



Godolphin Primary School
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Important Diary Dates:

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

Inset Days for 2024/25:

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

Individual school photos: Wednesday 2nd October

Nasal Flu immunisations (Reception-Y6):
Wednesday 6th November

Zircon Sailing Dates:

- Wednesday 18th September
- Wednesday 25th September
- Wednesday 2nd October
- Wednesday 9th October
- Wednesday 16th October

Please return any outstanding consent forms and complete the online waiver form ASAP!

Diamond Swimming Dates:

- Thursday 19th September
- Thursday 26th September
- Thursday 3rd October
- Thursday 10th October
- Thursday 17th October
- Thursday 24th October

Letters to be sent home on Monday.

If any volunteer parents would like to help with these lessons, please speak to Mr Snook

Data collection sheets & consent forms:

Annual consent forms will be sent home next week.

Please can you return the signed and completed forms by Friday 20th September.

Important reminders:

Registration:

Children, if supervised at all times, can wait in the playground from 8.30am. However, an adult/carer must stay with them until 8.45am.

PE Days for Autumn Term (first half term):

- Zircon Class: Wednesday (sailing) & Friday
- Diamond Class: Thursday (swimming) & Friday
- Emerald Class: Monday & Friday

There will sometimes be changes to these days. We will let you know if this is the case.

Soft Toys/Toys:

Please can we request that any toys/ soft-toys from home are NOT brought into school. We wouldn't want them to get lost or damaged!

Attendance:

Overall school attendance for this week was 99.73% (of which none was unauthorised).

The attendance for each class was:

- Emerald Class: 100%
- Diamond Class: 99.26%
- Zircon Class: 100%

Overall school attendance for the academic year so far is 99.13%.

Isla's act of kindness:

Isla kindly donated her hair to the charity, 'The Little Princess Trust', who provide real-hair wigs, free of charge, to children experiencing hair loss due to cancer treatment or other medical conditions. In the process, Isla raised a staggering £125.00 in sponsorship for this worthy cause. Well done Isla!



Open Afternoon:



Godolphin Primary School
OPEN-AFTERNOON!

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Is your child starting school in September 2025?!
Come and visit our wonderful school!
Tuesday 8th October 1.30pm – 2.30pm!
No need to book an appointment!
Refreshments available!
We look forward to meeting you!
01736-763318!

*Godolphin Primary School is a happy, safe place for pupils to learn, staff know pupils well and want the best for them. Leaders have high aspirations of what pupils can achieve. *Ofsted 2022!

PTA Event Planning Meeting:

The PTA are holding an event planning meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday 19th September in The Queen's Arms, Breage. If you would like to volunteer to help at the Halloween disco or other upcoming events, please come along to the meeting or talk to a member of the PTA. Without the support of the parents, these events cannot run.

Emerald Class: Thankyou:

The Emerald Class have some fantastic new playground equipment, kindly paid for by the PTA. Many thanks!

Emeralds would also like to say thank-you to Mr Acreman who made a pizza/mud-pie oven and weighing scales over the holidays (with wood kindly donated by Shaun's Shed in Redruth), and to Mr Thomas and Mr Smith who helped assemble many of the playground items.

And finally thank-you to the local Rotary group who spent some time at the beginning of the holiday tidying up and painting the Emerald playground.

Application for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium:

All KS1 children (Reception, Y1 & Y2) are eligible to receive a free school lunch regardless of household income or benefits. However, if you are in receipt of one or more of the qualifying benefits (listed below) and you are not in receipt of Working Tax Credit, the school may also benefit from additional Pupil Premium funding to support your child.

Qualifying benefits are:

- Universal Credit with net ('take-home') income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by the HMRC
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

If you think you may meet these criteria, please contact Mrs Thomas in the school office for an application form.

Governor vacancy.

We would like to grow our Local Governance Committee to ensure strength and continuity in this area for our school going forwards. We would welcome interest from anyone - parent, carer or member of the local community - who would like to know more about being a school governor. It isn't a huge time commitment and you don't need any particular skills or experiences. Feel free to catch me at drop-off/pick-up or email me on emma.ivey@croftymat.org with any questions or to arrange a chat to explain more. Alternatively, get in touch with Mrs Thomas in the school office.

Being part of our governing committee is a great way to be a part of the school community, to support the school as a whole as well as the staff and enhance the experiences and education that the children receive. We look forward to hearing from you!

Year 6: Transfer to Secondary School:

The deadline for applications for Year 6 children's transfer to secondary school in September 2025 is **31st October 2024**.

A leaflet will be sent home soon. Further information and guidance can be found on the Cornwall Council website:

Click [here](#) for more information.

Breakfast Club & After-School Clubs:

A reminder that the Breakfast Club now runs from 7.45am – 8.45am. The cost is £4.50 per child per session.

After-School Club runs after school Monday – Thursday. There are different themed activities on some days (3.15 – 4.30pm). The cost per session is £5.25 per pupil (and includes a drink & snack).

If you wish your child to stay after this time (once the themed activity has finished), the cost is an additional £4.20 (4.30-5.30pm).

Themed nights starting next week:

- Wednesday: Bingo
- Thursday: Karaoke

Please book both breakfast and after-school club 48 hours in advance. Payment for both will be made through ParentPay.

Please book by contacting the school office either by telephone or email. Thanks.

Art Club:

In response to comments received in the parent survey carried out in the summer term, we are delighted to now offer an art club, which will be taking place on a Friday after school until 4.30pm, starting next week. (Letters will be sent home on Monday).

This club will be delivered by artist, Anna Pope, and supported by Mrs Goodfield.

In order to make this club financially viable there will have to be a small charge (£3) which covers all materials and resources.

