



Godolphin Primary School
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Key Diary Dates:

Diamond & Zircon Christmas Show:

Tuesday 16th December (1.30pm & 6.00pm).

Santa Godolphin Hill Whole-School Walk:

Wednesday 17th December (morning) Santa hats & Christmas jumpers! (Further details overleaf).

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

PTA Christmas Bake-Off! Thursday 18th December (cake sale after school) – see poster overleaf. Cakes dropped off in summer-house in the morning.

Last Day of Term: Friday 19th December – children invited to wear 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 after-school club on 3rd February. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Attendance:

Overall school attendance for this week was 94.81% (of which 0.74% was unauthorised).

The attendance for each class was:

- Emerald Class: 93.8%
- Diamond Class: 97.6%
- Zircon Class: 93.3%

Overall school attendance for the academic year so far is 96.41%.

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, please follow this link

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

After School Clubs:

There are no after-school clubs running next week. The schedule for clubs for the Spring term will be confirmed soon!

Santa Godolphin Hill whole-school walk:

On Wednesday 17th December (morning) the whole school will be venturing up Godolphin Hill on a festive walk! Children are welcome to wear Christmas hats and jumpers. However, please ensure your child comes to school with a coat and wellies too! Please make sure they have shoes (and maybe spare socks) to change into on their return!

If you are able to help with the walk, please let Mrs Thomas know. We will be leaving after registration (about 9am) and returning in plenty of time before the Christmas lunch! Many thanks.

PE Days for next week:

There are changes for all classes next week:

- Zircon Class: **Taking place on Thursday only next week**
- Diamond Class: **Taking place on Thursday only next week**
- Emerald Class: **Taking place on Thursday next week**

Please ensure pupils arrive wearing suitable PE kit and trainers.

Maths Whizz

This week the Zircon class were awarded the Maths Whizz trophy.

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

Emerald Christmas Show:

The Emerald Class did a fantastic job this week, delivering two outstanding performances of their Christmas production 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel!'. The pupils shone on stage, speaking and singing with wonderful clarity and confidence.

Feedback from the packed audiences was overwhelmingly positive, with many praising the children and staff for their hard work and dedication. One audience member commented, *"The children were superstars! Such lovely loud and clear singing and big smiles. We are all so proud of you!"*

A huge thank you to all the staff for their hard work in putting the show together, and to the children for their incredible efforts—they were all amazing! Thanks also to the PTA for providing refreshments.

More photos in Google Classroom soon!



School Choir:

A huge well done to our school choir, who have been wonderfully busy over the past week!

On Friday evening, they performed in the Godolphin Old Chapel at the WI Carol Service, singing with real enthusiasm and confidence. Several members of the audience commented on how talented and exceptional the children were—there were even a few tears in eyes! The WI subsequently sent a card to the choir quoting "Thank you for making our carol service so special".

On Wednesday, the choir sprang into action once again, performing for the WOW Christmas lunch at The Old Chapel.

Our heartfelt thanks go to Mrs Birkett, who continues to lead the choir with such expertise, energy and devotion.



500 Words Competition – Well Done!:

Congratulations! We're pleased to say that Eliza (Y2) and Brody (Y4) have made it through to the next stage of the 500 Words competition.

Tens of thousands of entries were received and only around 5,000 go through for the second round of judging by the Reading Agency. We are very proud of them both!

Their stories will be uploaded to Google Classroom soon.

Christmas Cards:

A reminder that the Christmas card post-box is in the school hall. 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.



Elmore String Quartet:

Last Friday afternoon we were once again treated to a music performance from the very talented Elmore Quartet from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, London.

The musicians were absolutely amazing, and all the children were truly mesmerised by their talent.

Many thanks again to the Elmore Quartet. We hope to see them again soon.



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.

A reminder that tickets are on sale at drop-off and pick-up. 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, for collection after school.

Lego League Club (Y5/6) – Help Needed!:



We are hoping to start a Lego League club next term (on a Tuesday after school) for Y5/6. A team of 10 children will subsequently take place in the Lego League competition in March at Culdrose. We are seeking a parent volunteer to help support the club, alongside Mrs Symons. So, if you have some coding experience, or are a Lego fanatic, please speak to Mrs Thomas!

Service Children Culdrose Christmas Visit:

On Tuesday, our service children enjoyed a fantastic celebration of their strength and resilience during a special joint visit with pupils from Garras and Sithney Schools.

The day began at RNAS Culdrose, where the children explored the watch tower to learn how air traffic control operates, and met Navy meteorologists who explained how weather forecasting supports the base. They then visited the 824 Training Squadron and had the exciting opportunity to climb inside a Merlin helicopter, where an air crewman talked us through the aircraft's key features and their importance. To round off our tour, they headed to the Airfield Wildlife Control Unit to discover how birds play a vital role in keeping the airfield safe.

The afternoon took a festive turn at the Culdrose Community Centre, where Cathy from the Navy Welfare Team welcomed us for Christmas crafts: snow globes, crackers, decorations and even crowns! The children had a fabulous day filled with learning and seasonal fun!

Many thanks to Mrs Bousfield for organising the visit, to Richard McKie for driving the minibus and to all the Culdrose staff and personnel involved in making the visit so memorable!



'Pause Before You Post' Awareness Campaign:

The Data Protection Commission have launched a campaign to raise awareness about the risks of 'sharenting'. This is the simple act of sharing information, photos and videos of children online that can lead to unintended oversharing of personal data, which, in the wrong hands, can have serious consequences.

Please watch the video on [the Data Protection Commission website](#) and read the webpage for further information.

This has been shared with the Diamond and Zircon class this week.

Water Bottles:

Please can we remind you that bottles should be filled with water only, not squash or fizzy drinks.

As stipulated by the Department of Education School Food Standard Policy, "water should be the default drink for every child. The more it is offered, the more readily they will accept it. Sugary or sweetened drinks often have no nutritional value, contribute to weight gain and can cause tooth decay".

For more information please click [here](#).

Parent Pay:



A polite reminder to all our parents that there are a number of outstanding payments for school lunches and other items (including swimming lessons and after-school clubs).

Could we ask that you sign into your account and check your balances and make any necessary payments as soon as possible.

This is particularly important as we approach the end of the term.

If you have any questions or queries, please get in touch.

