



Golden Valley Primary School

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

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Friday 10th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I just wanted to say how proud I am of the children and staff at Golden Valley. We have had an amazing week of performances and transition, welcoming our newest children and all in quite sticky conditions.

No School Uniform next week

The weather next week remains around 30 degrees and so with the residual heat in the building and with Sports Day in mind, we will continue with non-uniform to allow you to dress your children as you see fit for the temperature (including for the trips next week). Thursday will be PE kit for KS2 and Friday for YR & KS1. We will also continue with our adjustments to support your children through this very warm period.

Year 6

I'm always blown away with the courage and confidence of our children when they take to the stage. This year's performance of Robin Hood was a showcase of the talent and camaraderie within Falcon and Kestrel classes. Alongside some stand out individual performances was a great ensemble and the plays were a great example of Kindness, Challenge and Excellence in action. Well done to the children and the Year 6 team for an amazing job in putting together the performances.

Transition

Yesterday morning our children spent time with their new class teachers. I walked the school a number of times and was really impressed with how successful the morning was. When we put so much effort in to relationships these moments are always going to be a little challenging. We are in a period when we have half an eye on the future whilst enjoying the remaining time we have left. Again, I felt very proud seeing just how well prepared our children are for the next academic year and how well they managed the morning.

It was lovely to welcome the new Reception children and their families. My thanks to the GVSA for supporting with hot drinks and school uniform.

Academic Results

We have had some incredible results with our assessments at the end of Reception, our phonics check in Year 1 and our MTC check in Year 4. These outcomes put us firmly in the strongest schools nationally, with the local authority and within LSP. Our MTC check results were in the top 2% of all schools. Again, we are very proud of the children and our staff but our focus is on care, helping our children be their best across the curriculum and making memories and inspiring them.



Nailsea Carnival

A big thank you to everyone who took part in our carnival procession on Saturday. We were awarded 1st prize which is great recognition for Mrs Chandler's hard work and all of your efforts!

Trendlewood

Trendlewood Church are holding free family summer events throughout the holidays; two of which will be held at Golden Valley on Thursday 6th and Thursday 13th August. Click here to find out more information:

[Trendlewood Summer Events](#)

Summer Holiday/Activity Clubs

Whilst we don't run any holiday clubs at Golden Valley, there are numerous offerings in the local area, details of which we have on our website under the 'Community' section. Please click here for all the details:

[Summer Activity Clubs](#)

Music Lessons

We are proud to offer music lessons to our pupils in Years 3 to 6 delivered by professional teachers from West of England Music & Arts (WEMA).

If your child is interested in starting lessons, please visit [Registration - West of England Music and Arts](#) to sign up. Lessons are available on an individual, paired, or group basis. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding, please contact the school office about possible support.

Have a roaring weekend.

Let's hope our Lions capsizes any Viking World Cup hopes.

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](#)

July 2026	
Mon 13	YR Magician Visit Y5+6 Author Visit
Tues 14	Y6 Forest School
Weds 15	Y2 The Matthew & MShed trip
Thurs 16	KS2 Sports Day Y1 Nowhere Woods Trip (more details to follow) School Reports Home
Fri 17	EYFS & KS1 Sports Day
Mon 20	Share a Tray
Tues 21	Y6 Forest School
Weds 22	Y6 Leavers Service Last day of term
September 2026	
Thurs 3	INSET Day
Fri 4	INSET Day
Mon 7	First day of term

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