



GOONHAVERN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

A message from Mr Jones!

Dear Goonhavern Families,

Another great week has come to an end at Goonhavern, with plenty to celebrate across the school.

A particular highlight has been today, with children and staff coming together to support some truly incredible causes through our non-uniform and fancy dress day. It has been wonderful to see the creativity, enthusiasm and community spirit on display throughout the school. If you have not yet had the opportunity to donate, you can still do so - the link was shared this week on Class Dojo.

Our intention for this newsletter is to become the central place for key dates, reminders and updates for events across the school. I would always encourage families to keep a close eye on the school calendar on our website, the link to which can be found on the next page. This is updated regularly throughout the year and is the best place to find the most up-to-date information.

You will notice that some items remain on the newsletter each week as ongoing reminders. Alongside these recurring reminders, we will continue to add new information as it becomes available. This week, we have included details about upcoming cross-country events for pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6, as well as dates for school tours for families considering Goonhavern for Reception entry in September 2027. We would be extremely grateful if you could help spread the word about these dates as we look to continue growing our wonderful school community.

Finally, today is National Teaching Assistants' Day, and I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of our amazing Teaching Assistants. Their dedication, care, expertise and unwavering support make a difference to children every single day. We would not be able to do what we do without them, and we are incredibly fortunate to have such a great team. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a restful weekend.

Mr D Jones
Headteacher

ACADEMIC YEAR - TERM DATES 2026/27

Goonhavern School Calendar 2026/27

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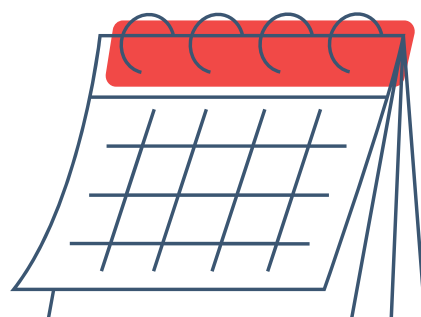
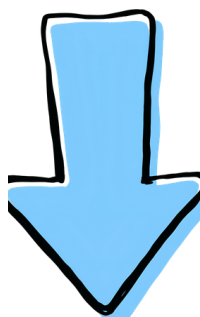
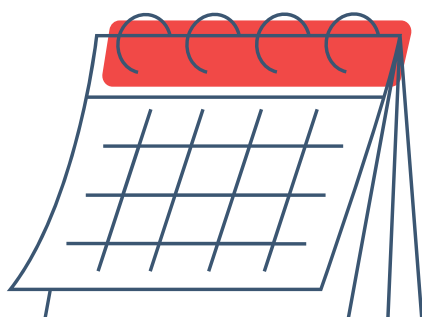
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CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO ACCESS THE SCHOOL CALENDAR ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE.
THIS CALENDAR WILL BE THE PLACE TO KEEP UP TO DATE WITH ALL OF THE EVENTS TAKING
PLACE IN SCHOOL.



GOONHAVERN PRIMARY SCHOOL - CALENDAR

School Tours

for September 2027 Starters

Come and see for yourself the nurturing, welcoming atmosphere at Goonhavern Primary School.

Explore our learning spaces, meet our team and discover what life is like for children at our school.

TOUR DATES

- 1 Tuesday 6 October, 9:30am
- 2 Monday 12 October, 1:30pm
- 3 Wednesday 4 November, 9:30am
- 4 Thursday 12 November, 1:30pm
- 5 Tuesday 17 November, 9:30am
- 6 Wednesday 25 November, 1:30pm
- 7 Thursday 3 December, 9:30am
- 8 Friday 8 January, 9:30am

BOOK YOUR PLACE



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We are delighted to be hosting a series of Cross Country events at Goonhavern Primary School this year.

As part of our Family Engagement work, many parents and carers told us that sporting opportunities and friendly competition are important to children and families. As a result, we will be hosting four Cross Country events this year and are looking forward to welcoming children from local TPAT schools to compete alongside our pupils.

The events will take place on:

- Tuesday 6th October
- Tuesday 17th November
- Tuesday 12th January
- Tuesday 9th February

Children can take part in as many dates as they wish - we hope that everyone will run each race. Results from all four events will be recorded, with points contributing towards an overall team competition with a winning team being crowned at the end of the series. However, taking part is not just about competition. Children are very welcome to participate simply for enjoyment, personal achievement and the experience of representing their school.

The race order for each event will be:

- Year 4 Girls
- Year 4 Boys
- Year 5 Girls
- Year 5 Boys
- Year 6 Girls
- Year 6 Boys

The first race will begin promptly at 3:50pm.

If your child is in Year 4, Year 5 or Year 6 and would like to take part, please encourage them to speak with Mrs Booth, who will be able to provide further details and send letters home.

We look forward to seeing lots of enthusiastic runners representing Goonhavern Primary School throughout the year!



Goonhavern
School

FAIR DOESN'T MEAN EVERYONE GETS THE SAME

Some children need different things
at different times to help them succeed.

