



Godolphin Primary School
'living, learning and laughing together'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a brand-new school year! I hope you and your families had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

It has been a real pleasure to start the term in our newly refurbished classrooms. Both children and staff are thoroughly enjoying the fresh, modern spaces and updated facilities — a rewarding outcome after the disruption at the end of the Autumn term!

The children have returned with fantastic energy and enthusiasm, eager to learn and reconnect with their friends. It's been lovely to see so many smiling faces around the school.

A very warm welcome also goes out to all our new pupils and their families. We're delighted to have you join our school community and look forward to getting to know you in the months ahead.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak to me or any of the staff.

Wishing everyone a positive and successful start to the year!

Kind regards, Colin Snook (Head of School)

Attendance:

Overall school attendance for this week was 99.11% (of which 0.13% was unauthorised).

The attendance for each class was:

- Emerald Class: 99.3%
- Diamond Class: 100%
- Zircon Class: 98.1%

A message from Lucy:

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families have enjoyed a restful summer. As we start a new school year at Godolphin School, I'm delighted to write to you once again—not just as Executive Headteacher, but as someone returning to a community that means so much to me.

Having previously worked at Godolphin School, I know what a special place it is. I am thrilled to be back and to have the opportunity to work alongside our wonderful pupils, dedicated staff, and supportive families once again.

The new school year brings fresh opportunities and a renewed commitment to our shared vision: helping every child thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Together, we will continue to build on the strengths of our school.

Thank you for your continued support. I am excited to begin this next chapter with you all, and I look forward to seeing what we can achieve together.

Wishing you all a fantastic start to the school year!

Kind regards,

Lucy
Executive Headteacher

Key Diary Dates:

Half-term: Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October

Nasal Flu immunisations (Reception-Y6):
Tuesday 23rd September

Individual school photos: Wednesday 1st October

Inset Days 2025/26 Reminder:

- 3rd November 2025
- 5th January 2026
- 23rd February 2026
- 8th May 2026
- 23rd July 2026

Attendance:

An important attendance letter has been emailed to all parents/carers this afternoon. Please ensure you read it.

Important Reminders:

Registration:

A reminder that registration time is **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 (not on the newly tarmacked area; or on adventure playground) from 8.30am.

PE Kits:

Children are to come to school dressed in their PE kits on the days they have PE.

PE Days for Autumn Term (first half term):

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

There will sometimes be changes to these days. We will let you know if this is the case.

Breakfast Club:

Breakfast Club is available every morning. From this term, 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)

After School Club:

After School Club is available Monday – Thursday (until 5:30pm).

- Option 1: 3.15-4.30pm (£5.63)
- Option 2: 4.30-5.30pm (following an after-school activity club: £4.50)
- Option 3: 3.14-5.30pm (£10.13)

To book your child into ASC, please contact Mrs Thomas in the office. All forms are available [here](#).

Milk:

Milk is provided for all children under 5 years old. If you wish your child to have milk once they turn 5, you will need to complete (and pay for) a registration form on the Cool Milk website. Details can be found here: [Cool Milk](#)

Rucksacks & stationary:

A reminder that pupils are NOT required to bring in pencil cases or stationary items from home.

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

Bags can be brought in for special events such as sporting competitions.

Water Bottles:

Children seem delighted with their new water bottles. Please ensure these are labelled clearly and are brought in filled with water each day. Thank you to the PTA for contributing £200 towards the cost!

Morning snacks:

A morning snack (normally fruit) will be available for all KS1 children. KS2 children (Year 3 to Year 6) will need to provide a snack (ideally a piece of fruit) from home if they choose.

Lunch reminder:

Just a reminder for Year 3 parents – your child no longer qualifies for a Universal Free School Meal. School lunches are **£2.65** and are paid through ParentPay. Please see Mrs Thomas if you have any questions.

Asthma inhalers:

If your child has asthma please bring an inhaler into school for them (if you've not already done so). Thanks.

Uniform:

A reminder that school uniform is to be worn every day (except on PE days). The uniform is:

- A white shirt or polo
- A blue sweatshirt or fleece (each with logo)
- Black or grey shorts/trousers or skirt
- A blue summer dress for girls
- Sensible low black shoes/sandals – not trainers
- Children need a coat in school at all times
- Earrings- Studs only – take out on PE days or taped for PE (pupils to provide tape from home)
- Nail varnish / make up not to be worn

Google Classrooms:

Google Classrooms have been set-up for each class, as well as a school-wide classroom.

