



Golden Valley Primary School

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

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19th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week it has been! A huge thank you to everyone who has made our final week of term such a joy! A big well done to our EYFS children for two unforgettable performances this week. It was such a pleasure to see just what our youngest children can achieve.

Our Christmas dinner was a delight - my sincere thanks to the caterers and all of our lunchtime staff for the wonderful job they do.

On Thursday we hosted our KS2 families for our final Carol Services. The quality of the singing was exceptional and the blend of old and new felt really special. I hope you have all added a bit of Run DMC to your own Christmas playlists! My sincere thanks to Miss Macadam for the wonderful job she does leading music and the choir.

Thank You

As we head off in to the madness that Christmas can often be, it seems most appropriate to share our thanks for the many blessings Golden Valley benefits from.

- Thank you for your partnership with the school and for all you do to support the education of your children in the widest possible sense.
- Thank you also, for the generosity you have shown to our charities this year and for the kind gifts you have sent in for school staff.
- Thanks to the Trust and to our governors for their challenge and support.
- Thanks to the GVSA for their fundraising and the difference it makes.
- Thanks to our staff for the amazing job they do.

It is a privilege to play a part in the childhood of your children. I thank them for the joy they bring us and for the memories we have made together this term. It has been really special to have shared some of those memories with you these last two weeks.

Whatever you do over the holidays, I hope you enjoy some cherished time with family and loved ones and that you find some moments of peace during this busy time.

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](#)

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.