

11th November 2025

NEWSLETTER

Be the best we can be



Deputy Head's Lines

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your children enjoyed an enjoyable and well earned rest over half term. Although I was a little bit jealous of the children only returning on Wednesday, we were treated to two days of inspiring training.

Firstly, it was fantastic to see so many children from Goldsworth attending our Inset Day Camps. In2Sport will be hosting holiday camps in December and January, more details can be found further down in the newsletter.

Thank you to those of you who joined this morning's coffee morning where we discussed the dangers and risks that smartphones pose on children. I talked about some of my personal experiences, shared some frightening data and gave time for parents to talk about their own challenges and experiences. We plan to host one session per half term and the next date will be in January and a date will be shared soon.

Together with the Friends of Goldsworth, we will be hosting an online auction of goods and promises. If you are able to contribute any items through personal or professional connections, please let me know directly dgunning@goldsworthprimary.co.uk. More details will be shared very soon and we aim for the auction to go live in the next couple of weeks.

Finally, it is with mixed emotions to let you know that **Julia Conner** will be retiring from her role as Forest School Teacher on Friday November 21st. Julia has worked for Goldsworth for over 20 years in a wide range of roles but is most famous for leading our Forest School provision. Julia embodies everything that makes Goldsworth great and is an inspirational teacher and person. While we are very excited for Julia, she will be hugely missed by us all. We look forward to celebrating with her over the next two weeks and look forward to keeping in touch with Julia in the future.

Have a fantastic weekend

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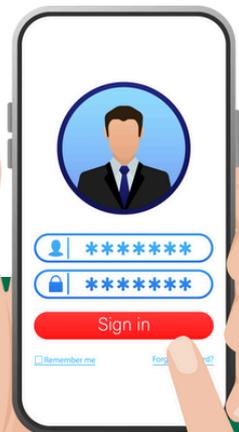
ABSENCES: If your child is likely to be absent on any day, or part of the day, please report the absence by 8:30am

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 10 th November	Stone Age Workshop	Year 3	Please make payment via the Trips section on Arbor
Monday 10 th November	Odd Socks Day, raise awareness for Anti-Bullying Week.	ALL	
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
Tuesday 9 th December	Rocksteady Concerts First Concert starts @ 1.45pm Second Concert starts @ 2.30pm		Parents of children who attend Rocksteady invited
Thursday 11 th December	Pantomime Trip	Year 3	Please make payment via the Trips section on Arbor
Monday 15 th December	Class Christmas Parties (pm)	Year 1 & Year 5	More information will be sent out by class teachers in due course
Tuesday 16 th December	Class Christmas Parties (pm)	Year 3 & Year 6	
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas lunch & jumper day	ALL	
Thursday 18 th December	Class Christmas Parties (pm)	Year 4 & Year 2	
Friday 19 th December	Class Christmas Parties (am)	Year R	
Friday 19th December	End of term (children finish at 1:15pm)		



Odd Socks Day – Monday 10th November

We're taking part in Odd Socks Day to celebrate what makes us all unique and to raise awareness for Anti-Bullying Week. It's a fun and positive way for children to express themselves and to remind everyone that we are all different – and that's something to be proud of!

All your child needs to do is come to school wearing their full school uniform along with a pair of odd socks on Monday 10th November. It's a simple way to join thousands of schools across the country in saying no to bullying.

Let's make it a colourful day full of fun, self-expression, and kindness



Christmas DONATION DRIVE

AT GOLDSWORTH
PRIMARY
SCHOOL



1ST-5TH DECEMBER 2025

This Christmas, we're collecting toys, games, and stationery for the children's playroom at the **Royal Surrey Hospital**. Some children will be spending Christmas in hospital – let's help make their festive season brighter!

DROP OFF POINT

Bring your gifts to the front stall in the morning or to the front office anytime!



WHAT TO DONATE:

- 🍭 New or very good condition toys
Sensory and baby toys
- 🍭 Wipeable interactive books
Board games and Xbox One / PlayStation 4 games
- 🍭 Colouring books, pens, and other stationery



IMPORTANT! No wrapping paper, please!
Items must be wipeable and easy to clean.

Thank you! Liliana, Chloe, Matilda, Emma (6y)



Class Assemblies and Swimming timetable

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



Week commencing		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
10 th November	AM	4D	4D	4D	4D
	PM	FOXES	FOXES	FOXES	FOXES
17 th November	AM	4SB	4SB	4SB	4SB
	PM	RABBITS	RABBITS	RABBITS	RABBITS

REMINDER 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.

