



Golden Valley Primary School

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

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Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

The last 2 weeks have flown by. I have really enjoyed visiting classes and hosting parents on tours and guests from across the LSP. The feedback has been amazing. Maths teachers and headteachers were blown away with our children's mathematical thinking on Wednesday when they visited Wagtail and Owl classes. The school's strength is founded on great behaviour for learning and staff who continually strive to improve the provision they offer in their classrooms. I couldn't be prouder of the children and staff team.

Harvest Festival

A huge thank you to our wonderful school community for your generosity in supporting our Harvest Festival collection this year. We were delighted to welcome the local foodbank to school to collect the donations, and they were overwhelmed by the kindness and support shown by our families. Your contributions will make a real difference to people in our local community who need a little extra help. Once the foodbank has confirmed the total weight of the donations received, we will be pleased to share this with you. Thank you again for your support and generosity.



Flu Immunisation Catch Up Clinics

Earlier this week we hosted the flu vaccination clinics. If your child wasn't able to have their vaccination at school, Sirona have asked us to share that there are catch-up clinics available for Reception to Year 6 students. Please click here to book an appointment: [Catch Up Flu Clinics](#).

Aspens Census Day Competition

Congratulations to Rhys in Wagtail Class, who was the lucky winner of a ticket to Puxton Park! 🎉 Well done also to Toby in Kestrel Class, who was our runner-up. Toby's name has been entered into another draw for a further chance to win a ticket. Good luck, Toby!

Mental Health Support Team Coffee Morning

Gina, our Education Mental Health Practitioner will be hosting a Parent and Carer Coffee Morning in school, on Thursday 22nd October. Please join us from 9am: [MHST Coffee Morning](#)



Summer Reading Challenge

We were delighted to receive a lovely email and certificate from North Somerset Library in recognition of our pupils' participation in the Summer Reading Challenge. Well done to everyone who took part and kept up their reading over the summer! Please see the certificate at the end of this letter.

Tulip Photos

Tulip Photography will be visiting school on Thursday 15th October to take class photos. Please ensure your child has their school jumper/cardigan/hoodie with them on this day. Whilst some year groups have PE on a Thursday, not all lessons will require a PE kit. Please send your child to school wearing their school uniform.

Y2 and Y4 can wear their school uniform for their PE on this day but please send your child in with their trainers in a bag so that they can change their shoes for PE. Y1 will participate in indoor PE in their school uniform.

50th Celebrations Update

We will be having a special day of celebration on the last day of term and will be opening our brand-new library with special guests from the class of 1976. We will also be celebrating with a special school lunch and a celebratory treat in the afternoon (birthday cake).

The day will include special assemblies and a chance to visit the library and then opportunities to use the library will be timetabled in from term 2. The library will be a reading room rather than a traditional storage room.

We are excited to see children and staff in their 1970's fancy dress. There will be other themed events across the year but this is the big one!!

Lunch Clubs

We have started up a range of lunchtime clubs this term. Mr Hamilton would welcome donations of the following Lego items for his engineering club: wheels, Lego people and accessories.

On that note, if you are having a clear out, we would also welcome donations of fake plants to bring some more warmth to our indoor environment.

The GVSA

The GVSA is an independent group of parent and community volunteers who give their time freely to support our school. While they work closely with us, they are not part of the school staff and are not paid for the incredible work they do. Through their fundraising efforts, they help provide opportunities and resources that directly benefit our children. This year, they are funding the teacher costs that enable our Forest School sessions to take place, as well as having funded the fantastic laptops and laptop trolley now being used in classrooms across the school.

If you'd like to find out more about the GVSA, please take a look at their website, which has recently been refreshed by one of our newest volunteers. It's packed with information about who they are, what they do, and how funds raised benefit our pupils. The GVSA is always keen to welcome new volunteers, event organisers and fresh ideas, so please do get involved if you can. Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference! <https://gvsa.org.uk/>

Vacancies

We're currently recruiting for roles in our Breakfast Club and as a Learning Partner. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in joining our wonderful team, please visit/share the link below for more information and to apply: [Golden Valley Vacancies](#)

Future Tours

Giving prospective parents a tour of the school is always a wonderful experience and we know that this insight in to the school is not something the majority of you will have had since you first applied for a place here. With that in mind, we plan to offer a number of tours from January to July for existing parents and will share dates later in term 2.

It looks like a wet and windy weekend ahead but there is huge warmth and much golden learning here in the valley.

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](#)

October 2026	
Weds 14	5W Forest School
Thurs 15	Tulip Photography – individual / sibling photos – school uniform!
Mon 19	Y2 Trip to Nowhere Woods
Tues 20	Y6 National Child Measurements (Sirona) Parents Evening
Weds 21	5N Forest School
Thurs 22	Parent & Carer Mental Health Support Team Coffee Morning Parents Evening
Fri 23	50 th Birthday Celebration and Fancy Dress Last day of term
November 2026	
Mon 2	First day of term 2
Tues 3	Y4 Trip to Chedworth
Weds 4	4W Forest School
Fri 6	GVSA Bingo Night
Weds 11	4S Forest School
Mon 9	Y5 Trip to Wells Cathedral (more details to follow)
Weds 18	4W Forest School
Thurs 19	Y6 Trip to Steam (more details to follow)
Fri 20	INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
Weds 25	4S Forest School

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

READ to the BEAT

School Achievement Certificate



Well done for taking part in Read to the Beat!

School name: *Golden Valley Primary School*

Congratulations on *132* pupils
successfully taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge!



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