



Godolphin Primary School
'living, learning and laughing together'

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Newsletter available on our website

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring Term. We hope you all had a restful Christmas and enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

It certainly has been an interesting return to school with the icy conditions at the beginning of last week and the storm on Thursday evening! I do hope that everyone is safe and that you have not experienced too much damage.

We sincerely thank you for your understanding, cooperation and support. Your prompt response and flexibility in picking up the children punctually on Thursday was greatly appreciated, and it meant that pupils and staff were able to travel home safely. Thank you also for your patience and understanding with regards to the late openings and the closure of the school on Friday. The safety of all our pupils and staff is imperative to us.

This term promises to be another busy and exciting one, filled with new learning opportunities and lots of chances for children to grow both academically and personally. Our staff have been working hard to plan engaging lessons and activities that will inspire curiosity, creativity and confidence in all our pupils.

Over the coming weeks, children will be exploring new topics across the curriculum, taking part in enrichment activities and continuing to develop important skills such as teamwork, resilience, and independence.

As always, we are very grateful for your continued support. Working together makes a real difference to the children's success and happiness at school.

We look forward to a positive and productive term ahead. Thank you. Colin Snook.

Attendance:

Overall school attendance for this week was 98.76% (of which 0.37% was unauthorised).

The attendance for each class was:

- Emerald Class: 98.6%
- Diamond Class: 99.2%
- Zircon Class: 98.5%

Overall school attendance for the academic year so far is 96.73%.

The termly attendance letter was sent out to all parents/carers yesterday. And, in line with the Crofty Attendance Policy, a letter was sent to parents/carers whose children had attendance below 95% at the end of the Autumn term or whom are being persistently late.

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.

Key Diary Dates:

Inset Days 2025/26 Reminder:

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

Maths Whizz

Well done to all the children who reached the Hall of Fame this week! This week the Maths Whizz trophy was presented, once again, to the Zircon Class!

Missing Items:

A purple pair of glasses and a silver ring (in a red drawstring bag) have been found outside the school gate.

If you have lost either of these items, please see Mrs Thomas in the school office.

No Nuts!:

We have a child on roll with a severe nut allergy.

Therefore, please could we request that children do not bring any food items into school which contain nuts.

Library Loyalty Card:

Cornwall Council Want to encourage school children to become more engaged with their local library? New for 2026 is Cornwall Libraries Loyalty Card – simply visit the library and use it's resource 6 times to earn entry into free monthly draws for prizes such as: bakery vouchers, cinema tickets, entry to attractions. It is completely free to sign up to and use. Stamps will be awarded for engagement with e-resources as well as physical library activities. Use the following link to find out more

[Cornwall Libraries Loyalty Card - Cornwall Council](#)

PE Days for this term:

- Zircon Class: **Monday & Friday**
- Diamond Class: **Monday & Friday**
- Emerald Class: **Tuesday & Friday**

Please ensure pupils arrive wearing suitable PE kit and trainers.

Little Dolphins Bank Staff Required:



WE'RE HIRING JOIN OUR TEAM!

Little Dolphins Preschool is looking to appoint an enthusiastic and creative Bank Staff team member with a desire to create exciting and stimulating learning opportunities for the children in our care.

Daily Duties

- To provide flexible, short-term cover for the permanent staff, often at short notice.
- To be kind, caring, patient and resourceful
- Help support, and deliver a range of fun, varied and inspiring play opportunities for the children.
- Safeguard the children's wellbeing and promptly raise concerns to the Preschool's Designated Safeguarding Lead.
- To help set up for the day ahead and to help tidy away at the end of the session.
- To work in partnership with parents/carers and other family members.
- To support the children with outdoor learning activities.

Working Patterns:

- Bank Staff (as and when required hours)
- Pay - £13.06
- Start date: ASAP
- Term time only
- Time: 08:30 – 15:30

Specifications:

- Relevant Level 3 qualification
- Experience in working with children
- Knowledge of EYFS, SEN, Safeguarding and childcare Act 2006
- Knowledge of child development
- Team worker
- Good communication skills

To apply: Please contact Hannah at littledolphinschair@outlook.com for the job application form. Your CV and a Covering Letter is also required. A full job description is available upon request.

Due to the nature of the work, this employment is exempt from the provision of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptional) (Amendments) Order 1986. All applicants must disclose details of any criminal convictions, cautions, reprimands or warnings which for other purposes may be considered as 'spent'. An Enhanced DBS check will be carried out for applicants selected for appointment. Information received will be kept confidential and only used in relation to the position.

