



Golden Valley Primary School

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

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26th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to welcome you to many of the year group parent meetings. We really appreciate your partnership and hope that you have found them informative and useful. It has also been a pleasure to see how well our EYFS children are thriving during their first full week at school.

Congratulations Miss Somerville

I am really pleased to share that Miss Somerville welcomed her son Freddie to the world on Tuesday evening. Mum and baby are doing great. I am sure you will join with me in sending our love and best wishes to Miss Somerville and her partner as they begin life as parents.

Congratulations to Mr Hamilton – our new Acting Deputy Headteacher

I am also pleased to share that Mr Hamilton has become our Acting Deputy Headteacher for this academic year. It has been a pleasure to share in his development over the last two years as our SENDCo and this is a much deserved opportunity and one in which I am sure he will thrive.

Black History Month

During October our assemblies will focus on sharing stories that inspire and celebrate Black History. One regret I have from the curriculum I was taught at school is that so much of our rich heritage was not included in it. Times have changed but as a society there is still some way to go in achieving equality and respect, and challenging all forms of discrimination.

Mental Health and Safeguarding

Our anti-bullying Ambassadors have been renamed Wellbeing Warriors. They will continue to work with school staff to promote a culture of kindness and plan events that celebrate diversity and inclusion. The new name will reflect their focus on a broader range of wellbeing issues that impact our children.

Mr Hamilton is our Mental Health lead and our school has updated our mental health policy which can be found on the school website.

Our Child Protection policy has also been updated for the new school year and can also be found on the school website.

[School Policies](#)



'No nuts' reminder

Following an incident at lunch time recently please could parents/carers remember that children should not bring nuts or nut products (e.g. peanut butter) to school for snacks or in packed lunches. We have pupils with life threatening allergies and your co-operation in this is much appreciated.

Fire Safety at School

We will carry out a 'fire alarm sounder' practice in the next two weeks so that all our new children and staff know what the fire alarm sounds like, and as a reminder for everybody else. We will also have a full fire drill practice so that everybody knows what to do and where to go if they hear the fire alarm.

Parent Governor Election

Just a little reminder to read the profiles and cast your votes to elect the new parent governors, if you haven't already done so.

[PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION](#)

Donations for Forest School Outdoor Activity Area

We would be very grateful of any donations of pallets, wood and logs for the forest school outdoor activity area we are currently creating. Please contact the office if you have any of the above who will put you in touch with Mr Underhill (our Caretaker). We have already kindly had some bricks donated by Mendip Construction (many thanks).

Trips/Visits and Enrichment Activities

Our admin team have been working with teachers to plan our first set of school trips and visits. These activities help bring our curriculum to life and we look forward to parents joining us as volunteers on these days out.

Likewise, our busy calendar of sports events has also begun. Well done to our tag rugby players who shone on Wednesday morning.

Wishing the Red Roses good luck tomorrow. The women's Rugby World Cup has been a triumph of skill, strength and athleticism. The players have been great role models both in terms of encouraging participation and modelling great sporting behaviour.

Yours sincerely



R Riordan
Headteacher



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](#)

September 2025	
Mon 29	Y5/6 Girls Football Sports Trip (selected children)
Tues 30	Y4 Parent Information Session
October 2025	
Thurs 2	Aspens FREE meal day! (Rodeo Poster)
Tues 7	Y6 Fieldwork trip (Y6 Fieldwork Letter)
Weds 8	Harvest Festival (Harvest Appeal Letter) Y4 Multiskills Sports Trip (selected children)
Thurs 9	Parents and Carers Evening (Parents Evening Letter)
Tues 14	Parents and Carers Evening (Parents Evening Letter)
Weds 15	Y5/6 Cross Country Sports Trip (selected children)
Thurs 16	Tulip Photography (individual photos) Y4 Rivers Workshop (in school)
Fri 17	GVSA Uniform Sale
Tues 21	Y5 trip to MShed (more details to follow)
Weds 22	Y2 Fieldwork trip (more details to follow)
Thu 23	Y3 trip to Cheddar Gorge (more details to follow)
Fri 24	Last day of term
November 2025	
Mon 3	INSET Day

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