



Godolphin Primary School
'living, learning and laughing together'

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Dear parents and carers,

It's hard to believe this is the final newsletter of the year—what a journey it has been! This term, in particular, has been exceptionally busy, and I continue to be amazed by the energy, resilience and enthusiasm shown across our school community.

It has been a joy to see our pupils so deeply engaged in their learning. All the staff are incredibly proud of each and every one of them—not just for their academic progress, but for the kindness, curiosity and determination they bring to school each day.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff team for their unwavering commitment throughout the year. The learning experiences they've provided—both inside and outside the classroom—have been outstanding. A special thanks is also due for their remarkable efforts over the last four weeks of term. Managing the challenges of major building works, with no access to the classrooms, has been no easy feat, yet the team has handled it with creativity and positivity. I am truly grateful.

We've also been lucky to benefit once again from the generous support of our community. We would like to make a special mention to John Davey, a secondary maths specialist, who has kindly taught our Year 4s twice a week this year. And to Richard McKie and the GCCA for being so accommodating by allowing the school to use The Old Chapel during the building work.

To our pupils—thank you for your hard work, dedication and excellent behaviour for learning throughout the year. You've been a credit to the school.

And to our governors, parents, volunteers and the PTA—your continued support is deeply appreciated.

It is this strong partnership that makes Godolphin School such a special place to be. We wish you all a happy, restful and sunny summer break. We look forward to welcoming pupils back on **Monday 8th September**.

Finally, to those children and families moving on from Godolphin School: we send you our very best wishes for the exciting journeys ahead. You will always be part of our school family.

Many thanks, Colin Snook

Attendance:

Overall school attendance for this week was 93.61% (of which 1.83% was unauthorised).

The attendance for each class was:

- Emerald Class: 98.41%
- Diamond Class: 93.83%
- Zircon Class: 89.33%

Overall school attendance for the academic year so far is 96.08%.

Chartwells Reminder:

We will be returning on **week 3** of the menu and offering the full menu once again.

Parent Pay:

Please ensure all outstanding payments on ParentPay are paid before the end of term.

Inset Days 2025/26 Reminder:

- 3rd, 4th & 5th September 2025
- 3rd November 2025
- 5th January 2026
- 23rd February 2026
- 8th May 2026
- 23rd July 2026

Golden Book Celebration Assembly:

This morning, we held our end of term Golden Book celebration assembly.

Congratulations to the 14 children who were recognised by their teachers for outstanding attitude to learning this term! Certificates were presented to the following children. Well done!

Reception:

- Wren
- Freya

Year 1:

- Jack
- Abi

Year 2:

- Imogen H
- James

Year 3:

- Gracie
- Freddie

Year 4:

- Isla A
- Jowan

Year 5:

- Olivia
- Coen

Year 6:

- Elowen
- Harry



(Missing from the photograph is Harry)

New Term Reminder & Changes:

Registration Reminder

A reminder that from September, registration time will return to 8.45am prompt. Children will not be able to enter the classrooms until this time.

However, to minimise congestion outside school, children, if supervised at all times, can wait in the playground from 8.30am.

Alternatively, you can book your child(ren) into our Breakfast Club. From September, there will be two options available:

- Option 1: 7:45-8:45am (£4.50 with breakfast)
- Option 2: 8:15-8:45am (£2.25 – breakfast not included)

In line with the Crofty Trust charging policy, there have been some small changes regarding fees for After School Club. Please read the attached letter with this newsletter. Details will be uploaded on the website.

Rucksacks & stationary:

In September, pupils will NOT be required to bring in pencil cases or stationary items from home – all resources will be provided by the school.

We also request that children DO NOT bring in large rucksacks/bags as there will be limited space in the cloakroom area. They will only require their book-bag, or similar-sized bag which can stay on the back of their chair.

Water Bottles:

To promote equity and ensure every child has access to a suitable water bottle, we will be providing all pupils with a new water bottle in September.

There's no need to purchase one in advance. These bottles will be sent home daily and should be brought back to school each day filled with water.