Little Dolphins Preschool is committed to safeguarding the welfare of children. All staff are expected to share this commitment and follow the policy and procedures to continuously promote a culture of safety.

Charity number 1036836 Osted Number EY288333 Email: littledolphinschair@outlook.com



Flu Vaccination

School Age Reception - Year 11

Drop In Clinic

Saturday 7th February 2026
10:30 - 13:30

Redruth Family hub
Drump Road
Redruth, TR15 1LU
10.30-13.30

For more information please speak with a member of the team
Call us on
01872 221105
kernowhealthcic.schoolimmunisation@nhs.net

PTA Xmas Jumper Donations:

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DONATIONS WANTED!

Please donate any unwanted good condition Christmas jumpers



Hand all donated jumpers into the school office.

They will be stored and sold in November to help raise school funds.

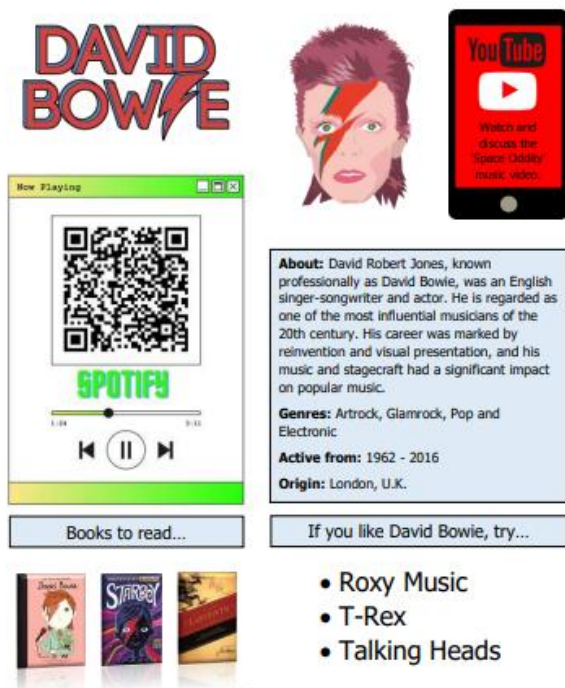
Thank you for your support.



Music Update:

Musician of the month:

Throughout this year, we are going to be focusing on a different musician each month. This month, the musician is **David Bowie**. If you have any Bowie music at home, maybe encourage your child(ren) to have a listen!



Diamond Class – recorder lessons:

The Diamond class have started recorder lessons this term, taught by Jenny Crow, a music teacher from Cornwall Music Service

If you have recorders at home, please encourage your child to practice. There is a flyer on the Diamond class Google classroom with instructions to show the first few notes we are learning to play.

Cool Milk:

Once your child turns five, they are no longer eligible for free milk in school. However, you can register your child for school milk. Simply visit www.coolmilk.com/register.

Parent Pay:



A gentle reminder to check your balances on ParentPay and pay any outstanding payments.

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

After School Clubs: Spring Term 2026:

Lego League Club (for Y5/6 pupils) – 3:15-4:30pm:

- Tuesday 20th January
- Tuesday 27th January
- Tuesday 3rd February
- Tuesday 10th February

Art Club: There is a charge of £15 for all sessions (£3 per session), or 312 if you missed the first session this week.

For Y2/3/4/5: 3.15 – 4.30pm.

- Wednesday 21st January
- Wednesday 28th January
- Wednesday 4th February
- Wednesday 11th February

Study Club (for Y6 pupils only) – 3.15-4.30pm: Details already sent to Y6 pupils.

- Wednesday 21st January
- Wednesday 28th January
- Wednesday 4th February
- Wednesday 11th February

Keep Fit & Dance Club: There is a charge of £10 for all sessions (£2 per session), or £8 if you missed the first session this week.

For Reception – Y6 – 3:15-4:30pm:

- Thursday 22nd January
- Thursday 29th January
- Thursday 5th February
- Thursday 12th February

Choir Club:

This is taking place during lunchtime on a Wednesday. Speak to Mrs Birkett if interested.

Pen Licences Update:

A great start to the year for the children in Y3 who received their pen licences this week.

They have worked hard to master letter formation, orientation of letters and the beginnings of joining. They are very proud of their achievement – Well Done!