Friends of Goldsworth News

Fundraising Update

The week before half term was a busy one for Friends of Goldsworth fundraising! Our ever-popular Tuck Shop raised a fantastic **£422.60** – thank you to everyone who helped out, and for your generous donations of cakes, cookies and fruit.

And our second-hand uniform sales at the parents' evenings before half term were a huge success, **raising £380!** Thank you to the volunteers who helped out, and to our fantastic second-hand uniform events team – Bex, Alyce, and Sarah – who ran this event. All with children in Year 3, they have known each other since Reception and wanted to find a way to support the Friends of Goldsworth. We understand that many parents have limited time to volunteer, so we suggested they take charge of one event with the committee's support. As our uniform sales had stalled due to a backlog of donations and no one to organise them, this was the perfect opportunity. The team sorted through donations, coordinated with the school, and ran one of our most successful second-hand uniform events ever.

Their experience shows that volunteering with the Friends of Goldsworth doesn't have to be daunting. Taking on just one event allows volunteers to decide its scale, timing, and frequency, making it easy to fit around busy schedules while helping the school community thrive. It also frees up our small committee to plan future events and decide how funds are spent. If you'd like to help with an existing fundraiser or have a new idea, please contact us at thecommittee@friends.goldsworthprimary.co.uk or chat with our committee members — Lucy, Joh, Laura, or Chelsea — at school. It's a wonderful way to get involved, meet other parents, and make a difference at Goldsworth.

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

There are two weeks left to take advantage of our exclusive discount on HappySelf Journals! These award-winning journals support children's wellbeing both at home and in the classroom, helping 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

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...



The new school lunch menu is still available for you to order for the rest of this term, up to Friday 19 December. Please note the 5 day ordering cut off and if there are any days that you have not ordered a school lunch for you will need to provide a packed lunch from home for your child on those days.

REMINDER

Please remember that the meals account balance must be sufficient to cover all meals ordered and you will have to check out your basket before orders are confirmed. 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 All enquiries will be dealt with in complete confidence.

Please see following a link to a support article from Arbor which you may find helpful. This gives full details on how to order lunches: <https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/6956696271261-Meal-Menu-choices-on-the-Parent-Portal-or-Parent-App>



Christmas lunch on Wednesday 17 December

We are pleased to be offering our Christmas lunch on Wednesday 17 December, you should have received a copy of this special menu by email. Please note there is an earlier **cut off to order this by Friday 21st November** to allow the kitchen time to order the extra food required. This is usually a very festive occasion and we would love as many of the children to join us in having the school lunch as possible.

If your child decides they would prefer a packed lunch from home on any day that you have ordered a school lunch please let us know by emailing lunches@goldsworthprimary.co.uk by 9.30am so that we may cancel their order, avoid food wastage and you being charged for the meal.

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.

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 – school cutlery is not available for use.

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.

CHESS NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO DILDARAV IN YEAR 6 WHO HAS WON THE UK CHESS CHALLENGE 2025 IN U10 CATEGORY.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dildarav for winning the UK Chess Challenge 2025 in U10 category. The event organisers commented, "Dildarav achieved a perfect 100% score, an exceptionally rare feat, adding the U10 title to his U8 Championship victory in 2023."

Dildarav has represented England Juniors in European and World junior international chess championships and we are all incredibly proud of him!



in sport in care

WINTER WONDERLAND HOLIDAY CAMP AT GOLDSWORTH SCHOOL

22ND & 23RD DECEMBER

MONDAY 2ND JANUARY



**EARLY BIRD
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8AM-5PM → £38

9AM-3PM → £31



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Goldsworth Parent Café

Emotion Coaching and Special Time

**Goldsworth Primary School
Mental Health Support Team (MHST)**



Dorrie

Anetta

Molly

We are an NHS team working within some Woking schools to support the emotional and mental health of children and young people.

We're holding a Parent Café on Emotion Coaching and prioritising special time with your child/young person at Goldsworth Primary School.

Emotion Coaching is all about understanding and supporting children's emotions. In this session, we'll give a short presentation on what Emotion Coaching is and how you can use it with your child, alongside the benefits of engaging in special time with your child/young person. This will be followed by a group discussion, giving you the chance to share what's worked for you, explore practical strategies, and ask any questions you may have.

All parents, carers, and key attachment figures are very welcome to attend.

Event details:

When? 21st November, 8.40AM start

Where? Please go to the main reception shortly before – a member of staff will be able to show you where to go.