



# Golden Valley Primary School

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

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24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to welcome everyone back to school after the Easter break and I am sure you are as pleased as we are that the sun and dry weather has returned for the start of school. (Apologies about the white paint- we hadn't expected it to be painted so late in the day and thought it had dried!).

Year 2 have just returned from a magical day on the SS Great Britain – what perfect weather they had!

## **Staffing News**

I am very proud to share that Mr Morgan has been appointed as the new Deputy Headteacher of Northleaze CE Primary School. Mr Morgan joined the school as a trainee teacher and has been an outstanding asset to the school community during his 10 years with us. Whilst he will be sorely missed, I am sure you will join me in being proud that he has earned this fantastic leadership opportunity.

On a personal note, my time at Horfield will end next Friday after the LSP have appointed an interim headteacher to support the team at Horfield on a fulltime basis. I will be supporting the induction of the interim headteacher from Tuesday to Friday next week and then be back at Golden Valley fulltime after the bank holiday weekend.

We welcomed Miss Somerville back to work today. She will be working a number of days before the end of the school year as she prepares for her return from maternity leave in September. It has been a delight for children and staff to see her today.

## **Parent and Pupil Surveys 2025-26**

Every year we ask parents/carers to complete a survey about their child / children's experience at school. This takes place across all the schools in the Lighthouse Schools Partnership, giving us really valuable information about your views and helps drive school improvement and allows our schools to further support pupils in future. We would really appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete the survey by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

Please click this link to complete the survey: [Parent Survey](#)

## **EYFS**

Our EYFS children are nurturing some eggs that we hope will hatch into baby chickens over the coming days (It must have been the egg). What a great learning experience with some very exciting memories to be made.



## GVSA

The GVSA School Disco is coming up on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May! This year we're heading to Wesley Hall (off Silver Street) for music and fun 🎵 Tickets now includes games, drinks, temporary tattoos and crisps, so the children are in for a brilliant time!

As always, we need your help to ensure the event runs smoothly. Please volunteer where you can - even if it's just for a small amount of time, it enables fantastic events like this to go ahead! Full details are below:

<https://www.gvsa.org.uk/disco>

## Mobile Phones at Golden Valley

Please could you remind your child/ren that mobile phones should not be used on school grounds. While we understand that many pupils bring a mobile phone to school at parental request, it is an expectation that phones are kept in bags once pupils enter the school site and are handed to the class teacher on arrival in the classroom, as is outlined in the contracts that the pupil sign.

Year 6 pupils have been reminded of this expectation this afternoon.

We would also like to remind adults that the rule of no mobile phone use applies to adults on school site as well. Thank you for setting a positive example for our children.

## Matchpoint Tennis

Our tennis coach provider will be hosting junior taster sessions at the Nailsea Tennis Club Open Day on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 10am – 4pm. More information can be found on the following link:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/NailseaTennisClub/EventsV2/Book/5ef485e5-cfb9-4771-b590-bb1ab4f70f03>

Have a lovely weekend whatever you are doing. Next weekend is a bank holiday and we will be closed on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> of May.

May the Force Be With You



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](#)*

<b>April 2026</b>	
Tues 28	Y3 Forest School
Thurs 30	4S Swimming lessons
<b>May 2026</b>	
Mon 4	Bank Holiday
Tues 5	Y2 Forest School
Thurs 7	4S Swimming lessons
Mon 11	Y3 Egyptology Day
Mon 11-15	SATs Week
Tues 12	Y2 Forest School
Thurs 14	4S Swimming lessons Y1 Weston Museum trip
Fri 15	Y6 Bowling trip 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
<b>June 2026</b>	
Mon 1	INSET Day
Tues 2	First day of term 6
Weds 3	New YR 26/27 Information Evening

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