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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Easter has arrived and we have finished with the flourish of our end of term celebration of achievement. Congratulations to our stars of the week and our readers, writers and artists/designers of the term. In assembly today we watched the Artemis II launch from last evening. We have been following this story for months, and it's a great example of what can be achieved with perseverance and challenge. Children will be able to follow the mission on Newsround or the NASA website during the 10 days of the journey.

Change to the School Day

Just a quick reminder that we agreed to change the timings of the school day to support parents with drop off and pick up. These changes will come in to effect from the beginning of the new school year (September 2026).

New start and end times for EYFS and Year 1: 8:45am and 3:25pm

Start and end times for KS2: 8.50am and 3.30pm

Staffing News

Unfortunately, the headteacher at Horfield CE will not be returning to the school. This means that I will continue to work 2 days a week at Horfield until further notice.

Today we said goodbye to Miss Meek. Miss Meek has achieved her dream of securing a role in a special school. We are so proud of her and know she will do a great job!

Curriculum Information

Curriculum overviews for each year group for terms 5 & 6 have now been published to our website and you can access them here: [Summer term Curriculum Overviews](#). You can also find out more about our curriculum using this link: [Curriculum](#).

Choir

Thanks to our amazing choir for a fabulous performance last night. I am wondering if we should fund raise for some key change stools? Miss Macadam and Mrs Mercieca do such an amazing job and you can see how much fun everyone has shining through in the performances.



School Management Information System

As previously announced, we have successfully transitioned to Bromcom, our new Management Information System. We have now discontinued Parentmail, so all communications will come via Bromcom - you might notice that emails and text messages look slightly different.

Please note that if you previously updated your contact details on Parentmail rather than through the school office, Bromcom will have reverted to the original data we have on file. To update your email, phone number, or consent preferences, please email the school office at office@goldenvalleyschool.co.uk.

We will share further details regarding the Bromcom parent portal with you shortly.

Other News

There have been so many special memories made this term. Year 1 have enjoyed their bird of prey visit today, Wagtail Class have been swimming, EYFS went to the library and had a fire engine visit, Year 6 went to Lifeskills and we have enjoyed World Book Day and Red Nose Day to share just a few. We feel very privileged to be sharing your children's childhood with them!

Wishing you all a great Easter break and some precious time to spend with family. We will see you back at school for the start of term 5 on Monday 20th April.

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](#)

April 2026	
Fri 3 – Fri 17	Easter Holiday
Mon 20	First day of term 5
Thurs 23	4S Swimming lessons Y1 Phonics Update
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.