



# Golden Valley Primary School

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*'Sharing Kindness,  
Challenging Ourselves and Others,  
Achieving Excellence'*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. Programme**

I am pleased to inform you that we are participating in the NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. Programme this term. Speak out. Stay safe. is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate virtual assemblies on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and one classroom lesson that will be delivered in the week. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy.

Parents and carers are asked to let school know if their child may have experienced anything (in the past or happening now) which may mean they need extra support before, during or after taking part in this programme. If you would like to know more about the Speak out. Stay safe. programme visit [www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout).

The NSPCC have shared some important information below on wider NSPCC resources and support to help keep children safe.

<p><b>Parent/Carer support</b></p> <p>Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers.</p> <p><a href="http://www.nspcc.org.uk/parents">www.nspcc.org.uk/parents</a></p>	<p><b>Activities to extend learning at home</b></p> <p>Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe.</p> <p><a href="http://www.nspcc.org.uk/activities">www.nspcc.org.uk/activities</a></p>
<p><b>Online Safety Hub</b></p> <p>For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more.</p> <p><a href="http://www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety">www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety</a></p>	<p><b>Childline – under 12's</b></p> <p>Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content.</p> <p><a href="http://www.childline.org.uk/buddy">www.childline.org.uk/buddy</a> (5-7)</p> <p><a href="http://www.childline.org.uk/kids">www.childline.org.uk/kids</a> (7-11)</p>
<p><b>Talk PANTS with your children</b></p> <p>Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides simple but important messages.</p> <p>Download the free resources at <a href="http://www.nspcc.org.uk/pants">www.nspcc.org.uk/pants</a>.</p>	

I hope you find this information about the NSPCC and the Speak out. Stay safe. programme helpful. Please do contact me if you have any further questions.



## Spelling in KS2

The school is introducing a new spelling programme this academic year that builds on the phonics and early reading programme we use (both Unlocking Letters and Sounds). Children will have 3 x 15 minute spelling sessions per week and 2 x 5 minute retrieval sessions. This means that there is no requirement for spelling lists to come home and be learnt for tests in school. Mrs Bennett has delivered the training to all KS2 staff and will be hosting a parent session later in the school year.

## Curriculum Information and Parent Meetings

In response to the parent survey, staff have written curriculum overviews for parents for the Autumn term. These were sent out yesterday and can be found on our website. You will also receive one for the Spring and Summer terms. At the year group parent meetings in September you can find out more information about the school year. For those of you who would like more information you can find out more on the school website: [Learning at Golden Valley](#)

We do not break down the learning to weekly information sessions for you as our teacher time is focussed on assessment, planning and adapting sequences of lessons to engage and challenge your children. The letters give you enough information to start a conversation with your children. As a parent myself, I understand children aren't always forthcoming with detail about their school day. I was regularly told that my child had done nothing at school most days! I can assure you, your children are very busy and our classrooms buzz with the excitement and enjoyment of fantastic learning.

## GVSA: Tesco Stronger Starts In-Store Vote

We are very excited to share that thanks to the GVSA our school has been chosen to take part in the Tesco Community in-store vote. This means that when you shop at Tesco, you'll receive a blue token at the checkout – and you can use it to vote for our Forest School Outdoor Learning area! Voting will commence from the first week of October to mid-January.

The more votes we get, the more funding we could receive to provide a dedicated Forest School area with firepit to foster connection with nature whilst learning new skills and promoting mental health and wellbeing. Every token makes a difference – thank you for supporting our school!

## Playground Equipment

A polite reminder that children should not be on the playground equipment during drop off and pick up. Please ensure this message is passed onto whoever is collecting your child/ren, thank you.

## Staffing

If you have an hour to spare a few times a week around lunchtime please have a look at our Lunchtime Supervisor advert. We are looking to increase the team and have a vacancy that can be 3-5 days per week. [LSUP Vacancy](#)

Have a great weekend and thank you for taking the time to read the LSP Home-School Partnership we sent out last week: [LSP Home-School Partnership](#)

Yours sincerely



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## DIARY DATES

Please be aware that this list of dates is subject to change, and additional dates will be included when other events/activities have been finalised.

*You can view the school calendar online; this contains planned dates for the whole school year: [School Calendar](#)*

<b>September 2025</b>	
Weds 17	Y6 Parent Information Meeting
Fri 19	Y2 Parent Information Session
Tue 23	Y5 Parent Information Session
Weds 24	Y4 Girls Rugby Sports Trip (selected children) YR Parent/Carer 'drop in' Session
Thurs 25	YR Parent/Carer 'drop in' Session Y1 Parent Information Session
Fri 26	Y3 Parent Information Session
Mon 29	Y5/6 Girls Football Sports Trip (selected children)
Tues 30	Y4 Parent Information Session
<b>October 2025</b>	
Tues 7	Y6 Fieldwork trip (more details to follow)
Weds 8	Harvest Festival Y4 Multiskills Sports Trip (selected children)
Thurs 9	Parents and Carers Evening
Tues 14	Parents and Carers Evening
Thurs 16	Tulip Photography (individual photos)
Fri 17	GVSA Uniform Sale
Tues 21	Y5 trip to MShed (more details to follow)
Thu 23	Y3 trip to Cheddar Gorge (more details to follow)
Fri 24	Last day of term

Further details about most of the events will be given nearer the time where appropriate.

