



Golden Valley Primary School

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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful week of reflection and celebration at Golden Valley. Thanks to everyone who has come to parents evening to speak to class teachers and review the great learning our children are doing. We have also hosted Maths leaders from across the South West who came to see our fantastic teaching. As well as this we hosted 25 aspiring headteachers, and visitors from a Trust in Warwickshire with Dr Lewis (our CEO) to share our school improvement journey and tour our school. We are so proud of our staff team who make Golden Valley the special place that it is!

Sports Days

We are excited to let you know that our Sports Days will take place on the following days this year (weather dependent). More details will be provided nearer the time:

- EYFS/KS1 will be on the morning of Tuesday 19th May
- KS2 will be on the morning of Wednesday 20th May

Comic Relief / Red Nose Day

Thanks to everyone who dressed up, shared a joke or donated. Laughter really is the best medicine and we really enjoyed reading the jokes and sharing our favourites in assembly.

So far we have raised £297! You can still donate with us on our dedicated ParentPay page: [Comic Relief GV Donations Page](#)

Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause at a time when you have been working so hard to raise funds for the GVSA.

Screen Time for the under 5's

We probably don't need the government to tell us that too much screen time is not great for children under 5 (or any age including adults) and we certainly aren't here to judge you. Please find a link below to a BBC article that includes links to the recent report and some tips to help.

[Click here to read more.](#)



Lunchtime Supervisor Role

We are looking for a new lunchtime supervisor, details of the advert can be found here: [Lunchtime Supervisor Role](#)

Please share with anyone you know that might be interested!

School Management Information System

As part of our ongoing commitment to improving the information and communication we provide to families, Golden Valley has moved to a new Management Information System; Bromcom. This system supports all aspects of how we manage and process pupil and parent data.

Bromcom's parent platform, My Child at School (MCAS), will eventually replace some of our existing systems as we work to streamline how we communicate with families (Parentmail, School Cloud etc).

Further details including login instructions and guidance on how to use the MCAS platform will be issued to Year Reception to Year 5 shortly. In the meantime, if you would like to update your personal data or consent preferences please contact the school office on office@goldenvalleyschool.co.uk.

Goodbyes

Our thanks to Mr Underhill who is leaving the school at the end of the month. Miss Makinde will also be leaving the school at the end of April to become an Assistant Headteacher at a school in Bristol.

Whist their stays with us have been short, we thank them for their contribution to our school and wish them well on their new adventures.

End of Term

Next week we finish on Thursday. Hot cross buns and eggs at the ready if you celebrate. We finish with our end of term awards and will also be sending home curriculum letters for terms 5 and 6.

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](#)

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| March 2026 | |
| 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 Y1 Phonics Update (more details to follow) |
| Fri 24 | Y2 SS Great Britain trip |
| Thurs 30 | 4S Swimming lessons |
| May 2026 | |
| Mon 4 | Bank Holiday |
| Thurs 7 | 4S Swimming lessons |
| Mon 11-15 | SATs Week |
| Thurs 14 | 4S Swimming lessons Y1 Weston Museum trip (more details to follow) |
| Fri 15 | Y6 Bowling trip (more details to follow) GVSA Uniform Sale |
| Mon 18-22 | Sports Week |
| Tues 19 | YR / KS1 Sports Day |
| Weds 20 | KS2 Sports Day |
| Thurs 21 | 4S Swimming lessons |
| Fri 22 | Last day of term 5 |
| June 2026 | |
| Mon 1 | INSET Day |
| Tues 2 | First day of term 6 |

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