We hope lots of our children sign up for this exciting new club and we look forward to seeing some of the amazing artwork that the children produce!

School Council:

We are delighted to announce the names of the children voted to be our new school councillors:

- Emerald School Councillors: Layla & Jacob R
- Diamond School Councillors: Delilah, Gracie & Lily H
- Zircons School Councillors:
 - Head Boy: Thomas
 - Head Girl: Elowen
 - Deputy Head Boy: Cary
 - Deputy Head Girl: Lilly B
 - Year 6 School Council: Nellie
 - Year 5 School Council: Samuel F
 - Crofty Trust Eco Councillors: Maia & Isla P

Congratulations to all of them, and a huge well done to all the Year 6 children who prepared and delivered such persuasive head-boy and head-girl speeches. They were all excellent and the results were very close indeed.

A photo will follow next week.

Penalty Notices for unauthorised absence:

Attached with the newsletter is a leaflet from Cornwall Council explaining about absence related penalty notices. Please ensure you read the guide in relation to the attendance letter sent home earlier this week.

After School Sports Clubs:

Netball & Ball Skills Club (run by a sports coach) & supported by a staff member:

For Years 2/3/4/5/6: 3.15-4.30pm

- Monday 16th September
- Monday 23rd September
- Monday 30th September
- Tuesday 15th October
- Monday 21st October

Football Club:

A football club for Years 2-6 will be on Tuesdays, commencing Tuesday 24th September.



Do you want to help improve the life chances of every child in your school?

- **Do you want to help make a difference?**
- **Looking for a new challenge and want to support your local community?**
- **Can you spare some time to help us?**

We would like another two parents to join the existing team of parents, community members and staff who work together as our Local Governance Committee.

As a governor you can help make a difference to every child in the school — by being a critical friend and both supporting and challenging the school's leadership team to drive school improvement.

You do not need previous experience of governance or education — just *the motivation to make a difference and the willingness to commit your time and energy.*

The Local Governance Committee meets every half term.

If this sounds like **you** and you would like to find out more then please contact the school office by **Monday 23rd Sept.** for further information and details on how to apply or email emma.ivey@croftymat.org.



X/C-League-2024/25



Dear Schools,

Every runner gains points for the school so try to enter as many runners as possible. I look forward to seeing you and your team at the races listed below. Runners, please remember to hand your finishing ticket to your cross-country lead. Good luck!

Tuesday-17th-September	Race-1	Reception/KS1-and-KS2	Helston-South-Site-4pm
Tuesday-8th-October	Race-2	Reception/KS1-and-KS2	Mullion-4pm
Wednesday-6th-November	Race-3	KS2	Helston-North-Site-4pm
Tuesday-25th-February	Race-4	KS2/Peninsula-qualifier	Helston-South-Site-4pm
March	Peninsula-Final	KS2	Pool-School-4-5pm
March	School-Games-Final	KS2	Newquay
Tuesday-29th-April	Race-5	KS2	Helston-North
Tuesday-13th-May	Race-6	Reception/KS1-and-KS2	Helston-South-Site-4pm
Tuesday-10th-June	Fun-Run	Reception/KS1-and-KS2	Mullion-4pm

- → Reception and KS1 Fun-Runs. Come and take part in one or all of the fun-runs. These are not scored, just a chance to join in.
- → School Games qualifier race-24th-Feb-2025.
- → Endurance medal for completing 5 events (KS2 only).
- → Top 3 boys and girls from each age group win medals.
- → 2 overall school trophies: 1 for total points and 1 for percentage points of KS2 on roll.
- → Special award for anyone with 500 points.
- → Fun-relay event and league presentations-10th-June-2025.
- → Distances: KS1 fun-runs-500m, years 3-4 run-1000m, years 5-6 run-1400m.
- → Race order: First race girls years 3-4, then boys, third race girls years 5-6, then boys.

KS1 Cross Country

On Tuesday 17th September, there is a cross-country league match for all of the pupils in Years 3-6.

In addition to these races, **there will also be a fun race for boys and girls in Reception-Year 2.**

The event will be taking place at **Helston Community College (South Site).**

4.00pm start

This will be a fantastic opportunity for your child to compete for the school. All pupils in Reception/Year1/Year2 are welcome to take part. However, parents will need to make their own transport and supervision arrangements.

In order to keep the children safe, each school will be allocated its own zone where all pupils and parents should remain during the races.



Only the children taking part in each race should be on the course.

Parking is limited. Parents may wish to park at the main school and walk down. The bus park will be available after 3.45pm.

If you would like your child to take part, please let a member of the Emerald staff know on Monday morning so that they know which children are running and therefore require a running vest.

Thank you

C Snook

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Community Open Evening



Wednesday 25 September 2024

5.00pm – 7.00pm

Parents/carers of students in Years 5 and 6 are invited to attend our annual Community Opening Evening. This event will give you and your family the opportunity to explore the campus, meet the staff and experience a large number of activities relating to the life and work of this friendly and successful College.

Headteacher, Mr A Lingard, will briefly introduce the aims and ethos of the College at 5pm and again at 5.45pm in the North Site Main Hall. Tour Guides will be on hand to lead you around the campus to the different faculties.

Google Classrooms:

Don't forget to check your child's Google Classrooms for updates on your child's learning and the latest school news.

Parent volunteers:

If you are keen to become a parent volunteer and/or a volunteer driver or even a potential minibus driver, please contact Mrs. Thomas.

Parent volunteers are a great support to the school and help us to take part in a range of activities throughout the year.

Parent Pay:



A polite reminder to all our parents that to check ParentPay regularly and check your balances and make any necessary payments as soon as possible.

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