



Godolphin Primary School 'living, learning and laughing together'

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Key Diary Dates:

Santa Godolphin Hill Whole-School Walk:

Wednesday 17th December (morning) (further details to follow). Santa hats & Christmas jumpers!

Christmas Lunch: Wednesday 17th December (**Christmas jumpers and hats welcome!**)

Emerald Christmas Show: Thursday 11th December (2:00pm & 6:00pm).

Diamond & Zircon Christmas Show:

Tuesday 16th December (1.30pm & 6.00pm). More details to follow.

Last Day of Term: Friday 18th December – children are invited to non-uniform for a charity day to raise fund for Crofty Trust's nominated charity: Penhaligon's Friends. Donations welcome.

Inset Days 2025/26 Reminder:

- 5th January 2026
- 23rd February 2026
- 8th May 2026
- 23rd July 2026

After School Club – CANCELLED on Tuesday 3rd February 2026:

Due to whole staff training, there will no afterschool club on 3rd February. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Attendance:

Overall school attendance for this week was 98.89% (of which none was unauthorised).

The attendance for each class was:

Emerald Class: 99.3%Diamond Class: 99.6%Zircon Class: 97.8%

Overall school attendance for the academic year so far is 96.55%.

Diamond Swimming Lessons:

A reminder of the last Diamond Class swimming lesson:

Monday 8th December

Admissions arrangements 2027 - 2028

Crofty Education Trust is currently running a consultation on its schools' admissions arrangements for 2027 - 2028.

If you would like to take part, then please follow this link

https://croftymat.org/information/admissions/
to see the documents on the Trust's website.

After School Clubs:

Art Club:

For Reception, Y1 & Y2: 3.15 - 4.30pm. A charge of £3 per club per child.

• Wednesday 10th December

Keep Fit & Dance Club:

• There is no club next week

Alternative Sports Club:

• There is no club next week

The Rehearsal Room Club:

For Y4/5/6: 3.15-4.30pm

• Wednesday 10th December

PE Days for Autumn Term (second half term):

There are changes for all classes next week:

- Zircon Class: Taking place on Monday
 & Friday next week
- Diamond Class: Monday (swimming),
 Tuesday & Friday next week
- Emerald Class: Taking place on Tuesday and Friday next week

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

Maths Whizz

This week both the Diamond and Zircon classes tied once again for the Maths Whizz trophy.

Well done to all the children who reached the Hall of Fame this week!

Casey Carrot bringing Christmas cheer on Tuesdays & Thursdays:





Help Required!

If you have a van or a trailer and would be able to help next Thursday (11th December) with the collection and transportation of the staging from Porthleven School, for the Diamond & Zircon Xmas Show, please let Mrs Thomas know! Thanks!

PTA Fundraising Update

We're aiming high this year!

After seeing how much the children enjoyed spending time on the field during the summer term—while the new buildings were under construction—and inspired by the continued success of our Forest School sessions for Emeralds, the PTA is excited to launch a major new fundraising project. We are raising funds to build a permanent, all-weather shelter on the school field: a dedicated outdoor space where children can explore, create and learn throughout the year. This will help us bring even more learning outside the classroom and make full use of our wonderful school grounds.

This is an ambitious project, especially alongside the many extras the PTA already provides for the school. To help us reach our goal, we'll be running lots more fundraising events throughout 2026, and we are incredibly grateful for your support. We're delighted to share that last weekend's wreath-making event raised an amazing £390!

As this term draws to a close, it's all systems go—we'll be hosting a Great Christmas Bake Off (see poster on left), serving refreshments at the Christmas shows, and we're even hoping to arrange a very special visit from the big man himself!

Recently, PTA funds have also supported:

- New books for Virtue Gem prize assemblies
- Costumes for the Diamond/Zircon production of Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat
- Christmas crackers for the school Christmas lunch

These are the extras that help make school more magical for our children.

As always, we would love more helpers! If you can volunteer in any capacity, please do let us know—your involvement makes all the difference. You can find Robyn, Claire or Rachel in the playground.

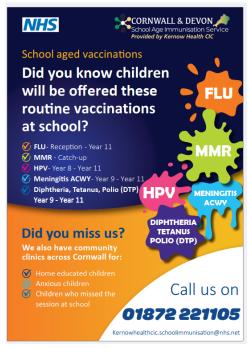
Thank you for your continued support! We wish all Godolphin families a very Merry Christmas!

Christmas Cards:

The Christmas card post-box will be available in the school hall from Monday 8th December. Please ensure all cards are clearly labelled with first name and surname along with the child's class. Please post by **Wednesday 17th December.** The cards will be given out to the children later that week.

Flu Immunisations:

As you will have heard, there have been flu outbreaks in schools around the county and flu is predicted to be particularly virulent this year. Kernow Health will be running flu clinics at various locations across Cornwall in early/mid-December, by appointment only if your child missed the immunisations at school.



BorrowBox & Blackbird Pie:

Did you know that parents can access <u>Blackbird Pie</u> magazine for free on BorrowBox using their library card?

If the printed copy is lost, crumpled at the bottom of a school bag, or simply never made it home, it's quick and easy to read the magazine on any personal device.

BorrowBox is completely free to use with a Cornwall Libraries membership and offers instant access to *Blackbird Pie* along with a wide range of children's eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines—perfect for days when families need inspiration for things to do. If parents aren't already members, they can sign up for FREE online in minutes or pop into any Cornwall Library.

Emerald Christmas Show:

A reminder that the Emerald Christmas Show is taking place on Thursday 11th December in the school hall. The times of the performances are 2pm and 6pm. Children will be expected to perform in both shows.

Each family will be allocated two places per show. Tickets will not be required, but please note there will only be space for two people per family per show (infants on laps is fine).

Diamond & Zircon Christmas Show:

The Diamond and Zircon performance of Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is taking place on Tuesday 16th December at 1.30pm and 6.00pm in The Old Chapel, Godolphin Cross. Children will be expected to perform in both shows.

Tickets will be on sale from next Monday after school (8th Dec). Tickets are £2:50 per ticket. Due to space constraints, each family will only be allocated two tickets per show. We will be keeping a reserve list for any extra tickets if they become available. Reserve tickets will be confirmed on Monday 15th December.



Zircon Bodmin Keep Visit:

Last Friday, the Zircon Class took part in a fascinating World War II workshop led by Gabrielle from the Bodmin Keep outreach team. The children explored three suitcases filled with authentic WWII artefacts and used them to investigate what life was like during the war. It was a wonderful hands-on opportunity that really brought their history learning to life.

Outside, the class were put through their paces by Major Spanner from Footsteps of Discovery Survival, who ran an exciting military-style team-building session. The children learned about national flags and took part in a friendly competition to master the highwayman's hitch knot.

Major Spanner was incredibly impressed with the children's teamwork, commenting that they were one of the best groups he has ever worked with.

A huge thank you to Gabrielle from Bodmin Keep and Major Spanner for providing such an engaging and memorable experience for the pupils. (See overleaf for photos).



















