



# Golden Valley Primary School

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

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6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a really busy few weeks at Golden Valley with children enjoying the SARI assembly and workshops, Bikeability and Forest School all going on. It is such a shame that the weather has been so morale sapping but I am very proud of the resilience of our children.

## **World Book Day**

We will celebrate World Book Day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March (instead of 5<sup>th</sup> March so that Year 4 children who start swimming lessons can also join in). In school we will hold assemblies and various book related activities and would like children to dress as their favourite book character should they choose to.

Children will be given a World Book Day voucher that they can spend or save to use at the Book Fair later in the term (Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March and Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March between 3.30 and 4pm in the school hall).

There are videos and resources that you can share at home on the World Book Day website: <https://www.worldbookday.com/>

## **Parent Governor**

Congratulations to Sarah Le Vaillant Stokes, who will continue as a parent governor for another term. Our governors have a very important role within school and Sarah is currently our vice and acting Chair of Governors.

## **GVSA**

Many thanks to the committee and our fabulous quiz hosts for a fantastic evening of questions and activities – the event raised approximately £1,300! It was fabulous to see the hall so full of parents, I'd hate to have had to dance in an empty hall! We are looking forward to using the funds raised to redevelop our IT provision and create a new library. There is still a summer fair to plan for so if you'd like to contribute please get in touch with the GVSA by emailing [hello@gvsa.org.uk](mailto:hello@gvsa.org.uk).

## **Leadership News**

Congratulations to Mr Hamilton who has been appointed as our permanent Deputy Headteacher with immediate effect. It has been a privilege to see how Mr Hamilton has developed over the last 2 ½ years as a senior leader and this opportunity is very much deserved.



## Other Staff News

Mrs Buss (Business Manager) will be leaving us at the end of this term. We thank her for the amazing job she has done during her time at Golden Valley. Her journey started as a parent and has included stints on the GVSA and as Office and the Business Manager at the school. We will be formally saying goodbye to her on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

Her responsibilities will be shared between the Trust central team and Mrs Paul (Office Manager) which is the operational model in a growing number of LSP schools, including the Whiteoak Academies.

It is with sadness to report that Mr Harris will be leaving Swift class and will not return to Golden Valley. Swift Class will be taught by Mrs Short from the beginning of Term 4.

We are really pleased to share that Mrs Mercieca will be returning to school next week in Swallow class.

## Next Week:

### Children's Mental Health Week

The children will take part in a special assembly and focussed activities based on mental health. Our Wellbeing Warriors have agreed that Thursday will be a non-uniform day and children can wear what makes them feel most comfortable or makes them smile.

### **Internet Safety Day**

Children's computing lessons next week will be focussed on staying safe online. There is also a holiday poster competition that children can take part in. Please see separate letter attached. All entries need to be sent to class teachers by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Miss Makinde will then have the challenging task of selecting winners.

This is also a great time to check filters and settings at home and chat to your children about boundaries to keep the safe, screen time and what to do if they see something that worries them.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

[5 tips on how to talk to your child about their smartphone use](#)

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](#)*

<b>February 2026</b>	
Mon 9 – Fri 12	Children’s Mental Health week
Tues 10	Internet Safety Day
Weds 11	YR & Y5 Explorer Dome ( <a href="#">YR Letter</a> <a href="#">Y5 Letter</a> )
Thurs 12	Y1 Great Fire of London Presentation Non-uniform Day
Fri 13	INSET Day End of Term 3
Mon 16-Fri 20	Half term holiday
Mon 23	First day of Term 4 World Thinking Day (wear club uniform)
Tues 24	Y1 Outdoor Learning
Weds 25	Y6 Lifeskills trip ( <a href="#">Y6 Lifeskills Trip Letter</a> )
Thurs 26	YR + Y1 Kurling sports event (in school)
<b>March 2026</b>	
Weds 4	Sports trip: Y6 Gymnastics (selected children)
Thurs 5	4W Swimming lessons
Fri 6	World Book Day Celebrations
Weds 11	Sports trip: Y3 Gymnastics (selected children)
Thurs 12	4W Swimming lessons
Weds 18	Sports trip: Y5/6 Netball (selected children)
Thurs 19	4W Swimming lessons Parents Evening (more details to follow)
Fri 20	Comic Relief / Red Nose Day Book Fair
Mon 23	Book Fair
Tues 24	Parents Evening (more details to follow)
Thurs 26	4W Swimming lessons
<b>April 2026</b>	
Thurs 2	4W Swimming lessons Last day of term

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