



Godolphin Primary School
'living, learning and laughing together'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe that we have already come to the end of our first half-term at school.

It has been great to see the children engaging with their learning with such enthusiasm and excitement. It certainly has been a busy term with several trips (including all classes visiting St Michael's Mount), sport activities (including swimming and sailing), visitors to the school, and clubs taking place.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for their hard work this half-term and to the pupils for engaging so well with their learning. I would also like to thank our fantastic parents and carers, our PTA and our Governors, for your continued support.

I hope that you all manage to have an enjoyable and restful half-term.

Look forward to seeing you all on Monday 4th November!

Colin Snook

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**.

Snack & lunchtime reminder:

A gentle reminder to be careful that items brought into school for snack and lunchtime are not choking hazards, possibly considering slicing large grapes in half.

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 December **(NOT 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.

PE Days for Autumn Term (after half term):

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

We will let you know of any further changes.

Attendance:

Overall school attendance for this week was 97.7% (of which 1.89% was unauthorised).

The attendance for each class was:

- Emerald Class: 95.71%
- Diamond Class: 97.41%
- Zircon Class: 99.62%

Overall school attendance for the academic year so far is 97.58%.

Chartwells Menu Changes:

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

- Rocket Hot Dog or
- Veggie Hot Dog
- Served with chips, baked beans & peas
- Rocky 'rocket' Road

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

Chartwells New Autumn Term Menu:

Chartwells have a new menu starting after half-term. It is on the school website, Google Classroom, and as an attachment with the newsletter. We will be starting on week 1.

500 Words Update:

We are excited to have received some wonderful short stories already. Please remember that all stories are to be uploaded to the Google Classroom by Monday 4th November (if you wish school to submit on your behalf) to give yourself a chance to win a visit to Buckingham Palace and meet Queen Camilla!

Click [here](#) for more details.

Road Safety:

On Friday afternoon Julia Berry and Chris Hart visited us from Helston Police Station to talk to the children about road safety and the importance of being extra careful as the nights draw in.

The children said:

- "I learnt about the different types of crossings"
- "I learnt how important it is to wear my helmet when riding my bike or scooting"
- "I learnt that I should not play on the road as it is not safe"

Many thanks to them both for an informative and useful talk.

Sailing

Well done to the Zircon class who have now finished their block of five sailing lessons. They have all grown in confidence and improved their sailing and water skills. Many thanks to all the parent volunteers and staff who supported these sessions.



Poppy Appeal:

There will be a number of items, including poppies, available to purchase after half-term. The Year 6 children will be selling these at the start and end of each day.

Zircon Swimming Dates:

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

Payment for lessons via ParentPay please.

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 59% 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:

The children who attended had a great time at the PTA Halloween discos. Everyone made such an effort with their costumes. The winners for the best costume prize at each disco were:

- KS1 - Jacob R as a werewolf
- KS2 - Lily H as a Minion

Well done! And thanks to the PTA for organising this popular event and helping to raise further funds for the school.

After School Sports Clubs:

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).

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

Badminton Club (run by a sports coach) & supported by a staff member:

For Rec/Y1/Y2: 3.15-4.30pm:

- Monday 11th November
- Monday 18th November
- Monday 25th November
- Monday 2nd December
- Monday 16th December

Lego League Club (for Y5/6 only):

- Tuesday 19th November
- Tuesday 26th November
- Tuesday 3rd December
- Tuesday 10th December

Children in Need:

Children in Need is taking place on Friday 15th November. We will be using the PE lessons taking place that day to support the challenge to 'make life lighter'! Children are invited to come into school dressed in colourful, sporty clothes. Donations can be made via a dedicated Children In Need ParentPay account or via a cash donation.

Parent/Teacher meetings:

Below are the times for the parent/teacher meetings. Sign-up sheets will once again be available in the school hall at drop-off and pick-up after half-term.

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

Hindu Workshops:

As part of our learning about different faiths and cultures, we were visited on Tuesday morning by the amazing Daya.

Each class had the opportunity to participate in a wonderful Hinduism workshop, learning about the Hindu culture and the story of Diwali, followed by dressing up in beautiful, traditional clothing and learning some fantastic Indian dance moves.

Daya commented that the children were a delight, and she enjoyed the range of questions that were asked in each workshop.

