

NEWSLETTER

Be the best we can be



Deputy Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, you will have noticed that in addition to the usual newsletter, we have released our half termly newspaper - The Goldsworth Times. Thank you to our Digital Journalism Team and Mr Nower for putting together such an insightful and interesting read!

Next, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Diwali celebration — a time to share joy, reflect on new beginnings. It has been lovely to hear from some of the children who have enjoyed celebrating and describing some fireworks which I'm pretty sure my children have been watching and enjoying from their bedroom window! In addition, Miss Edwards delivered an excellent Diwali themed assembly during the week which is also detailed in this week's newsletter. Furthermore, The Diwali celebrations continued in school and our Reception children enjoyed their annual Diwali Dancing workshop!

Well done and congratulations to 6G for delivering an outstanding class assembly at the end of last week. Terrific singing, confident speaking, excellent poetry, Maths and Diwali dancing were all on show! There was a real sense of belonging and children knowing they can make a difference to the school. Everything Year 6 is about!

We ended the half term with a golf tournament at Pyrford Lakes Golf Club on Monday. The children took part in 8 different skill challenges earning points for your school. Mr Nower reported that everyone was respectful to the young leaders in charge of each station and the children had a great time.

It was fantastic to see so many families at this week's parent consultations. There was a real buzz in the hall and I know you will join me in thanking the teachers for giving up two evenings this week - particularly at the end of a long half term. Thank you also to our fantastic FOG Team for organising the second hand uniform sales on Tuesday and Thursday evening.

We are sending all of our best wishes to Miss Pether who is getting married this weekend. Congratulations to Miss Pether and her family and we hope you have the most incredible day and half term honeymoon!

Finally, we had a brilliant Harvest assembly and such a pleasure to be part of. Thank you for attending and adding to the electric atmosphere! It is a wonderful tradition and such an uplifting way to end our half term. As Mrs Kozlowski mentioned, Harvest is all about sharing and we are incredibly grateful for all of your contributions towards the Woking Foodbank.

Have a super half term and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday 5th November after half term and staff training days.

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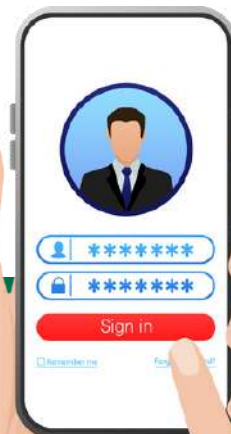
ABSENCES: If your child is likely to be absent on any day, or part of the day, please report the absence by 8:30am

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
November 2025				
Monday 3 rd November		INSET DAY		
Tuesday 4 th November		INSET DAY		
Wednesday 5 th November		Children back to School	ALL	
Friday 7 th November		Anglo - Saxon workshop	Year 4	Please make payment via the Trips section on Arbor
Monday 10 th November		Stone Age Workshop	Year 3	Please make payment via the Trips section on Arbor
Thursday 13 th November		Medieval Workshop	Year 2	Please make payment via the Trips section on Arbor
Wednesday 26 th and Thursday 27 th November		Nasal Flu	ALL	Please complete the consent emailed out to all parents
Thursday 27 th November		Rescheduled bus visit	Year R	
December 2025				
Monday 8 th December		Nativity 2pm - 3pm	Year 2	Parents invited - more information to follow
Tuesday 9 th December		Nativity 9.15am - 10.15am	Year 2	Parents invited - more information to follow
Thursday 11 th December		Pantomime Trip	Year 3	Please make payment via the Trips section on Arbor

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
16.10.25	6G	13.11.25	4HD	20.11.25	RABBITS
27.11.25	6P	4.12.25	4SB	18.12.25	6E
22.01.26	4D	29.01.26	3T	05.02.26	OWLS
12.03.26	3R	19.03.26	5H	26.03.26	OTTERS
23.04.26	FOXES	30.04.26	3G	07.05.26	5E
21.05.26	5P	18.06.26	BADGERS	25.06.26	BATS

This week, Miss Edwards led an engaging Diwali assembly to celebrate the Hindu Festival of Lights with the children.

The assembly was a wonderful opportunity for pupils to learn about the significance of Diwali, including the story of Rama and Sita, the importance of light over darkness, and the ways in which families celebrate around the world. This was a wonderful opportunity for children to deepen their understanding and appreciation of different cultures and beliefs.
Happy Diwali!

Friends of Goldsworth News

Dates for your Diary

We've had a busy week fundraising, with second-hand uniform sales on Tuesday and Thursday, and Tuck Shop on Wednesday. Thank you for all your donations, and to everyone who volunteered to help out, we couldn't run these events without you.

Dates for your Diary

School Disco – Friday, 28th November

Save the date – School Disco will be back on 28th November! Tickets are available from www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofgoldsworth, where you can also sign up as a volunteer. Please note, tickets will not be available to purchase on the door, so buying in advance is a must!

Exclusive Offer – HappySelf Journals

We're excited to share that our school has teamed up with the award-winning HappySelf Journal to support children's wellbeing both at home and in the classroom. HappySelf Journals help children build confidence, express their emotions, and develop a daily habit of gratitude, all in just a few minutes a day.

As a school community, we've secured an exclusive 25% discount for families. Even better – for every five journals purchased with our code, HappySelf will gift a free journal back to the school to use in the classroom. Shop via <https://happyselfjournal.com/discount/GOLDSWORTH> or use code GOLDSWORTH at checkout.

Match Funding

We wanted to take this opportunity to remind you about the match funding scheme and how a little bit of your time could raise double the funds for the PTA.

