



Golden Valley Primary School

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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

If you follow our Facebook page, you'll know that it has been another wonderfully busy week at school. I was delighted to welcome our first group of prospective parents for September 2027 and was incredibly proud to showcase our school. They shared some lovely feedback about the high quality of work on display and the positive learning behaviours they observed in our classrooms. I am so proud of the way that our youngest children have settled.

Stop Think Choose

Behaviour is always the most emotive area of school life and understandably so. We all work together to ensure that children feel safe, respected and valued. Creating shared expectations across families, classes and year groups requires diligence and relentlessness. The behaviour of children at Golden Valley is a strength of the school and this is reflected in what we see everyday and what we are told by visitors and by those who work with us to challenge leaders and enhance the school.

We also recognise that during their time at school some children will struggle socially and emotionally and behaviour reflects stages of development rather than chronological age. As a school team, we reflect on intent and understanding and strive to balance inclusion with ensuring that every child feels safe, supported and able to learn. We recognise this can pose some challenges and that, as parents, you will understandably view these situations through the lens of your own child's experiences, whilst we work to balance the needs of individual children with the safety and wellbeing of the wider school community.

In assemblies I have been talking to our children about:

Stop - What is the problem?

Think - What could I do?

Choose - What is kind? What is Safe? Do we need an adult to solve this?

As a school we work with all children and provide a range of additional support to improve emotional regulation, develop social skills and address the drivers of behaviour that is not safe, unkind or disruptive. We also use a range of corrective strategies such as comic strip conversations, restorative conversations, time out to reset, sensory breaks.

One of the strengths of the community at Golden Valley is the warmth and understanding shown to all.



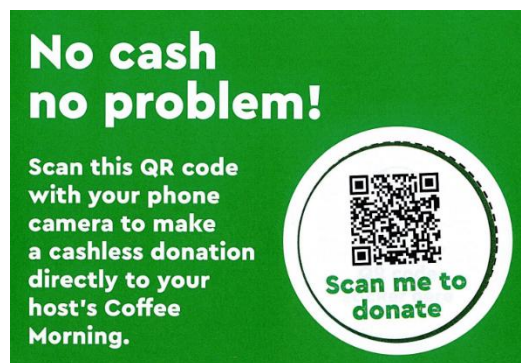
Aspens FREE Burger Day – Thursday 1st October

We've got a fantastic menu planned, including our Street Food Burger Bar with beef, chicken and veggie burgers, plus jacket potatoes and pasta options. Every child who orders will also be entered into our Lucky Plate competition to win a family ticket to Puxton Adventure Park!

Please place your child's meal order as soon as possible via Select. Submitting orders early helps us prepare for a great dining experience for all. Thank you for your support.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We held our first Macmillan Coffee morning with the Mental Health Support Team also in attendance. Our staff baked and I think Nigella would have been impressed with their endeavours, not a soggy bottom to be seen. Thanks to everyone who attended, it was great to open up the school to you. We look forward to planning a range of drop in events across the year to build relationships with leaders and the school community. If you weren't able to attend but would still like to make a donation, please use the QR code here:



Newsletter Feedback

Although nobody was able to attend our presentation, we have had some great feedback so far that have given us much food for thought. Our plan is to collate the feedback and share this in the penultimate week of term (we will share a date soon). We appreciate not everyone can drop in to school at the start of the day so if you were unable to attend but would still like to share your views, please take a look at the [presentation](#) and complete the short feedback form using the following link: [Newsletter Feedback Form](#).

Year Group Parent Meetings

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our recent Year Group Parent Meetings for Years 1-6. Copies of the presentations shared during these sessions are now available on the relevant year group pages of our website and can be accessed using the following link: [Year Group Pages](#)

Parent and Carer Evenings

Later this term, we will be holding our Parents' Evenings at school on Tuesday 20th October and Thursday 22nd October. Further details about the booking process will be shared shortly. Appointments will be booked via My Child At School, so please ensure that you are registered and able to access the platform in advance. You can find the instructions here: [MCAS Instructions](#)

Annual Curriculum Overviews

These overviews have now been published to our website and you can review them here: [Annual Curriculum Overviews](#)

Free School Meals

Eligibility has been expanded to include all children and young people living in households that receive Universal Credit. You can quickly check whether your child qualifies using the following link: <https://fsm.lgfl.net/>

Free School Meals provide a free school lunch each day (if ordered via Aspens Select) and can also help secure additional funding for the school, which supports learning and enrichment opportunities for all pupils.

Year 6

I'd like to give a special shout out to both classes for the fantastic learning taking place. As I regularly visit lessons while coaching this teaching team, I have been incredibly impressed by the depth of thinking, reasoning and discussion I've seen from the children.

Our newly appointed House Captains have also made a wonderful start in their roles. One of the highlights of the week is seeing them work alongside our Year 1 children as reading partners. Thank you to each of them for the care, responsibility and kindness they show, and for being such positive role models who consistently demonstrate our school values.

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 28	Y4 Water Visit
Tues 29	YR Drop In Session
Weds 30	5W Forest School
October 2026	
Thurs 1	FREE Burger Day on Aspens Select YR Drop In Session Y3 Trip to Cheddar Gorge
Tues 6	Flu Vaccinations
Weds 7	5N Forest School Harvest Festival YR Phonics Workshop
Weds 14	5W Forest School
Thurs 15	Tulip Photography – individual / sibling photos
Mon 19	Y2 Trip to Nowhere Woods
Tues 20	Y6 National Child Measurements (Sirona) Parents Evening
Weds 21	5N Forest School
Thurs 22	Parents Evening
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.