



Golden Valley Primary School

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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a real privilege to welcome so many parents in to the school over the last week with Share a Tray, the Year 1 Carols and the Year 2 Nativities. We hope that you enjoyed seeing how your children are thriving under the care and challenge from our school staff. We are very lucky in that we get to see the magic daily but we appreciate these windows of opportunities and insight are rarer and therefore very special for you.

Next week we will be hosting our families from Reception and KS2. Sadly, I will miss the Year 5 and 6 Carols as I have to attend a key meeting away from school. Apologies in advance.

Car Parking

After feedback from parents and the school council, we have stepped up our challenge to help make arrival and departure from school as safe as possible. With a very limited car park and so many staff, spaces are at a premium, and we only have two disabled spaces. Parents are politely reminded that only those with a valid Blue Badge or with an agreement with SLT should use the car park. **If you have a valid Blue Badge please could we ask that you display it at all times.**

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2025

I would like to thank you, on behalf of both myself and the Royal British Legion (RBL), for your part in supporting the Nailsea Area Poppy Appeal 2025. In total, £20,682 was raised of which the Golden Valley School raised £304. That is a fantastic effort on the part of our staff, parents/carers and the children. There may have been further donations emanating from the school via QR code. Unfortunately, although £682 was raised via the QR code, we are unable to identify who donated and where.

Norovirus

The UK Health Security Agency have asked us to share the following poster with our families: [Norovirus Poster](#)

Valuing Diversity

I am pleased to share that Year 5 and 6 will take part in inclusion workshops with the charity SARI on the 29th of January. This key work will help promote inclusion and pride in own uniqueness, culture and background. You can find out more about the work that SARI do by accessing the link below.

<https://saricharity.org.uk/>



Outdoor Learning

We look forward to the start of our outdoor education offer that begins in Term 3. Please see the following link for the timetable for these sessions: [Outdoor Learning Timetable](#). Children should wear home clothes suitable for the weather and outdoor learning. Our huge thanks to the GVSA for funding this work and to Mr Underhill, our amazing caretaker for his work in building the outdoor activity area.

School Choir

Thank you to Miss Macadam for her work with the school choir this term. SLT really enjoyed accompanying the Year 6 members of the choir to their community performance on Tuesday evening. It was some brightness and joy on a rather stormy day! Well done to our fabulous singers.

Christmas Lunch

Please remember to order your child/ren's Christmas Lunch on Aspens Select for Wednesday 17th December. For those children that do not have a Christmas lunch ordered, please provide them with a festive packed lunch. Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper and/or a Christmas hat!

Foodbank Collection

After reflecting on the positives and challenges that the festive season can present, our Wellbeing Warriors would like to offer you the opportunity to support the foodbank and local community during the Christmas period. On Wednesday 17th of December please drop off any donations (there will be tables on which to leave them) which will be collected at 9.30am by the foodbank volunteers. No Christmas specific items as these have already been collected but donations of food staples (tea/coffee/tins/cereal), toiletries, cleaning products etc would all be very welcome.

We appreciate this is short notice and there is no expectation that you have to support the collection - our Wellbeing Warriors just felt it would be a great way to extend our kindness beyond the school in a practical way. Thanks in advance for your support.

School Governance

Last night we held our last full governing body meeting of 2025. It was a pleasure to welcome Celia Clement and Phil Collins, our new parent governors and James Caldwell, our new community governor to the team. The challenge and support school governors afford our leadership team and the Trust, are key ingredients in effective school improvement. My thanks to them and to all of our governing body for the important work they do as volunteers.

Start of Term 3

The new year and start to Term 3 starts with business as usual. There is no INSET day so we look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 5th of January. Please check if this is a PE day for your class.

Our next INSET day is Friday 16th January.

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](#)

December 2025	
Mon 15	Open the Book Assembly YR Nativity
Tues 16	YR Nativity Y3 Light Exhibition
Weds 17	Foodbank donations Christmas Dinner day
Thurs 18	KS2 Carols
Fri 19	Christmas Parties Last day of term
January 2026	
Mon 5	First day of term
Tues 6	Y5 Outdoor Learning
Tues 13	Y5 Outdoor Learning
Fri 16	INSET Day
Tues 20	Y4 Outdoor Learning
Weds 21	Sports trip: Y5 Multiskills (selected children)
Tues 27	Y4 Outdoor Learning
Thurs 29	Y5+6 SARI Workshops
February 2026	
Thurs 5	YR School Nurse Visit
Fri 6	GVSA Uniform Sale
Tues 10	Internet Safety Day
Weds 11	YR & Y5 Explorer Dome (more details to follow)
Fri 13	INSET Day End of Term 3

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

