



Godolphin Primary School
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Important Diary Dates:

Inset Days for 2024/25:

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

Year 1 Hearing Screening: POSTPONED TO:
Tuesday 7th January 2025

Emerald Christmas Show: Tuesday 10th
December. More details to follow. **(This is
Rec/Y1 only, not KS1)**

Christmas Lunch: Wednesday 11th December

PTA Bags2School: Wednesday 4th December
Bags have been sent home last week.

Diamond & Zircon Christmas Show:
Tuesday 17th December (1.30pm & 6.00pm).
More details to follow. **(This is for Y2-Y6,
not just KS2)**

Zircon Swimming Dates:

- Thursday 28th November
- Thursday 5th December

Payment for lessons via ParentPay please.

Google Classrooms:

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

Parent Pay:



A polite reminder that there are a number of outstanding payments for school lunches and other items (including the trips to St Michael's Mount which are visible again). Could we please ask that you sign into your account and check your balances and make any necessary payments that are due. Thanks.

PE Days:

- 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 93.38% (of which 0.14% was unauthorised).

The attendance for each class was:

- Emerald Class: 93.81%
- Diamond Class: 90.37%
- Zircon Class: 96.15%

Overall school attendance for the academic year so far is 97.09%.

Crofty Advent Calendar:

A Crofty Education Trust advent calendar - with 24 days of fun filled exercise, including Cosmic Yoga, Just Dance, Grinch & Elf workouts - has been uploaded onto the Google Classrooms from Monday. The link is also below:

<https://app.myadvent.net/calendar?id=mx2z7dqf667540odsb51m0eaaspg7kk4>

Have fun and enjoy being active in the run-up to Christmas!

Roadworks:

There are some planned roadworks on the road as you leave the village (towards Carleen) which is scheduled to take place between 2nd - 6th December. Please allow extra time for your journey to and from school.

Goodbye Mrs Gee:

On Wednesday afternoon we said goodbye to Mrs Gee who has moved to Halwin School to become the school secretary. Pupils, staff and parents will all miss her bubbly personality and wish her all the best in her new role.



Christmas Lunch: Wednesday 11th December:

If you haven't done so already, please complete this [online order form](#) by **Wednesday 27th November** (even if your child will be having a packed lunch from home).

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 Zircon Class.

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.

Zircon Class trip to CAST & Geography Field Work:

The Zircon class spent Monday morning at CAST in Helston exploring the history and science of colour. They also created their own paintings inspired by Greek myths using paints that they had produced from crushed charcoal and egg yolk!

In the afternoon, they conducted fieldwork linked to their geography topic of population. The children collected data on vehicles as well as finding out views on Helston as a place to live. An enjoyable but very wet afternoon!

Many thanks to Richard McKie and John Davey for driving the minibuses and to John Davey and Ann Rogers who supported with the field work in the afternoon.



Diamond Class trip to Truro Museum:

Last week the Diamond Class took part in an Ancient Egyptian Workshop at Truro Museum.

They began with an embalming session where the children took turns to remove the brain and then organs of a wealthy Egyptian, place them in the correct Canopic jar and then wrap the body in bandages. They then explored the gallery of artefacts and saw the mummified body of priest Iset -Tayef- Nakht and his reconstructed head. The children then searched in the sand for clues to artefacts including amulets, shabtis and a flint knife from the period.

Staff were delighted with the behaviour of the children, their enthusiasm for the activities and showing their knowledge through answering questions (an ideal opportunity for staff to assess their learning!!) Many thanks to Mrs Mason, Mrs Jones and Mrs Foden for volunteering their time - it is much appreciated, and to the staff for making this trip possible.

Many thanks for those who have already paid the contribution for this visit. If you haven't yet done so, please could pay via ParentPay. Thank you.

More photos on google classroom.



Pre-School Nativity Play Costume Request:

Little Dolphins require some angel and fairy costumes for their Christmas show. If you have any second-hand outfits (a suitable size for pre-school children) please let the staff in pre-school know. Thank you!

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).

- Wednesday 27th November
- Wednesday 4th December
- Friday 29th November
- Friday 6th December

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 28th November
- Thursday 5th November

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

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

For Rec/Y1/Y2/Y3: 3.15-4.30pm:

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

Lego League Club (for Y5/6 only):

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

Spanish Day:

On Wednesday morning, the Diamond and Zircon classes took part in a Spanish-themed workshop run by Vicky Rouncefield from Kidslingo. The children pretended to travel on a plane to Spain, going through passport control to practise their greetings in Spanish.

Once they had arrived in Spain, they visited an ice-cream stall and practised asking for their favourite flavours. Finally, they completed their passport and took part in dancing a flamenco.

The children all enjoyed the session and learned a great deal about the Spanish culture, as well as improving their linguistic skills. Many thanks to Mrs Bousfield for organising the day.

IT Issues:

This week, the school has experienced some IT issues. Thankfully, the problem has now been resolved. Many thanks to staff for their patience and flexibility in dealing with the issue. We apologise for any inconvenience it has caused to parents and carers.

Children in Need:

We're delighted to confirm that we raised a staggering £171.40 for Children In Need last week through donations and the cake sale. Well done to everyone!



Swimming Gala:

On Tuesday morning, the school had 24 children taking part in the Helston and Mullion Primary Schools' Swimming Gala, at Helston Swimming Pool.

First up was our talented team of Y3/4 swimmers (which also included three of our speedy Y2s). The team were extremely successful, winning 14 out of 18 races and walking away with a total of 20 medals! It was no surprise that they were declared overall Y3/4 gala winners.

Next up, it was the turn of our dynamic Y5/6s, who were up against some serious competition. However, with strong performances from all of our swimmers, we were delighted to receive the news that this team had also been victorious and won the Y5/6 event.

Following these outstanding results, we were thrilled to hear confirmation that Godolphin was crowned as overall champions! Congratulations! We would like to say thanks to Laura Palmer and Mrs Parker for supporting us at this event.

