



Golden Valley Primary School

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

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Wednesday 22nd July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another year comes to an end and we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children and some of our amazing team! We wish them all well on their new adventures and are very grateful for the special memories they leave us with.

Reflecting on the last 12 months, there is so much to be proud of. It was fantastic to invite you in on Monday evening to Share a Tray so that you can see first hand the fantastic learning our children have been doing.

Some of the highlights for me this year have been:

- The introduction of Forest School sessions for all children.
- Listening to our choir sing at the cancer café in Nailsea back in the darkness of winter.
- Our Reception class nativities.
- The award of Nurture School status and the fantastic report that was written about the warmth and kindness of our provision.
- Supporting Mr Hamilton and Mr Morgan on their leadership journeys to Deputy Headteachers.
- The fantastic teaching provision provided by our 3 newest teachers; Miss Weston, Miss Gibson and Miss Penny.
- The Girls on Board support we have been providing children in KS2.
- The MhIST (Mental Health Independent Support Team) support provided by Gina Green on Tuesdays.
- Our gardening club awards.
- The wide range of trips and visits that our children have enjoyed which couldn't happen without the support of parent and carer volunteers.
- The growing number of sports events that our children have attended and the smiles that they always come back with.
- Our Year 6 camp, their production of Robin Hood and their emotional leavers service.
- Every Friday is achievement assembly and children's achievements across the curriculum and our 3 school values, Kindness, Challenge and Excellence. Seeing how proud the children are and then visiting classrooms in the afternoon to hand out the previous week's certificates is always the perfect end to a week.

So, as we head in to the summer break, a thank you to you for your support for the school, for the time you give at home to support learning, to our governing body, the GVSA, our caterers and cleaners, the site team, our amazing admin staff, our superb support staff and the talented teachers that all work together to make Golden Valley the special place it is.

The GVSA have done a fantastic job fundraising this year. The attached poster highlights the incredible amount you have raised and the impact of your efforts. Thank you for your continued support and dedication!



This is not a school that chases results or is looking to out perform our colleagues. This is a school where staff work hard to do our best so that our children can flourish. We try to engender a sense of humility in our children because we believe that life is about being your best, not being better than anyone else. That said, it should not diminish or take away from the fantastic pupil outcomes that our children have achieved this year. We share them because we are proud of our children and our staff and they deserve to be celebrated.

Statutory National Published Outcomes

Key Results - 2025-2026						
Assessment	Statistic	Cohort	School Result	National Comparison	National Result	School Percentile Rank
KS2 Reading, Writing & Maths combined	% achieving the expected standard	60	75%	● At or above	63%	79th
KS2 Reading, Writing & Maths combined	% achieving the higher standard	60	15%	● At or above	~ 8%	85th
Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)	% scoring full marks (25/25)	60	82%	● Above (significant)	~ 44%	98th
Phonics Screening Check	% passing in Year 1	54	96%	● Above (significant)	~ 82%	92nd
Early Years Foundation Stage	% achieving a Good Level of Development	52	88%	● Above (significant)	~ 72%	95th

So thank you again for all of your support. Thank you for your kindness and understanding when we have not got everything right and the warmth of your praise when we have.

We go home tonight proud of every child for their kindness they have shown, the challenges they have overcome and the excellence they have demonstrated across the curriculum.

Have a great summer.

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](#)

September 2026	
Thurs 3	INSET Day
Fri 4	INSET Day
Mon 7	First day of term
Fri 11	50 th Birthday Celebration and Fancy Dress
Mon 14	Y2 Parent Meeting
Weds 16	Y1 Parent Meeting Y6 Parent Information Evening
Thurs 17	Y4 Parent Meeting
Fri 18	Y3 Parent Meeting
Weds 23	Y5 Parent Meeting
Tues 29	YR Drop In Session
October 2026	
Thurs 1	YR Drop In Session

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



GVSA'S OUR YEAR OF FUNDRAISING

TOGETHER WE RAISED AN AMAZING

2026 CHALLENGE



£7,435

QUIZ NIGHT



£1,356

SUMMER FAIR



£1,132

SANTA LETTERS & ARTWORK



£1,078

TEA TOWEL ARTWORK



£1,185

RAFFLE



£894

DISCO



£836

FRIDAY SALES

DONUTS • MINCE PIES
LOLLIES • UNIFORM



£700

DONATIONS & COMMISSION



£1,090

TESCO GRANT



£1,000

MISCELLANEOUS INCOME



£176

GRAND TOTAL

£16,881

(ROUNDED TO NEAREST POUND)



EVERY PENNY COUNTS.
TOGETHER WE
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



NEW SCHOOL
COMPUTERS
ON THE WAY!



OUR NEW
LIBRARY PROJECT
STARTING SOON!



THANK YOU FOR
HELPING OUR SCHOOL
SHINE!



THANK YOU TO EVERY VOLUNTEER, PARENT, CARER, SPONSOR AND MEMBER
OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY. EVERY PURCHASE, DONATION AND HOUR
VOLUNTEERED HAS HELPED MAKE THIS POSSIBLE.

WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!