



Golden Valley Primary School

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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another great week at Golden Valley comes to a close. Our EYFS children have seen the transformation of their butterflies and their chicks hatched.

Year 1 visited Weston Museum on a school trip and somehow managed to avoid the rain. Thanks to our parents and carers who came with us.

And of course, our Year 6 children sat a grammar, a spelling, a reading and 3 maths tests.

Year 6 SATs

Congratulation to our Year 6 children who completed their end of KS2 SATs on Thursday. We are very proud of the resilience, determination and perseverance they have shown during the 6 tests they completed. Each child is on their own unique learning journey and our job is not to hothouse them for a set of tests, it is to prepare them to be secondary school ready by the end of term 6. Our children didn't all learn to walk or talk at the same time and they won't all be at the exact same standard in their Maths and English on one week in May. The tests are a snapshot and there is much more learning to be done before they leave us at the end of July. What is important is that each child is able to do their best and we know that is exactly what has happened.

We are proud of each and every one of them and look forward to another whole term of learning and memories to be made. Camp anyone?

Sports Days

Sports Days will take place next week and we would like to invite parents and carers to join us to support the children. As a reminder, the dates and timings of sports days this year are as follows:

Tues 19 th May: Years R, 1 and 2	9.30am – 11.30am (parents/carers can arrive from 9.15am)
Wed 20 st May: Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	9.30am – 11.30am (parents/carers can arrive from 9.15am)

For the safety of pupils taking part and those still in lessons the gates will be locked once the events begin. Please only enter and exit from these gates. The events will be held on a carousel basis so parents/carers can follow the children around ensuring to stay behind the barriers at all times. Every child will participate in every event, with some children qualifying for the finals later on in the morning.



Wraparound Care

Our Wraparound Care team are launching a new 'Gardening Club' to take place on Friday's after school in Term 6. If your child currently attends Wraparound and would like to join in you can book them on in the normal way on Parentpay.

GVSA Funding and Support

We are really grateful to our fantastic fundraising team and to everyone who has supported the GVSA so far this year. Our children came back to school this week having really enjoyed the disco at the weekend.

We are planning to renovate our ICT suite during the summer, replacing our PCs with laptops that will be used in class and creating a reading room/library - we will keep you updated with our plans.

Forest School

A big thank you to Miss Macadam for the fantastic Forest School sessions she has been running. Our outdoor learning is exceptionally important to our vision and values. We know how much children enjoy it and we know how important it is for their wellbeing. I am very pleased to share that our commitment for every child and every class to experience outdoor learning will continue next year.

Please keep Friday 26th June free for our Summer Fayre and do contact the GVSA committee if you can help on the evening.

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](#)

May 2026	
Mon 18-22	Sports Week
Tues 19	YR / KS1 Sports Day Y6 Nailsea School Headstart Morning
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
Weds 3	New YR 26/27 Information Evening
Fri 5	Y6 Cricket Sports Trip (selected children)
Mon 8 – Fri 12	Y6 Camp
Tues 9	RR Farm Trip (more details to follow)
Weds 10	Y5 Quadkids Sports Trip
Weds 17	Y5 Hinkley Point Trip (more details to follow)
Thurs 18	Y5 Hinkley Point Trip (more details to follow)
Tues 23	RS Farm Trip (more details to follow) Y3 Give it a Try Sports Trip (selected children)
Thurs 25	Tulip Photography – class photos
Fri 26	Y4 Quadkids Sports Trip (selected children) GVSA Summer Fayre
Tues 30	Y6 Backwell School Transition Day

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