



# Golden Valley Primary School

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

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12<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we have reached the end of another term already. This week alone we have taken part in Children's Mental Health Week and Internet Safety Day and we have had the Science Dome visit to help bring our curriculum to life.

## **Celebrating Maths and Golden Valley**

On Monday we hosted teachers from across the LSP who came to see the fantastic maths practice that Miss Anderson has developed here. They visited lessons, watched teaching and maths interventions and Miss Anderson shared how our curriculum and support for our staff leads to such fantastic outcomes for our children. Her work to ensure every child succeeds is a significant strength of our school and we are very proud of her.

## **Nurture UK**

Myself and Mr Hamilton (mostly Mr Hamilton) have been working hard over the last two years to develop the nurture provision at school. This has involved lots of staff training, development of the building and support for groups and individuals. Whilst this great provision has been recognised for some time by our governors and the LSP, after a very rigorous assessment process, I am very proud to share that we have been recognised with the National Nurturing School Award.



This is one lovely quote, taken from staff in the award report. "The strength of our school is the kindness in everything."

## **Headteacher Update**

During Term 4 I will be supporting Horfield C of E Primary School on a Tuesday and Friday. This will not affect roles and responsibilities within the school, and Mr Hamilton will deputise for me with additional capacity provided by our existing team.

## **Reminders**

### ***World Thinking Day***

Children are invited to wear their rainbow, cub, brownie, scouting etc uniforms on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February.



## **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/>

## **School Day Consultation**

Thank you for the feedback and support in our consultation. The proposed changes will come in to affect from the beginning of the new school year.

## **LSP Newsletter – The Beacon - Parents Edition**

As you may be aware, our school is part of the Lighthouse Schools Partnership (LSP) – a Trust of 34 schools in the local area. The LSP has a parent/carer newsletter, called The Beacon, which is for anyone with children within an LSP school.

[Please click here to read the latest version of this newsletter which includes lots of exciting news and updates from across the trust.](#)

We hope you enjoy reading about the exciting things that have been happening across LSP.

## **Final Departure – Mrs Buss**

Today we said goodbye to our fantastic business manager, Mrs Buss. She has been a bedrock of all that is fantastic about our school and will be sorely missed. Mrs Buss has worked tirelessly behind the scenes facilitating almost all of what we deliver in some capacity or other. She is so good, replacing her requires an additional 4 roles! We wish her well as she goes off to bring her magic to the NHS after her last day with us tomorrow. It has been our pleasure.

## **Achievement**

Congratulations to our Artists/Designers, Readers and Writers of the Term. We are so proud of your hard work and the progress you have made during term 3.

## **Year 1 Celebration**

It was a joy to share the morning with Year 1 parents and families as Kingfisher and Goldfinch Classes shared their learning. Seeing how confidently the children spoke and sharing in the different ways they presented their knowledge and learning was a pleasure. These opportunities to share what we do with you are so important to the children and to us. My thanks to the Year 1 team for enabling this.

## **Happy Half Term**

Tomorrow is a staff training day so enjoy your extended half term break and we will see you back at Golden Valley on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February.



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](#)*

February 2026	
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)
March 2026	
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
April 2026	
Thurs 2	4W Swimming lessons Last day of term

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