We will be sending out the login instructions to all new parents next week. Parents/carers can then login to their child's accounts. Your child(ren) will come home with their login details in their reading diaries next week.

We use the Google Classrooms to share updates and photographs about the children's learning, and important school-wide information such as the weekly newsletter.

If you have any questions about the Google Classroom, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Thomas in the school office. Thanks.

Zircon Swimming Lessons:

The Zircon Class will be starting swimming lessons on Monday 15th September at Helston pool. The six lessons will take place on a Monday afternoon during school time.

More details have been sent home this week. Payment for these lessons are to be made on ParentPay.

The dates for Diamonds and Emeralds later this year are:

- Diamond Class: 10/11/25 - 8/12 25 (5 sessions)
- Emerald Class: 2/3/26 -30/3/26 (5 sessions)

As previously, we will ask for a approximately £5 voluntary contribution per child, per lesson.

New Minibus!:

In addition to our fantastic new classrooms, we're thrilled to share that the school has also received a new minibus!

Although pre-owned, it is in excellent condition, and we feel incredibly fortunate to have it. The minibus, as with our previous one, will continue be a great asset for school trips, sporting events, and other off-site activities.

We're all very excited—and grateful—to have this valuable addition to our school!

Year 6: Transfer to Secondary School:

The deadline for applications for Year 6 children's transfer to secondary school in September 2026 is **31st October 2024**.

A leaflet has been sent home today. Further information and guidance can be found on the Cornwall Council website:

Click [here](#) for more information.

Parent volunteers:

If you are keen to become a parent volunteer and/or a volunteer driver or even a potential minibus driver, please contact Mrs. Thomas.

Parent volunteers are a great support to the school and help us to take part in a range of activities throughout the year.

Art Club:

We're delighted to announce we are running our popular art club again this term, run by Anna Pope. It will run on a Wednesday afternoon and will initially be open for Y4, Y5 & Y6. Consent forms have been sent home today. Please sign up if you're interested.

We will advise on other after school clubs shortly.

Playground:

We are aware that following the building work there are areas of the playground that still need improving. This work is scheduled to be completed shortly. Unfortunately, there are also two pieces of play equipment that are also not safe to be used fully due to the changes in the playground. We have made children aware of these, and will be replacing, or fixing, the items soon.

Old Uniform Required:

The PTA hold regular second-hand uniform sales. Therefore, if you have any second-hand uniform to donate, please bring into the office.

Lost Property:

We have a large volume of lost property. We will be putting this out after school next week, if dry. If not collected by the end of the week, all items will go into the second-hand uniform box or given to charity. So, please check through the items if you have mislaid anything!



Fundraiser Bake Sale

**TAKE AWAY OR EAT
IN WITH A CUPPA
CASH OR CARD**

Saturday 20th September 9.30-11.30

The Old Chapel, Godolphin Cross TR13 9RA



Reception Parents Phonics Information Session & Welcome Coffee Morning – Friday 19th September:

We warmly invite all new Reception parents and carers to a **Phonics Information Session** with Mrs Bowden on **Friday 19th September at 9:00am**, straight after drop-off. This session will offer valuable insights into how we teach phonics and how you can support your child's learning at home.

Following the session, the **PTA will be hosting a welcome coffee morning**—a lovely opportunity for new parents to meet, chat, and get to know one another.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible next Friday!



Summer Reading Challenge:



The challenge runs until **Saturday 13th September** so there's still time to dive into a great book (or two!).

Cross-Country League 2025-26 Dates:

All races start at 4pm:



2025/26			
Tuesday 16th September	Race 1	Reception/KS1 and KS2	Helston South Site- 4pm
Tuesday 7th October	Race 2	Reception/KS1 and KS2	Mullion- 4pm
Tuesday 4th November	Race 3	KS2	Helston North Site- 4pm
Tuesday 24th February	Race 4	KS2/Peninsula qualifier	Helston South Site 4pm
March	Peninsula Final	KS2	TBC 4-5pm
March	School Games Final	KS2	Newquay
Tuesday 28th April	Race 5	Reception/KS1 and KS2	Helston North Site - 4pm
Tuesday 12th May	Race 6	Reception/KS1 and KS2	Helston South Site - 4pm
Tuesday 9th June	Fun Run	Reception/KS1 and KS2	Mullion 4pm