

19th September 2025

NEWSLETTER

Be the best we can be



Deputy Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another excellent week back at school with lots to report.

Our sporting fixtures resumed on Monday when our Year 3 girls competed in a football tournament at Hermitage School. A more detailed match report will follow but it was great to hear about the passion, enjoyment and quality displayed! In other sporting news, Reception and Year 1 have also started a 6 week set of cricket lessons through Surrey County Cricket Club.

Dance Live 2026 returned to the sports hall on Tuesday where rehearsals began. The children begun their journey which will lead to performing at the Portsmouth Guildhall in-front of a capacity crowd! It was fantastic to see so many children sign up and make the most of such a unique and special opportunity.

Meanwhile, it has been all action in the classrooms where Reception have continued to settle smoothly into their new surroundings - I was particularly impressed with the 'scarf shuffling' and 'rainbow painting'! Year 1 and 2 are fully immersed in the curriculum and I enjoyed spending time in their reading and phonics lessons this week. This is a huge strength at Goldsworth and testament to the teaching and learning in Key Stage 1. Hands on science experiments have been a feature in Year 3 where children have been learning about forces. Year 4 have been writing about Theseus and the Minotaur, Year 5 spent time analysing King Henry VIII and Year 6 were deep in thought and discussion when learning about birth and death rates.

Finally, we are continuing to work hard to build relationships with our local community. One of the ways of doing this is by ensuring that we are considerate when parking during drop off and collection times. Please do not park on double yellow lines or obstruct driveways.

I hope you all have a very restful weekend - particularly our Reception children who have completed their first full week at school! A wonderful but very exhausting milestone.

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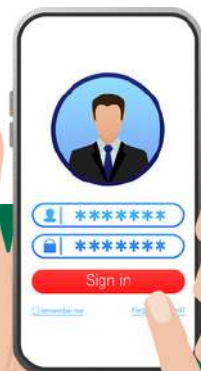
ABSENCES: If your child is likely to be absent on any day, or part of the day, please report the absence by 8:30am

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
Tuesday 21 st October		Parents evening	ALL	Parents invited - information on how to book to follow
Thursday 23 rd October		Parents evening	ALL	Parents invited - information on how to book to follow
November 2025				
Monday 3 rd November		INSET DAY		
Tuesday 4 th November		INSET DAY		
Wednesday 5 th November		Children back to School	ALL	

Friends of Goldsworth News



Dates for your Diary

Happy School Bags – Friday, 26th September

Your child should have brought home a Happy School Bag last 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.

Swimming...



Week commencing		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
22nd September	AM	4SB	4SB	4SB	4SB
	PM	5H	5H	5H	5H
29nd September	AM	3R	3R	3R	3R
	PM	6P	6P	6P	6P

What to bring for your swimming lesson



Swimming Hat



Goggles (optional)



Shorts



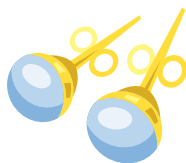
Costume



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.

School Lunches...



Harvest Festival Menu Thursday 2 October

We are pleased to be able to offer a special one-off Harvest Festival Menu which will be on Thursday 2 October. On this date there will be two options available – Yorkshire pudding filled with chicken and vegetable meatballs (Red Option) and Yorkshire pudding filled with vegetarian meatballs (Green Option), both with Harvest Apple Oat Crumble & Vanilla Custard for pudding. If your child would like to have this special meal please order either the Red or Green option on Arbor for that day, the Yellow and Blue Options will not be on offer.

Please remember that 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.

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.

SPORTING NEWS

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YEAR 3 GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT!!

A FRIENDLY TOURNAMENT HELD AT HERMITAGE PRIMARY

On Monday, a group of Year 3 girls headed to Hermitage Primary School for a round of friendly matches. The aim of this tournament was to introduce football to those who don't usually play and to have as much fun as possible. The girls all did amazingly well and they should all be very proud of themselves. For many of the girls, this was their first experience of football so to play how they did and to get stuck in against another school, it was amazing to see. Hopefully this inspires them to continue playing football throughout the year.



MARVELLOUS MANNERS

We have introduced Marvellous Manners at Goldsworth Primary.

Along with holding open doors, listening beautifully in class and always using please and thank you, children are being encouraged to show appropriate body language when spoken to and to proactively ask questions to each other and to adults, such as, “How are you?”, “How was your weekend?” and “What can I do to help?”.

When adults positively notice these Marvellous Manners, they give the child a token which goes in a jar. On Friday, names are picked up and the chosen children get to have a squash and a biscuit with a member of the Senior Leadership Team. Also, the tokens will be added together across the school to build up towards a whole school reward. If you can reinforce marvellous manners with your child at home, this will give a consistent message from everyone. It has been wonderful to see these efforts being put into practice!



Inclusion Workshops for 2025-26



Hosted by Mrs Knight (Assistant Head of Inclusion) and Mrs Foley (SENCO)



7th November 2025 9-10:30am Supporting Neurodiversity at home

This workshop we will be joined by Anne Beaty SEND Support Advisor from Surrey County Council.

We will be bringing parents together to discuss the strengths and challenges they see at home. We will introduce some resources, explain the ND Padlet for families and have time to answer any of your questions.




6th January 2026 2-3:20pm Supporting children with additional needs

in English and Maths

This workshop will consist of exploring inclusive strategies and interventions.

We will share practical tools and resources for differentiation. This will also include top tips for homework completion.



29th April 2026 9-10:30am

Zones of Regulation

This workshop will help to understand how emotional regulation impacts learning and behaviour in SEN pupils.


We will share how to help children recognise and label their emotions using the four zones and how this can be used effectively at home.

25th June 2026 9-10:30am

Supporting change

This workshop we will be joined by the Mental Health Support Team.

We will be sharing strategies on 'Supporting change' and helping children cope with moving on and managing anxieties around this. We will learn practical approaches to help children manage uncertainty and transitions





Boys and Girls AUTUMN TERM 2025 CLUBS

Sept - Dec



**ONLINE
BOOKINGS
NOW BEING
TAKEN**

Goldsworth Primary School

Designed to let boys and girls exercise and enjoy themselves in a safe, friendly environment. Our clubs run for one hour. These sessions are finished off with small sided games and prizes.

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

Boys & Girls Football

Starting January 2026

for more info & to
book visit

ntsports.co.uk

Book and pay online. Bookings cannot be made over the phone or via email.

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4TH NOV



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