4.30pm school field

11 weeks £66

TUESDAY

Year 1 & 2

Boys & Girls Football

3.30 - 4.30pm school field

11 weeks £66

WEDNESDAY

Year 5 & 6

Boys & Girls Football

3.30 - 4.30pm school field

12 weeks £72

THURSDAY

Year 4 to 6

Boys & Girls Dodgeball club

3.30 - 4.30pm Sports Hall

12 weeks £72

FRIDAY

Year 1 to 3

Boys & Girls Dodgeball club

3.30 - 4.30pm Lunch Hall

12 weeks £72

FRIDAY

Year Reception

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Wise Owl club

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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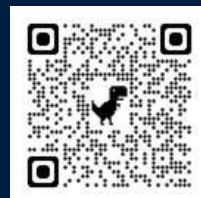
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- **Maths Learn** about methods used in schools today.
- **Literacy Learn** about how English is taught in schools today.
- **Cookery** Be inspired and cook healthy family dishes together.



**SURREY
ADULT
LEARNING**





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

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.