



Godolphin Primary School
'living, learning and laughing together'

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Important Diary Dates:

2023/24 Inset Days:

- Wednesday 24th July 2024

Monday 22nd July: Year 6 Leavers' Assembly: @ 2pm (for Y6 parents/carers only)

Last day of term: Tuesday 23rd July

Autumn Term starts: Thursday 5th September

Half-term: Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November

Inset Days for 2024/25:

- Tuesday 3rd Sept 2024
- Wednesday 4th Sept 2024
- Monday 14th October
- Monday 24th February 2025
- Monday 8th May 2025
- Thursday 2nd June 2025
- Wednesday 23rd July 2025

Attendance:

Overall school attendance for this week was 97.76% (of which 0.53% was unauthorised).

The attendance for each class was:

- Emerald Class: 96.67%
- Diamond Class: 98.93%
- Zircon Class: 97.5%

Overall school attendance for the academic year so far is 95.03%.

Maths Whizz

Congratulations to the children who reached the 'Hall of Fame' last week. The Maths Whizz trophy will be awarded to the Diamonds closely followed by Zircons. We would really like to encourage our children to take advantage of this effective maths resource.

Looking ahead ...

In the Autumn term, the Y5/6 children will be taking part in sailing lessons on Wednesday afternoons for five weeks (starting 18th September). There will be a slightly later return time.

The Diamonds will be taking part in swimming lessons for six consecutive weeks (starting on Thursday 19th September).

More details will follow at the beginning of the Autumn term. Payment for these will be on ParentPay.

After-School Club:

There will be no Karaoke After School Club next week on Tuesday 23rd July. However, it will resume in September.

Parent Pay:

A polite reminder to all our parents that there are a number of outstanding payments for school lunches and other items (including school trips).

Could we ask that you sign into your account and check your balances and make any necessary payments as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or queries, please get in touch.

General reminders:

Please can we remind all parents/carers that children should have a water bottle in school every day filled with water, not fruit squash.

We appreciate that most pupils who bring a packed lunch from home bring healthy packed lunches. But please could we request that you avoid foods and drinks high in saturated fat, sugar and/or salt, like crisps and chocolate biscuits/bars.

This is in line with our policy to encourage healthy eating and drinking. Thanks.

Revised School Day:

A reminder that from September, although the registration time will remain at 8.45am, we will be making a small change to the time children can enter the classroom.

This will now be 8.45am prompt. However, to minimise congestion outside school, children, if supervised at all times, can wait in the playground from 8.30am.

PTA Ice-cream Treat:

A huge thank you to the PTA who kindly arranged for all the children (and staff) to enjoy an ice-cream from Roskilly's on Wednesday afternoon.

Thank you also for everything they have done for the school over the year. It's really made a huge difference!



Elmore String Quartet:

On Tuesday morning we were treated to a music performance from the very talented Elmore Quartet from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, London.

The musicians were absolutely amazing, and all the children were truly mesmerised by their talent.

Many thanks again to the Elmore Quartet. We hope to see them again soon.



School Choir:

A huge 'well done' once again to the school choir who sang so beautifully at their performance on Thursday afternoon to an audience of pupils and parents/carers. They all sang brilliantly and there were also some stand-out solos.

The staff were very proud! Many thanks once again to Mrs Birkett for being such an inspirational choir leader!



Cornwall Climate Care Workshops:

On Thursday we welcomed Hayley Hill from Cornwall Climate Care, who delivered three insightful workshops, one for each class, highlighting the impacts of climate change already being felt in Cornwall, and beyond.

The Emeralds and Diamonds focused on the effects of climate change taking place in the oceans.

The Zircons focused on food choices, fossil fuels and greenhouse gases; what creates them and what humans can do to reduce them and therefore slow climate change.

The workshops were fascinating and very informative. Many thanks to Hayley for delivering the workshops and to Mrs Bousfield for arranging this visit.



Mining

The Zircon Class enjoyed an informative and interesting talk from Mr Bolitho, on modern-day mining, including different types of mines, engineering and explosives.

The children were 'blown away' by the presentation and videos from various mines around the world and the props he brought with him. Many thanks to Mr Bolitho.



Cool Milk:

Just a reminder that once your child turns 5 years old they are no longer entitled to milk at school. If you wish to register your child for milk please visit www.coolmilk.com and select 'register my child for school milk'.

Please see the attachment sent with the newsletter for further information and details of the price increase.



Eco-Club Beach Clean:

Last Thursday the Eco Club took part in a Beach Clean at Praa Sands, led by Piran Ivey. They searched the beach from Hendra to the Welloe and managed to collect approx. 1 ½ bags of litter which would otherwise be polluting our seas.

Piran took the opportunity to present the Warriors with certificates for completing the sessions. Piran has been leading the club since the Autumn term and has planned activities which included planting, making seed bombs and bird feeders, and building a bug hotel. We would like to thank Piran for initiating and leading the club which has been a huge success this year.



Writer's Block Summer Workshops:

This summer, The Writers' Block are excited to offer two fantastic clubs for children to explore their creativity, uncover their talents, and have a blast!

Shakespeare Shenanigans: 10-3pm Tues 30 July at Kresen Kernow, Little Vauxhall, Redruth TR15 1AS

A fun packed day of shenanigans, exploring one of Shakespeare's most popular plays - A Midsummer Night's Dream. This workshop is suggested for 9-11s, however all children interested are welcome.

Story Adventurers: Tuesday 6 August 10-3pm at Kresen Kernow, Little Vauxhall, Redruth TR15 1AS

An interactive session of story, making. Bring your ideas and imagination! We suggest this workshop is suitable for 6-8s, however all children are welcome.

Tickets £20 (bursaries available) Please note, parents are to drop off children and children are to bring own lunch. There are 5 fully funded places for children in receipt of Free School Meals or income related JSA. To apply for a free place, please email grace.davies@keap.org.uk for the code.

Bookings: <https://thelittleboxoffice.com/thewritersblock>

Summer Family Board Gaming Sessions:

