



Golden Valley Primary School

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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of term 4. We have had a lovely week and it has been a pleasure to see such enthusiasm and high standards across the school. Year 6 had an enriching 'Lifeskills' trip to the Create Centre in Bristol and our Year R and Year 1 had a successful new age Kurling session in school which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Tomorrow is the last day of winter so I am hoping for a significant change in weather as we enter into the Spring season. Don't put away your winter coats just yet though and **please make sure that children continue to come to school with a coat** even if you travel to our site by car.

Ramadan

In today's Celebration Assembly, we learned about the holy month of Ramadan and its significance within the Muslim faith. We value and appreciate this important time for many of our children and families. At Golden Valley, we are proud to celebrate the rich diversity within our community and to learn from the traditions and experiences that make us unique. We send our warmest wishes to everyone in our school community, and around the world, who are observing Ramadan.

If you would like to explore this further with your children, here is a helpful Newsround article:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/articles/c0mwvg74gg8o>

GVSA

The GVSA 2026 Challenge is well underway to raise funds for a dual-purpose project. Please see the following link for more details: <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/fundraising-group/2026-challenge-gvsa>

Our thanks to the GVSA committee who have kindly agree to fund the "girls on board training" for some of Mrs Watkins and some other key staff.

[You can find out more about the programme by clicking here.](#)

World Book Day

We will celebrate **World Book Day** on **Friday 6th March** (instead of 5th 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. North Somerset Libraries have shared a useful booklet of 'Last Minute Costumes' that you can access here: [Costume Ideas](#).

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

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 20th March and Monday 23rd March between 3.30 and 4pm in the school hall).

Aspens are also running a special menu day on Thursday 5th March – you can view the menu here: [Aspens World Book Day Menu](#). Please order your child's meal on Aspens Select by 8am.

Business Support

Myself and Mrs Paul spent the afternoon on Thursday with the Trust Central Team. They support the school with Finance, HR, Health and Safety and procurement amongst many other things, alongside them, our admin team have picked up some additional responsibilities that cover the full Business Manager remit that Mrs Buss was responsible for. As normal, any emails that were relevant to her post will be passed on and dealt with by the appropriate school or trust lead.

Have a great term 4 and thanks in advance for your support and kindness.

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](#)

March 2026	
Tues 3	Y1 Outdoor Learning
Weds 4	YR Nailsea Library trip (YR Library trip letter) 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
Tues 17	YR Outdoor Learning
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 GVSA Uniform Sale
Mon 23	Book Fair
Tues 24	YR Outdoor Learning 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.