



Godolphin Primary School
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Important Diary Dates:

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

Inset Days for 2024/25:

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

Nasal Flu immunisations (Reception-Y6): Wednesday 6th November. Please submit your consent form by **midday on Monday 4th November**

Parent/teacher meetings: Weeks commencing 11th & 18th November (details overleaf).

PTA Bags2School: Wednesday 4th November

Year 1 Hearing Screening: Friday 15th November

KS1 Christmas Show: Tuesday 10th December. More details to follow.

Christmas Lunch: Wednesday 11th December

KS2 Christmas Show: Tuesday 17th December (1.30pm & 6.00pm). More details to follow.

Diamond Swimming Dates:

- Thursday 24th October

Google Classrooms:

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

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**.

PE Days for Autumn Term (first half term):

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

We will let you know of any further changes.

Attendance:

Overall school attendance for this week was 95.95% (of which 2.7% was unauthorised).

The attendance for each class was:

- Emerald Class: 99.40%
- Diamond Class: 90.74%
- Zircon Class: 98.56%

Overall school attendance for the academic year so far is 97.56%.

Maths Whizz

Congratulations to the children who reached the 'Hall of Fame' last week. Today the Maths Whizz trophy was presented once again to the Diamond Class with 52% of the children receiving certificates .

We would like to encourage 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. Y1 pupils will be invited to use Maths Whizz later in the term.

One Minute Maths:

Don't forget, **pupils from Reception - Y6** can access **1-Minute Maths** to practice their fluency skills including subitising, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The link can be found in Google Classrooms. The White Rose 1-Minute Maths app can also be downloaded free onto your own devices at home. Our Y1-6 children have been given 1-Minute Maths Fluency Passport which they can work through at their own pace at home and in school.

PTA Halloween Disco – Tuesday 22nd October:

A reminder that tickets will be on sale at school drop off and pick on Monday. Cash, card and Applepay accepted.

Chartwells Menu Changes:

- **Wednesday 23rd Oct:** Quorn roast instead of veg cottage pie
- **Thursday 24th Oct:** Beef bolognese instead of turkey lasagne

'Let's Rocket' Menu on Tuesday 5th Nov:



Jacket potatoes, packed lunch and tomato pasta available as normal.

Breakfast Club & After-School Clubs:

A reminder of the themed nights currently being offered:

- Wednesday: Homework Club
- Thursday: Karaoke

BBC 500 Words Writing Competition:



The 500 Words writing competition is still open for entries and will run till Friday 8 November. It's time to get writing!

All children need to do is write a story they would love to read in 500 words or less. A reminder that spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked – it's all about creativity! There are two age categories: 5-7 years and 8-11 years

More information will follow on the Google Classroom or click [here](#).

Cross-Country League 2024-25:

Well done to the 30 hardy Godolphin runners who competed in the very wet cross-country league event at Mullion on Tuesday afternoon. We had fantastic positions all round with some outstanding individual performances, including a second consecutive victory for Benjy in the Y6 boys' race. We are confident that Godolphin will remain top of the league after such a strong turn-out.

Race 3 is on Wednesday 6th November (KS2 only) at 4pm at Helston Community College (North Site).

Following some feedback, KS1 children will now be able to take part in an additional XC race on Tuesday 29th April 2025. It was also decided that all future KS1 races, although developmental and only for fun, will involve actual races.



General Reminders:

Headlice:

We are aware there have been some cases of headlice in the school. Please could we ask you to check your child(ren)'s hair. Medication can be purchased from a pharmacy if required. Please can we also remind you that long hair is always tied back. Thanks.

Reading at home:

When reading with your child at home, please can we remind you about **writing a comment in their reading record**. As you are aware, reading is a fundamental part of every child's learning and development and, ideally, should happen everyday. Not only does it help them to read and understand words, it also ignites the spark for imagination. Reading plays a crucial role for speech development and introduces children to the world around them as well as new concepts. We will be monitoring this.

PTA Christmas Wreath Making Workshop: Saturday 30th November:

Tickets available from the PTA.



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 21st October

Football Club:

For Years 2/3/4/5/6: 3.15 – 4.30pm

- Tuesday 22nd October

Football Club will continue after half-term (dates TBC).

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). There is no need to complete a further consent form, but please let us know if your child no longer wishes to take part.

- Friday 8th November
- Friday 15th November
- Friday 22nd November
- Friday 29th November
- Friday 6th November

Boogie Dance Club (run by a dance coach) & supported by a staff member:

For Years 1/2/3/4/5/6: 3.15-4.30pm

- Thursday 7th November
- Thursday 14th November
- Thursday 21st November
- Thursday 28th November
- Thursday 5th November

A charge of £3 per session per child (payable on ParentPay).

Parent/Teacher meetings:

Below are the times for the parent/teacher meetings. Sign-up sheets will be available from Monday 21st October in the school hall at drop-off and pick-up.

ZIRCONS:

- Tuesday 12th Nov: 3.30-5pm – Mrs Ellis
- Thurs 14th Nov: 3.30-5.30pm – Mr Snook
- Thurs 21st Nov: 3.30-5pm – Mr Snook

DIAMONDS:

- Monday 11th Nov: 3.30-5pm – Mrs Ellis
- Tues 12th Nov: 3.30-5.30pm – Mrs Knight
- Thurs 14th Nov: 3.30-5pm – Mrs Knight

EMERALDS:

- Mon 11th Nov: 3.30-5pm – Mrs Bowden
- Weds 20th Nov: 3.30-5pm Mrs Bousfield
- Thurs 21st Nov: 3.30-5pm – Mrs Bousfield

Please only book one appointment for each child.

Goodbye to Mrs Smith:

On Tuesday we said goodbye to Mrs Smith, the Cornwall Service Music Trust piano and woodwind teacher. She has taught at Godolphin for many years and her pupils will miss her. We wish her all the best in her new role.



Parent Pay:

A polite reminder that there are a number of outstanding payments for school lunches and other items. Could we please ask that you sign into your account and check your balances, and make any necessary payments that are due.
Many thanks.