If you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money you raise could be matched by your employer. Companies may match the fundraising total for an event, or for the stall that their employee is working on. Usually, the employee will need to supply them with a letter from the PTA detailing the date and nature of the event, together with the total raised.

We understand that the high street banks, building societies, supermarkets and large corporations are likely to do match funding, but these schemes are not exclusive to the major corporate giants. If you work for an independent company, they may be interested in charitable giving through match funding too.

We would be grateful if you could see if your employer has a match funding scheme, or if they are willing to match fund any of our events. If you can't help out this time, but you know the company you work for has a match funding policy, please let us know at thecommittee@friends.goldsworthprimary.co.uk – this could be a really large source of income for the PTA and help us raise money for our school.



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
3rd November	AM	INSET DAY	INSET DAY	NO SWIMMING	NO SWIMMING
	PM	INSET DAY	INSET DAY	3G	3G
10 th November	AM	4D	4D	4D	4D
	PM	FOXES	FOXES	FOXES	FOXES

What to bring for your swimming lesson



Swimming Hat



Goggles (optional)



Shorts



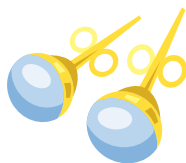
Costume



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...



School lunches are now available for you to order up to the end of this term, Friday 19 December. You should have received an email this week with details of the new menu on offer from 5 November as well as our festive Christmas lunch menu which will be served on Wednesday 17 December.

Please remember that if you pay for your child's school meals the account will need to be topped up before you are able to order and will need to cover all meals ordered. 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 behavior in the classroom thereby making learning easier.

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.

Please also remember to cut small round foods (grapes, strawberries, cherry tomatoes, etc) lengthways and large fruits (such as melon) and any hard fruit or vegetables (raw apple and carrot) into slices and not small chunks.

Thank you for your co-operation, if you have any queries or require further information 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.

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YEAR 5/6 BOYS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT!!

WOKING ROUND OF THE ESFA NATIONAL FOOTBALL COMPETITION

A group of Year 5 and 6's took part in a football tournament at Woking Leisure Centre last Thursday. It was a great morning with some good football on show. There were goals from Zac H, Zach N and Monty, but we narrowly drew two of our games which meant we didn't progress further through the tournament. I did make the mistake of not doing the team photo before we started so we had to force quite a few smiles! Everyone did really well, worked hard and should be proud of how the represented the school.



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YEAR 5/6 GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT!!

WOKING ROUND OF THE ESFA NATIONAL FOOTBALL COMPETITION

A group of Year 5 and 6 girls took part in a football tournament at Woking Leisure Centre last Thursday. It was a great afternoon with some good football being played. There were goals from Frankie, Rose and Olivia, a few assists from Ellen but we narrowly drew two of our games which meant we didn't progress further through the tournament. Throughout the tournament, they all had smiles on their faces and maintained their sportsmanship despite the results. Highlight for me was seeing Savannah go from being slightly apprehensive to play against other schools to getting stuck in and wanting to play more games by the end - that for me is what it's all about!



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YEAR 5/6 GOLF EVENT!!

YEAR 5 AND 6 GOLF EVENT AT PYRFORD LAKES GOLF CLUB

On Monday, I took a group of Year 5 and 6 children to a golf event at Pyrford Lakes Golf Club. Don't be fooled by the picture, it was tipping it down with rain! However, Active Sport who organised the event quickly pivoted and set up the different golf challenges inside allowing it to still go ahead! We practiced chipping and putting, with each station giving out stickers for showing their values: honesty, respect, self-belief and others. Lots of these were handed out to our team as they listened well to the young leaders running each station, respected the adults who ran the event and were supportive of each other during each challenge.



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4TH NOV



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Goldsworth Primary School

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After School Club

CREATIVITY AND CRAFT CLUB

At craft club we work through many different themes. We have taken ideas from the children this term to include horses, the circus and autumnal scenes. We will include their favourite materials so far such as glitter, glitter and more GLITTER! Lots of messy arts and working outside all together have also been popular. The children have created a wonderful friendly group and we look fwd to some new faces in September!

This is a very fun space to let your imagination run wild!
Being creative helps mental growth and inner confidence.

We promote endless encouragement between friends and lots of positive support.

Cost

Half term - 7 sessions at £12 each = £84

Full term - 13 sessions at £12 each = £156

Dates - w/c 08/09 -20/10 wc 10/11 - 15/12

Please contact Sarah to reserve a space on 07972509472.



FREE PLAY & LEARN
SESSION



WOKING FAMILY CENTRE

DROP-IN & JOIN US FOR MESSY PLAY

PLAYDOUGH, ARTS, CRAFTS & HEALTHY EATING

FRIDAY 31st OCTOBER 2025

12:00pm- 1:30pm



For more information contact:
wokingfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk
01483 310419

Suitable for children 0-11 years (older siblings are welcome)

**Woking Family Centre, Sythwood,
Woking, GU21 3AX**



Money Coaching

Learn how to budget, reduce debts and build up savings for the future

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Money Coaching

This is a free 3 week course to help you learn new money management skills. Learn how to create a balanced budget, use credit wisely, reduce debts and build up savings for the future.

Course starting:

Monday 10th November, 10:00am - 12:30pm



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Debt Help

CAP Woking Debt Call-back service

Text 'Debt Help' to 07999 354405
or email debthelp@welcomechurch.uk



Debt Help

Message us and someone from our Debt Centre Team will call you to chat through how you can start the journey to become debt-free!

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