



Godolphin Primary School
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Important Diary Dates:

2023/24 Inset Days:

- Monday 19th February 2024
- Monday 17th June 2024
- Wednesday 24th July 2024

Friday 2nd February: NSPCC Number Day
(see details overleaf)

Zircon Bible Exhibition at Light & Life, Helston: Friday 9th February

Half-term: Monday 12th – Friday 16th February

Cross-Country Race 4: Tuesday 27th February: 4pm at Helston Community College (KS2 qualifier)

Easter holiday: Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April

Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th June: Y3/4 School Camp (more information to follow).

Monday 1st – Wednesday 3rd July: Y5/6 School Camp (more information to follow)

Attendance:

Overall school attendance for this week was 88.13% (of which 3.07% was unauthorised). The school target is 96%. We appreciate that once again there have been a number of children (and staff!) ill this week. Hopefully, our attendance will be higher again soon.

The attendance for each class was:

- Emerald Class: 83.75%
- Diamond Class: 88.67%
- Zircon Class: 92.38%

Overall school attendance for the academic year so far is 95.20%.

ChatHealth Parent Helpline:



Cornwall Council have launched a new helpline for parents/carers.

Users can send a message, anonymously if they wish, to Health Visiting and School Nursing to get confidential help and advice about a range of health concerns, including:

- Sleep
- Child development
- Support with behaviour
- Toileting
- Feeding and nutrition
- Keeping safe and healthy
- Childhood illnesses and support with medical conditions at school
- Emotional, mental health and wellbeing
- Relationship
- Smoking and vaping
- Drugs and alcohol

The messaging service is available Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays) from 9am to 5pm. When a message is sent to the numbers, an automated reply confirms the message has been received. A trained healthcare professional will reply to the message within 48 hours (within office time).

PTA Valentine's Celebration Sweet Shop:



After School Clubs:

Badminton & Multi-Skills Club (Rec/Y1/2)

- Monday 29th January
- Monday 5th February

Lego Club (Y5/6 only):

- Monday 29th January
- Friday 9th February

Cricket Leader Club (Y4/5/6):

- Tuesday 30th January
- Tuesday 6th February

Year 6 Study Club:

- Wednesday 31st January
- Wednesday 7th February

Please remember to collect your children promptly after clubs.

Google Classroom:

Don't forget to visit our Google Classrooms to find out more about what your child has been learning in school.

We endeavour to upload news, pictures and videos to share some of the exciting work and events taking place in and out of the classrooms.

Maths Whizz:

Please can you encourage your child (Y1-Y6) to access Maths Whizz each week at home.

Ideally, we would like pupils to access Maths Whizz at least **3 times a week**, for approximately **20 minutes** per session, **achieving at least 3 blue progression gems and 3 red challenge gems each week**, therefore reaching the Hall of Fame.

This week 30 children received a certificate for achieving this target, 8 more than last week! Well done! Maybe next week, there will be even more children receiving this certificate.

Road Safety reminder:

As the days remain shorter and darker, please can we remind all parents/carers to park and drive courteously outside school when dropping off and collecting children. Please avoid mounting the pavement at all times.

Measles (advice from Cornwall Council Public Health Protection team):

Measles is currently circulating in England, and we expect that we will soon start seeing measles outbreaks in Cornwall. Measles outbreaks happen when not enough children have been vaccinated.

Measles can be a very serious disease, leading to ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea, and damage to the brain. Measles can kill.

Getting vaccinated

Your child is at risk of measles if he or she hasn't had the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccination.

Two doses of MMR vaccine are needed to get the best protection.

If your child is due to have had 2 doses of MMR but has not yet received them, no matter what age they are, you should contact your GP to get them vaccinated as soon as possible. MMR vaccination is free.

If you can't remember if your child has had any, 1 or 2 doses of MMR vaccine, check his or her personal child health record (the Red Book). If this doesn't help, speak to your GP.

If you don't know how many doses your child has had, it's better to have 2 doses of MMR vaccine now rather than risk leaving them unprotected.

What to do if your child has symptoms

Symptoms of measles include fever, sore red eyes, and rash. Measles often starts as cold like symptoms. If your child has cold like symptoms but no fever they can still attend school. School attendance is vitally important to childrens' learning and health. If your child has been vaccinated, it's very unlikely that they have measles.

If your child has measles they should stay off nursery or school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears, and avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system. If you are worried about your child contact your GP or 111.

For further information see

- MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

NSPCC Number Day:



On Friday 2nd February we will be celebrating the NSPCC Number Day and taking part in lots of exciting mathematically themed activities throughout the day.

We are also asking pupils to either bring in the heaviest potato or the longest carrot.

Badminton Taster Sessions:

On Thursday afternoon, the children in Years 3-6 were treated to badminton taster sessions delivered by a coach from National Badminton.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and all had the opportunity to play some exciting games and develop their skills.

Thank you to Hope for coming in. Pupils in Reception, Y1 & Y2 will also be receiving a taster sessions before half-term.

If your child would like to take part in further coaching, please see the poster below (leaflets will also be sent home in book-bags).

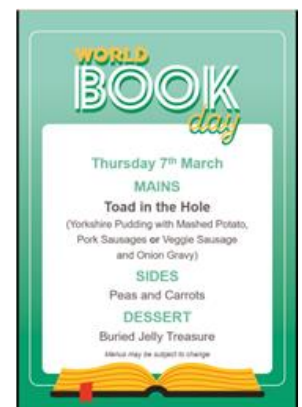


Important information:

Please could we remind all children not to bring any food items into school which contain nuts.

Chartwells Themed Days:

- **Pancake Day:** Tues 20th Feb:
- **Chinese New Year:** Thurs 22nd Feb
- **St Piran's Day:** Tues 5th March
- **World Book Day:** Thurs 7th March



KS2 Gymnastics Competition:

Earlier in the week the school entered 5 teams of gymnasts in the Helston and Mullion Key-Steps Gymnastics competition which was held at Penryn Gym Club.

The children were judged on their routines and body management. They even had time to test out the tumble track and jump in the foam pit, which as you can imagine, they all really enjoyed.

All of the Godolphin gymnasts performed brilliantly, with the Y5/6 club and non-club teams both finishing as runner up. Also, congratulations to Lilly in Year 5 who was the overall winner in the Y5/6 club floor category.

Thanks to Mrs Gee and Mrs Mason for supporting our teams at this event.

