



Golden Valley Primary School

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

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Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for a wonderful start to the new school year. We have really enjoyed dropping in to lessons and welcoming you in to school in the morning. Our EYFS children have settled in really well, as have our new starters across the school. Our new staff have also been made to feel very welcome. We are really excited for the year ahead.

The Lighthouse Schools Partnership

As you are aware Golden Valley Primary School is a member of the Lighthouse Schools Partnership (LSP). As a Trust we believe that children and young people flourish in their education when schools and families work together with mutual respect and a shared commitment to nurturing every child's potential. Dr Lewis, Chief Executive of LSP would like to welcome all new parents/carers who have children starting at an LSP School this September: [LSP Welcome Letter](#)

We value positive, professional relationships with our families and have formalised our processes, and expectations, in our [home school partnership](#). We also have to support parents/carers with our policies and communicating with school staff.

Year Group Parent Meetings

Just a reminder that we will be holding Year Group Parent Meetings in the school hall for Years 1-5 during the afternoon on a number of occasions over the next couple of weeks. These will be valuable opportunities for you to meet your child's new teachers and to learn about the routines, expectations and the curriculum for their year group. We have arranged the meetings to be from 3.00-3.25pm to enable you to attend, before picking up your child at the end of the day.

Polite reminder – Playground Equipment

Please could we ask that parents supervise their children in the morning and prevent them from using the play equipment. Senior Leaders are at the gates and on the playground to welcome families and answer questions. We will remind our children in assemblies. Thanks in advance for your support.

Sad News

It is with great sadness that we share with you the passing of our former caretaker, Adam Paton. Adam was a former Police dog handler who worked with us until June 2025. He lived a life of service and our thoughts are with his family and friends. We have not shared this news with the children but wanted to share it with you. Myself and Mrs Paul will attend his funeral next week to pay our respects on behalf of the community.



Parenting Village Welcomes New Partner Organisations

Parenting Village will be welcoming a range of partner organisations over the coming months, including NSPCWT, SEND & You, School Nursing, Educational Psychology, and the Education & Virtual School team. Families can access free advice, support and information on SEND, school transitions, wellbeing and local services. Parents and carers of children of all ages are welcome, and refreshments are provided.

Sessions take place at **Castle Batch Family Hub** (first Friday of the month, 9.30am to 11.00am) and **Clevedon Library** (third Monday of the month, 9.30am to 11.00am). For more information, families can contact the Parenting Village team directly: <https://www.nspcwt.org/>

New Online Mental Health Support Directory for Children and Young People

North Somerset Public Health has launched a new online directory to help children, young people, parents/carers and professionals find the right mental health support at the right time.

The resource allows users to search for support based on their needs, including crisis and general mental health services, or browse services using the iThrive model levels, from *Thriving* through to *Getting Specialist Help*. The directory will be regularly updated to reflect new and existing services.

 Find the directory here: [Mental Health Support](#)



**It's okay to ask for help.
Find the right service for you**

 [Betterhealthns.co.uk](https://www.betterhealthns.co.uk)  [BetterHealthNS](https://www.facebook.com/BetterHealthNS)

MacMillan Coffee Morning – Friday 25th September

We are delighted to be hosting our first MacMillan coffee morning in 2 weeks time, from **8.45 - 10.00am** in the school hall. This will be cashless but you will be able to donate via QR codes using your phones. We will provide paper cups but you can help make this event sustainable by bringing your own cup or mug. We will also put out some mats and play equipment for any younger children you may have.

Parent Feedback

Mrs Paul and I would like to invite you to join us for a review of the school newsletter. We would like to hear what you like, what could come out of it and how we can improve the content and parental engagement. We will be hosting a feedback session on Wednesday 23rd September from 8.50 – 9.30am. We will be sending out a Microsoft Form later that day so that if you are unable to attend in person you can still share your ideas with us.

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	
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	Newsletter Feedback Session Y5 Parent Meeting
Fri 25	MacMillan Coffee Morning
Tues 29	YR Drop In Session
October 2026	
Thurs 1	YR Drop In Session Y3 Trip to Cheddar Gorge (more details to follow)
Tues 6	Flu Vaccinations
Weds 7	Harvest Festival
Thurs 15	Tulip Photography – individual/sibling photos
Fri 23	50 th Birthday Celebration and Fancy Dress Last day of term

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