



# Golden Valley Primary School

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

30<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

## Year 6 Camp 2026

Following our meeting for parents, we are delighted to be able to offer the opportunity for your child to attend the Year 6 Residential Visit next year from 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> June at the Dean Field Study Centre in the Forest of Dean.

As outlined in the meeting, there are numerous benefits of School Camp: there are many physical activities and challenges; science and environmental issues are covered; pupils also have the opportunity to be away from home in a safe environment. These help the children learn team work, grow in confidence and develop independence. It really is a super experience – most children regard School Camp as one of the highlights of their time in Year 6!



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We would very much hope that all the children in the year group attend to benefit from the exciting and hugely valuable experience that we believe the Dean Field residential visit provides. Although camp is optional, as it falls within a normal school week your child will be expected to attend school if they do not go to camp. Arrangements will be made to accommodate your child within the nearest age group and normal activities and curriculum challenges will be left for them.

The total cost<sup>1</sup> of School Camp 2026 is anticipated to be approximately £485. This is based on the cost of camp, transport etc. split equally between all of the children attending. We will be able to confirm the final amount when we know how many children will be attending.

We have explored alternative venues and can confirm this represents the best value for money we can source and includes exclusive use of the Dean Field Centre and their specialist staff, transport, excellent home-cooked food and a wide range of day time and evening activities.

If you would like your child to attend, a **non-refundable deposit** of £150 is due **by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025**. Payment should be made online using ParentPay at [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com).

A minimum of three further instalments must then be made as follows (the outstanding balance is displayed on your ParentPay account):

- At least a further £125 must be paid by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026 and
- A further £125 must be paid by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026 and
- The full amount must be paid by Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026 (if you prefer you can pay off the full balance at any time before this date).

Golden Valley policy is that no child will be excluded from an activity because their parent/carer is not able or willing to meet the costs, however if the costs are not met, camp will not be able to go ahead. Pupils who are eligible for PPG will be exempt from paying the board and lodging element (please see separate letter).

Nailsea Community Trust offer financial assistance to families at Golden Valley who need help to afford the cost of camp and/or the kit pupils need to take. You can apply for a grant here: <https://www.nailseacommunitytrust.org.uk/apply.html> or please contact the school office if you would like a paper application form.

A kit list is attached for your information, and we will send a further copy nearer the time.

Information about Camp is sent home throughout Year 6, but please don't hesitate to ask the class teacher any questions whenever you feel the need.

Yours sincerely



R Riordan  
Headteacher

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<sup>1</sup> The total cost of School Camp consists of a chargeable board and lodging element and a parental voluntary contribution which covers essential items such as transport, staffing/supervision costs, activities, prizes and medical supplies. If insufficient contributions are received to cover the cost and there is no alternative method to make up the shortfall, then camp may have to be cancelled.