



Golden Valley Primary School

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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we are already half way through term 4 already. Thank you to everybody for the huge effort that went in to World Book Day costumes last Friday. Our children looked amazing and staff had a lot of fun too.

I also wanted to give some recognition to Vicki, Julie and Sarah in the office team who have done a great job adapting to working without a business manager. We now work even closer with the Trust central team and this has been working really well.

Whilst I support Horfield Primary, Mr Hamilton and I are in daily contact - this opportunity is also allowing us to offer some leadership and development opportunities to our middle leaders. The excellent work of Miss Anderson was highlighted in the LSP standards visit on Monday. The school is very blessed to have such strength in depth within our staff.

I shared that mother is both a noun and a verb with the children in assembly today. On Sunday we can celebrate both or either and for some of us, it will be a time to reflect on memories. So, thanks to the mothers we have, those that mother, and those we can only hold in our hearts.

Book Fair

The Book Fair is coming to school and books will be on sale on Friday 20th and Monday 23rd March between 3.30pm and 4pm in the school hall.

British Science Week

Next week is **British Science Week!** To celebrate this, we are inviting you to take part in the **British Science Week Poster Competition**. Imagine what a positive childhood in the future could look like and create your own original poster. Each child can submit one entry, which must be brought in by **Monday 30th March** and given to Mr Doull. Five posters will then be submitted to the British Science Week Organisation. The most imaginative and thoughtful posters will be celebrated, with brilliant STEM-themed prizes waiting to be won. You can find out more information here: <https://www.britishscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/poster-competition/>

Parents and Carers Evenings

A reminder that the system is now open for you to book your appointment/s and will close on Monday 16th March at 9am. We are really looking forward to sharing the great learning your children have enjoyed since the last meetings.



Comic Relief / Red Nose Day

We are very excited to be celebrating Red Nose Day at Golden Valley this year, and the theme for 2026 is all about joy, community, and spreading laughs that make a difference. Red Nose Day reminds us that even small acts of silliness and kindness can help change lives, something our children always excel at.

Earlier this week, Mr Hamilton met with the School Council, and together they have planned two whole-school challenges to mark the day:

- Wear something red, something funny or silly, or simply something that makes them feel joyful. This could be a bright red hat, mismatched socks, a funny accessory or anything that brings a smile.
- We will also be holding a Best Joke Competition! **Children should hand in their joke entries to their class teacher by 9am on Friday 20th March. Slips are going home today.**

We are taking part in Red Nose Day to support an important cause. Comic Relief supports charities across the UK, including organisations that offer mental health support, help families experiencing financial hardship, and provide safe spaces and services for those in need. Some of the families at Golden Valley have benefitted from these charities in the past, and joining in with Red Nose Day is a meaningful way for us to give something back as a community.

A video explaining this year's themes, featuring the "ultimate traitor" Joe Marler, can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ILbtnxVo4XM&t=57s>

You can donate with us on our dedicated ParentPay page (see the link below) – unfortunately we cannot accept cash donations. Donations page: [Comic Relief GV Donations Page](#)

Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.

Governors

A big thank you to Jackie Turner who was our Safeguarding governor for the last 3 years. Jackie has played a very big part in the governance of our school and we are grateful for all she has done.

James Caldwell, our new community governor takes over as Safeguarding governor.

Big Walk and Wheel

Get ready, Golden Valley! Next week we're gearing up for the Big Walk and Wheel, running from 16th to the 27th March 2026, and we can't wait to see our school buzzing with active travel. Children are encouraged to walk, wheel, scoot or cycle to school as often as they can, boosting fitness, wellbeing and helping to keep the school gates cleaner and greener. We'd love to see how your children get on, so please share their progress with their class teacher so it can be celebrated and enjoyed by the whole class. Find out more at www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk

Community

On Tuesday 14th April Brandon Trust will be running 2 family forest fun sessions; these sessions encourage individuals to spend a couple of hours outdoors reconnecting with nature. It's a great opportunity to socialise with other families with SEN children whilst taking part in a variety of outdoors focused activities including campfire and campfire cooking. These sessions have been funded by North Somerset VCSE and are free to attend.

You can find out more information on the 'Community' section of our website which also includes details of other local clubs and activities: [Community Website Page](#)

What is a snake's favourite subject?

Hissssstory

RND early entry!

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 17	YR Outdoor Learning YR PCSO Visit
Weds 18	Sports trip: Y5/6 Netball (selected children) YR Fire Engine Visit
Thurs 19	4W Swimming lessons Parents Evening
Fri 20	Comic Relief / Red Nose Day Book Fair GVSA Uniform Sale
Mon 23	Book Fair
Tues 24	YR Outdoor Learning Parents Evening YR Paramedic Visit
Thurs 26	4W Swimming lessons
Fri 27	GVSA Bingo & Pizza Night
Tues 31	4S Parents Evening
April 2026	
Thurs 2	4W Swimming lessons Y1 Animal Handling Workshop Last day of term
Fri 3 – Fri 17	Easter Holiday
Mon 20	First day of term 5
Thurs 23	4S Swimming lessons
Fri 24	Y2 SS Great Britain trip (more details to follow)
Thurs 30	4S Swimming lessons

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