



Godolphin Primary School
'living, learning and laughing together'

Newsletter Issue 3
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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 25th September
- Wednesday 2nd October
- Wednesday 9th October
- Wednesday 16th October

Diamond Swimming Dates:

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

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

Cornwall Service Music Trust Lessons:

Mrs Smith (who teaches the piano and woodwind music lessons) will have a vacancy coming up after half-term for a woodwind lesson. If anyone is interested, please let Mrs Thomas know.

Data collection sheets & consent forms:

Annual consent forms have been sent home today.

Please can you return the signed and completed forms on **Monday 23rd September**.

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.

Attendance:

Overall school attendance for this week was 98.24% (of which none was unauthorised).

The attendance for each class was:

- Emerald Class: 98.57%
- Diamond Class: 96.67%
- Zircon Class: 99.62%

Overall school attendance for the academic year so far is 98.76%.

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.

Donations:

We would like to pass on our thanks to local residents Mrs Taylor and Mr Curtis who held a charity boat trip over the summer and kindly donated £62.50 to the school. We have put the money towards some new atlases. Thanks again!

We would also like to thank the Breage Parish Council '20 Plenty' campaign who have kindly donated reflective book-bag stickers for all the children which they will be bringing home today.

Trips to St Michael's Mount:

Over the last two weeks each class visited St Michael's Mount to launch our whole school literary theme of 'Myths and Legends'.

Kerry from the St Aubyn Trust led a day of activities linked to the Cornish myth of Cormoran the Giant. The Diamond and Emerald classes approached the castle on foot across the causeway and the Zircons arrived by boat through the mist.

The morning consisted of the 'castle experience' which included storytelling of Cormoran on the castle path, peeking into the well to see the giant's eye and scanning the smooth pebbles on the path for the giant's heart. Once the children had safely passed the murdering hole, they went back in time to when the castle was used as a garrison and took on the role of soldiers at the guns, aiming canons at the approaching enemy! They then climbed the remaining steps into the castle where they hunted for references to the myth. Kerry told us the story of the 7ft human skeleton that was discovered in a secret chamber below the chapel – the giant perhaps?

After a picnic lunch on the lawn the children took part in a range of activities including a dramatic retelling of the Cormoran myth, guided story mapping with drawing and annotations, and a guided reimagining of the myth using the story structure, but reinventing elements. By the time we were leaving, the tides had changed, so with much excitement, the Diamonds and Emeralds clambered aboard boats to return them back to the mainland. The Zircons wandered back across the now revealed causeway. After a quick play in the nearby park we returned to school. Thank you to Kerry and Lord and Lady St Levan for enabling us to take part in this wonderful visit, and to the teams on the Mount and the boats for making us made us feel so welcome. A big thank you to all the volunteers and staff for making the trip possible.



Cross-Country League:



Congratulations to all the Godolphin runners who took part in the first Cross Country League races on Tuesday. There were brilliant positions and smiley faces all round. We will endeavour to share the results when available.

We look forward to the second fixture on Tuesday 8th October at Mullion, which will again include races for KS1.

Hope to see as many of our pupils taking part.

Forthcoming races (starting at 4pm):

- Tuesday 8th October at Mullion (Rec/KS1 & KS2)
- Wednesday 6th November at Helston Community College North Site (KS2 only)
- Tuesday 25th February 2025 at Helston Community College South Site (KS2 only) (Peninsula Qualifier)
- Tuesday 29th April 2025 at Helston Community College North Site (KS2 only)
- Tuesday 13th May 2025 at Helston Community College South Site (Rec/KS1 & KS2)

Google Classrooms:

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

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 next week:

- Wednesday: Bingo (prizes to be won!)
- 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.

Eco-Schools Green Flag Award:

We are delighted to announce that Godolphin Primary School, along with other Crofty schools, have been awarded an International Eco-Schools Award Certificate. This is a sign that staff, pupils and the school site are making great efforts to support the health of our planet. A huge well done to everyone for all their environmental efforts!



Zircon Sailing Lessons:

The Zircon class had a great first sailing lesson this week. Due to strong winds, the lesson was moved to Trevassack Lake instead of the Helford River. Nevertheless, everyone had an amazing time and came home smiling (and very wet)!



Maths Whizz

We will be once again encouraging as many of our Y2-6 children to take advantage of this free maths resource by trying to achieve 3 blue and 3 red gems each week, enabling them to reach the Hall of Fame.

Certificates will be awarded from next week and our prestigious Maths Whizz trophy will be presented to the class with the highest percentage of pupils achieving this target. Y1 pupils will be invited to use Maths Whizz later in the term.

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

Rugby Club:

For Years 4/5/6: 3.15 – 4.30pm

- Tuesday 24th Sept (for one night only)!

Football Club starts on Tuesday 1st October.

Art Club:

For Years 1/2/3/4/5/6: 3.15 – 4.30pm. A charge of £3 per club per child (payable on ParentPay)

- Friday 20th September
- Friday 27th September
- Friday 4th October
- Friday 11th October
- Friday 18th October

BINGO CLUB

Wednesdays

(3.15--4.30pm)



We're delighted to announce the launch of our 'BINGO' themed After-School Club.

**Why not come and have a go yourself?
Prizes to be won!**

Contact the school to book your place 01736-763318 or
email godolphinsecretary@croftymat.org

£5.25 (includes a drink & snack)

KARAOKE CLUB

Thursdays

(back by popular demand)!

(3.15--4.30pm)



The children who attended our karaoke club last year had a fantastic time testing out the new equipment and singing along to their favourite tunes.

Why not come and have a go yourself?

Pick your favourite 'clean' songs to sing along to, either on your own, with a partner or in small groups.

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£5.25 (includes a drink & snack)



Starting school September 2025

Applying for a place in
a reception class for
children born between
1 September 2020 and
31 August 2021



The
deadline for
applications is
15 January
2025

Attending a nursery or pre-school

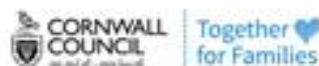
You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Information and guidance

Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions
Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk
Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY
Telephone: 0300 1234 101



www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions



Transfer to secondary school

September 2025

Applying for a place
in year seven at a
secondary school



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31 October
2024

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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 expectations of what pupils can achieve." Ofsted 2022

Art Club:

Many thanks to Anna Pope for running our first art club this evening. The club was a huge success with 26 children (from Y1-Y6) taking part.

They had an amazing time and produced some amazing pictures.

Thanks also to Mrs Goodfield for supporting with the club.



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

A letter was emailed home this week regarding the online consent for the nasal flu immunisations taking place in school on **6th November**.

In order to access the online consent form, please enter or click on the following link:

<https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>. **PLEASE ENSURE YOU ENTER THE FULL UNIQUE SCHOOL REFERENCE CODE. The code for our school is: EE143977.**

Please submit your consent form by **midday on Monday 4th November** to ensure your child receives their vaccination. Please note that as in previous years **you must opt into** the programme. If a consent form is not submitted your child will not be vaccinated.