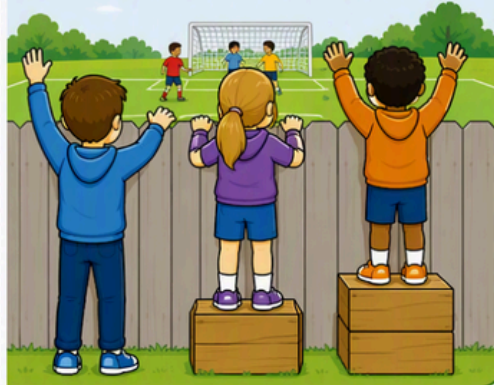
EQUALITY

Everyone gets the same.



EQUITY

Everyone gets what they need.



DIFFERENT DOESN'T MEAN UNFAIR.

Different support helps everyone learn.



Wobble
cushion



Ear
defenders



Pencil
grip



Movement
break / time out



Sensory
fidgets



Adult
check-in



If someone has something you don't have,
it doesn't mean it is unfair.
It means they have **what they need**
to be successful.



We show **EMPATHY**
by understanding
that everyone needs
different things.



We show **RESPONSIBILITY**
by using the support
we need to be
successful.



We celebrate
EVERYONE
achieving
their best.

During our assembly on Wednesday, we spent some time exploring the important concept of fairness.

We discussed how fairness does not always mean that everyone gets exactly the same thing. Instead, fairness means making sure everyone gets what they need to be successful. We talked about how each person is unique, with different strengths, challenges and starting points, and that sometimes people need different levels or types of support to help them thrive.

To help children understand this idea, we shared a visual poster (see above) that illustrates how providing the same support for everyone is not always fair, whereas giving people what they need helps everyone succeed.



HARVEST Festival

We are delighted to invite parents and carers to join us for our
➤ **Harvest Festival Celebration.** ➤



DATE:
Friday 9th October



TIME:
2:30pm

Our children will sing
some harvest songs
and we look forward
to sharing this special
time with you. 🎵

Please bring in
a donation for
the local food bank.

♥ Your generosity will help support families
within our local community. ♥

➤ We hope you can join us for this special celebration! ➤

We are looking forward to celebrating Harvest Festival together on Friday 9th October at 2:30pm and would love for families to join us. The children are busy learning a selection of harvest songs and are excited to share them with you. As part of our celebration, we will be supporting our local food bank and would be grateful for any donations of non-perishable food items or essential household products. Further details about arrangements for the afternoon, including where families should go on arrival, will be shared nearer the time. We hope you can join us for what promises to be a celebration of community, gratitude and giving.



🎉 Goonhavern Primary School Turns 150! 🎉

On 16th October 2026, Goonhavern School will celebrate its 150th anniversary, and we'd love members of our school community, past and present, to join us.

Former pupils and staff from the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s are invited to visit us at 9:00am. Enjoy a tour of the school, see how things have changed, and share your memories with our current pupils. If you would like to attend, please contact the school office to add your name to the list.

We would also like to invite our **current families** to join us at 2:00pm for a special anniversary 'Crafternoon', where we'll create keepsakes to commemorate this milestone occasion.

Please note that, depending on demand, we may extend invitations to former pupils and staff from other decades. For now, we are managing numbers carefully and ask all interested visitors to contact the office in advance.

We look forward to celebrating 150 years of learning, friendship and community with you!



Secret Reader

You may notice 'Secret Reader' appearing on our school calendar throughout the year. During these special weeks, members of the teaching team arrange for a mystery guest to visit the classroom and share a favourite story or part of a story with the children.

The identity of the reader is kept secret until the big reveal, making reading even more exciting! The initiative is designed to promote a love of reading, encourage children to explore new books and authors, and help develop a lifelong passion for reading.

We can't wait to discover who our next Secret Readers will be!



See and Celebrate Afternoons

Before and after half term, you may notice our 'See and Celebrate' Afternoons on the school calendar. These provide an opportunity for families to visit their child's classroom and see the fantastic work that has been completed so far this academic year.

Our Year 5 pupils enjoyed sharing their learning with families yesterday, and we look forward to welcoming Year 6 families into class on Thursday 1st October at 3:00pm.

Please check the school calendar for your child's See and Celebrate date. We look forward to welcoming you into school to celebrate the children's achievements and progress.





If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act.

Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days. If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996.

We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices for a second offence are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £160, payable within 28 days. Importantly, fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action such as a parenting order or prosecution will be considered. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may also result in legal action.

If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs. Absence not authorised by the school may also result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence.

Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs. Money raised from fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.



It's Time to Celebrate!

Our STARS of the Week

Class R - Lowen

Class 1 - Harry

Class 2 - Ayah

Class 3 - Harper

Class 4 - Grace

Class 5 - Harry

Class 6 - Olivia



Our Dojo Champions of the Week

Class R - Hallie & Xavier

Class 1 - Abby

Class 2 - Grace

Class 3 - Elle

Class 4 - Callum

Class 5 - Louis

Class 6 - Reagan



25.09.2026

The
deadline for
applications is
**15 January
2027**

Do you have a child born **between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023?**

If so, you will need to apply
for a place in a reception
class in September 2027 for
your child by the deadline
of **15 January 2027**.



Please note: you will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. If a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Visit **www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions** for more information and to access the online application system.



The
deadline for
applications is
**31 October
2026**

Transfer to secondary school

September 2027

Applying for a place
in year seven at a
secondary school



Information and guidance

Application form and information: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

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