



Golden Valley Primary School

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

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24th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all of your support for our children and staff. I can't believe that we only started this academic year 8 weeks ago! A very special mention to our new children in EYFS and new joiners in other year groups who have completed their first full time term. Like wise to our 5 new class teachers. It has been a pleasure to see how quickly everyone has settled and just how much they have thrived.

Communication

As a school we work so hard to get things right and it is just as frustrating for us as it is for you when our best intentions don't always translate. Thank you for your understanding when our messages don't always land as we have intended and rest assured, this is an area of the school we reflect on always.

NSPCC Fundraiser

A very heartfelt thank you to everyone who has donated today which will help continue the important and inspirational work that the NSPCC do. Children and staff looked fabulous in green and there were some great hero costumes on display too. I am really proud to share that we have raised a total of: £443 (so far!). There is still time to donate, let's see if we can hit that magic £500 mark: [Just Giving NSPCC](#)

Celebration

Today in assembly we recognised our Readers, Writers and Artists of the term as well as our usual achievement certificate for the week. Mrs Bennett has been very busy prepping our new display board and the children's work looks fabulous. Picking just one child is always a very difficult decision when we are so proud of the learning and achievements of all of them!

So, thanks to everyone who has volunteered and helped make term 1 so special. Enjoy the autumn break, kick some leaves, splash in some muddy puddles, pumpkins ahoy and don't forget the clocks go back!

We will see you in school on Tuesday 4th of November. Poppies and merchandise in support of the RBL Poppy Appeal will be available on the KS2 playground.

Yours sincerely

R Riordan
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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](#)

November 2025	
Mon 3	INSET Day
Tues 4	First day of Term 2
Fri 7	New YR 26/27 Tour
Mon 10-Fri 14	Antibullying Week
Tues 11	Y6 trip to the Steam Museum (Y6 Steam Trip Letter) Y1 & Y2 Bristol Old Vic performance (Y1+2 Old Vic Letter)
Weds 12	Flu Vaccinations
Fri 14	Children In Need
Weds 19	Y4 trip to Chedworth (more details to follow) Y5+6 Sportshall Athletics Sports trip (selected children)
Thurs 20	New YR 26/27 Tour
Mon 24	Y6 National Child Measurement Programme
Weds 26	KS1 Physical Literacy Sports trip (selected children)
December 2025	
Mon 8	Y1 Carols Share a Tray
Tues 9	Y2 Nativity
Weds 10	Y2 Nativity
Fri 12	GVSA Uniform Sale
Mon 15	YR Nativity
Tues 16	YR Nativity
Weds 17	Christmas Dinner
Thurs 18	KS2 Carols
Fri 19	Christmas Parties Last day of term

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