By providing the same bottle to every child, we aim to avoid any differences or stigma related to water bottles, and to ensure all children have what they need to stay hydrated and ready to learn.

Y6 Leavers' Assembly:

Yesterday, we said farewell to our talented Y6s. The children put on a final assembly containing songs, a 'guess the baby' photo competition and some heartfelt speeches, sharing some of their memories from their time at Godolphin.

Mr Snook and Mrs Jones spoke about each of the pupils and presented them with their priceless Godolphin teddies.

We would like to wish all the Y6 children the very best of luck in their transition to secondary school.



Date for diary – Y5/6 Residential Camp!

The Y5/6 camp for next year has been booked at Porthpean on **Wednesday 3rd – Friday 5th June 2026**.

The approximate cost will be £200 and a non-refundable deposit of £50 will be requested in the Autumn term.

Thank-you:

The staff would like to thank all our amazing families for their wonderful and thoughtful gifts and cards which they have been given at the end term.

Your generosity is much appreciated, and we are very grateful.

Squashbox Theatre Visit:

As an end of term treat, the children and staff all thoroughly enjoyed the Squashbox Theatre performance of 'Tales from the trees' this morning. They found the show highly amusing and informative.



Swimming Lessons:

Swimming lessons have been booked for next academic year. As previously, we will ask for a approximately £5 voluntary contribution per child, per lesson.

- Zircon Class: 15/9/25- 20/10/25 (6 sessions)
- Diamond Class: 10/11/25 - 8/12 25 (5 sessions)
- Emerald Class: 2/3/26 -30/3/26 (5 sessions)



Somehow, we find ourselves at the end of another academic year—and this one, in particular, feels like it's flown by in fast forward!

As always, it's been packed with sporting events, musical performances, trips, school camps, and, of course, all the fantastic learning in the classroom. But this year brought a whole new challenge: finishing the school year without any classrooms and navigating life on a building site!

When Mr Snook first started explaining how we were going to manage the logistics of it all, I'll admit—I was lost by about Day 3!

Fortunately, thanks to a huge amount of planning and the organisation skills of the brilliant Mrs Thomas, everything was brought together seamlessly.

As governors, we would like to express our thanks to all the staff at Godolphin for everything they have done during this incredibly demanding term.

Their relentless hard work and determination to keep the school running smoothly amid building works have been nothing short of remarkable. Because of their efforts, the children have been able to remain in the village—something that means so much to them, their families, and especially our Year 6 pupils as they finish their time at Godolphin.

From clearing out classrooms to navigating the complex logistics of timetabling across three separate sites, relocating resources, managing health and safety, and organising a wealth of enriching trips—staff have risen to the challenge with energy and good humour.

Despite all the upheaval, they've ensured the children had a brilliant end to the term, filled with exciting experiences they'll never forget. All of this, while continuing to teach, support, and provide the stable, nurturing environment that Godolphin is known for. If that wasn't enough, staff have also continued working incredibly hard on school development—planning across multiple areas of the curriculum, expanding extra-curricular opportunities, and responding thoughtfully to parental feedback, to name just a few examples. So much of this work goes on behind the scenes, and we want to acknowledge and thank everyone involved.

On a personal note, this year marks the end of an era for me as a Godolphin parent. I know I speak for many when I say how deeply grateful we are for the care, support, and dedication shown to our children by the staff—and indeed by the wider school community—throughout their time here.

We would also like to wish our Year 6 leavers the very best of luck as they move on to their new schools. We hope they continue to embrace new opportunities with the same spirit they've shown here at Godolphin.

Looking ahead to September, we will be seeking additional parent governors to join the Local Governing Body. It's a rewarding role that allows you to support the school's development, help shape its future, and give something back to the community. Governors act as the eyes and ears of the Trust, ensuring that the individuality of the school and its families is understood and protected. No specific experience is required—just a willingness to contribute some time and commitment.



If you'd like to know more about the role, or if you have any feedback for the governors, please feel free to email me at Emma.Ivey@croftymat.org.

We wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing all the exciting developments in September.

With best wishes,
Emma and all of the school Governors.