



Godolphin Primary School
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Newsletter Issue 3

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Key Diary Dates:

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

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:

Overall school attendance for this week was 96.79% (of which 0.26% was unauthorised).

The attendance for each class was:

- Emerald Class: 95.1%
- Diamond Class: 95.8%
- Zircon Class: 99.3%

Overall school attendance for the academic year so far is 98.17%.

Date for your 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 cost will be £210. A non-refundable deposit will be requested in the Autumn term. A letter has been sent home today.

Governor Contact Details:

If you wish to speak with Emma Ivey, our Chair of Governors, please email her. Her address is: emma.ivey@croftymat.org

Year 6: Transfer to Secondary School:

A reminder that the deadline for applications for Year 6 children's transfer to secondary school in September 2026 is **31st October 2025**.

Further information and guidance can be found on the Cornwall Council website. Click [here](#) for more information.

Zircon Swimming Lessons:

The next lessons are:

- Monday 29th September
- Monday 6th October
- Monday 13th October
- Monday 20th October

Payment for these lessons are to be made on ParentPay. As previously, we will ask for a £5 voluntary contribution per child, per lesson.

Linda May's Leaving Assembly:

We would like to extend our warmest thanks and best wishes to Linda May for her retirement. Mrs May provided Godolphin with great support during her time as our Executive Head, and her experience and knowledge had a huge impact on staff and pupils.

To mark her retirement, some of our pupils from the school choir attended Linda May's leaving assembly held at Trannack School on Wednesday afternoon. Along with pupils and staff from other schools in the Trust, each school said goodbye in their own way. Godolphin chose to sing *Harvey Darvey*, a Cornish song, as well as presenting Mrs May with a card with messages from the children.

We wish Mrs May a happy and restful retirement. Thank you again for all you have done for Godolphin.



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 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.

Please ensure pupils arrive wearing suitable PE kit and trainers (and swimming kit for Zircons on Mondays).

On Fridays, the pupils in Diamonds and Zircons may use the school field and therefore might require spare trainers and socks if the grass is likely to be wet.

Cross-Country Forthcoming races (starting at 4pm):

- Race 2: Tuesday 7th October at Mullion (Rec/KS1 & KS2)
- Race 3: Tuesday 4th November at Helston Community College North Site (KS2 only)
- Race 4: Tuesday 24th February 2026 at Helston Community College South Site (KS2 only) (Peninsula Qualifier)
- Race 5: Tuesday 28th April 2026 at Helston Community College North Site (Rec/KS1 & KS2)
- Race 6: Tuesday 12th May 2026 at Helston Community College South Site (Rec/KS1 & KS2)
- Tuesday 9th June 2026 – Fun Run at Mullion (Rec/KS1 & KS2)

PTA Update:

Following their AGM held this week the PTA are delighted to announce the new committee:

- Chair - Robyn Matthews
- Vice Chair - Rachel Goulburn
- Secretary - Juliet Bridge
- Treasurer - Claire Searle
- General Committee Members - Liz Adey, Rosie Allen, Roanna Courtis and Matt Angove

If you would like to find out more about how you can help the PTA, please have a chat with one of them in the playground.

They will also be holding a Halloween Party on Friday 24th October.



A poster for 'Wild Wellbeing' sessions. It has a yellow background with autumn leaves and a small tree logo in the top left. The NHS Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust logo is in the top right. The text reads: 'The Mental Health Support Team warmly invite you to attend... Wild Wellbeing'. Below this, it says: 'During October half term we are offering FREE nature based creative sessions linked to the 5 ways to wellbeing.' Then: 'This is for parents and children aged 5-12 in Cornwall. Please book EACH child on to a session.' It lists sessions: 'Morning and afternoon sessions available at: The Core at St Ives Community Orchard - Thursday 30 October' and 'Hayle Family Hub - Friday 31 October'. It also mentions: 'We are also offering a Parentwell session at Penrose Estate - Monday 27 October'. It states: 'Each session will last approx. 2 hours'. It provides a link to request a place: 'To request a place, please complete the online form or scan the QR code provided: https://forms.office.com/e/vc2Dtk8C5B'. There is a QR code. It also says: 'Follow us on Facebook for updates and upcoming events: Cornwall Mental Health Support Team (MHST)'. At the bottom, there is a small illustration of a colorful bird and a pumpkin.

Chartwells Menu changes: Census Day (Thursday 2nd October):

The Department for Education carry out a school census each term to enable them to collect data about the education sector.

The information from the census helps determine core school funding for the year. Therefore, please could we encourage as many children as possible, especially our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children, to have a school lunch on Thursday. Thank you.



BBC 500 Words Competition:



The BBC 500 Words is back! The UK's biggest story-writing competition for children aged 5 to 11 opened for entries on Tuesday running until Friday 7th November at 9 pm.

Children are encouraged to write a story that is 500 words... or less! Children of all abilities can enter; spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked. It's all about the creativity. It's as simple as that!

We will be giving children the chance to complete an entry in school. However, please encourage your child to start thinking about their ideas!

After School Activity Clubs:

Football Club (run by a sports coach) & supported by a staff member.

A charge of £2 per club per child (payable on ParentPay):

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

- Monday 29th September
- Monday 13th October
- Monday 20th October

Please note there is no club on Monday 6th October

Art Club:

For Years 3/4/5/6: 3.15 – 4.30pm. A charge of £3 per club per child (payable on ParentPay)

- Wednesday 1st October
- Wednesday 8th October
- Wednesday 15th October

Please note there is no club on Wednesday 22nd October

Netball & Ball Skills Club:

A charge of £2 per club per child (payable on ParentPay):

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

- Thursday 2nd October
- Thursday 9th October
- Thursday 16th October
- Thursday 23rd October

Individual School Photos:

A reminder that individual school photos are taking place on Wednesday 1st October.

We will also be taking sibling photographs.

If your child has a younger sibling in Little Dolphin's Pre-School and you would like them to be photographed together, please arrive at school for 8.30am so photographs can be taken before the school day.

Parent Communications:

If you still haven't signed up to use the Arbor portal and app **please could we request you do this as soon as possible**, as we are now sending in-app messages through the system, rather than sending SMS text messages, Text messages will only be used to communicate urgent messages.

If you have any queries, please speak to Mrs Thomas.