



GOONHAVERN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

A message from Mr Jones!

Dear Goonhavern Families,

What another great week it has been at Goonhavern!

As I walk around school throughout the week, I continue to see so much effort and wonderful learning from our pupils. It is always a pleasure to spend time in classrooms and see children working hard, showing enthusiasm and taking real pride in what they are doing. I am incredibly proud of them.

We have also been reminded this week just how lucky we are to have such a wonderful community around us. As you will see in some of the updates below, parents, local businesses and members of our wider community have all been giving their time and support to help make a difference to our school.

That sense of community has also been clear through our Secret Reader events this week. It was wonderful to welcome Mrs Lawrie and Mrs McLellan back into school, alongside parents who gave up their time to surprise the children and share a story with them. This even included Mr Borrott's mum! Thank you to everyone who got involved and helped us celebrate our shared love of reading. I know the children have really enjoyed the surprises!

There is plenty to look forward to next week too. On Tuesday after school, we will be hosting our Cross Country event for pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 and welcoming other local TPAT schools to Goonhavern. We would love to see families coming along to support the event and cheer on our runners!

We will then finish the week with our Harvest Festival on Friday at 2:30pm - all invited! We would be very grateful for any non-perishable food donations that families are able to send into school. Further information is included below. We hope that many of you will be able to join us for the celebration.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and have a restful weekend.

Mr D Jones
Headteacher



☀ THE BIG FUTURE: HAVE YOUR SAY! ☀

💡 We want our children's voices to be heard! 💡

The Children's Commissioner is inviting children and young people across the country to take part in The Big Future, a national survey giving children the opportunity to share their thoughts, experiences and hopes for the future.

There are now just three weeks left to take part, so we would love to encourage as many of our children as possible to have their say.

💭 **What is The Big Future?** The survey gives children and young people the chance to share what matters to them and what they would like their future to look like. Their responses will help the Children's Commissioner understand what children and young people want and ensure their views are represented when speaking to Government.

★ Why take part? ★

- It gives children a voice
- It allows them to share what matters to them
- It asks them to think about their hopes for the future
- Every response helps children's voices to be heard

If you would like your child to take part, please follow the link below:

👉 [Take part in The Big Future survey](#)



☀️ **A Huge Thank You to Our Wonderful Community!** ☀️

We have been reminded again this week just how fortunate we are to have such a supportive and generous community around Goonhavern School. So many people give their time, expertise, resources and support to help make our school an even better place for our children, and we want to say a huge THANK YOU!

🌿 **Improving Our Year 1 & 2 Outdoor Area:** Firstly, a huge thank you to the parents who have kindly been giving up their own time to help improve the outdoor area around our Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms. Pictures to be provided soon.

🌱 **Thank You, Nancarrow Farm:** We would also like to say a massive thank you to Nancarrow Farm for helping us to refresh the planters between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 (see below). Not only have they supported us with the planting, but they have also come into school and worked alongside the pupils.

🍷 **And Thank You, Goonhavern Garden Centre!** Our refreshed planters would not have been possible without the fantastic support of Goonhavern Garden Centre, who very kindly provided the compost and soil needed for the project.

🔒 **New Equipment for our Early Years:** Our Early Years children have also had some very exciting additions to their outdoor area! We would like to say an enormous thank you to WillSecure, the team who provide our site security and lock up the school, and to Mrs Thomas and her husband, who together shared the cost of providing some fantastic new equipment for our Early Years garden.

🤝 **Stronger Together:** All of these contributions, whether giving time, providing materials, sharing expertise or donating resources, make a real difference to our school and our children. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful community that is willing to get involved and support Goonhavern. Thank you.



Term Dates 2027-2028 Parent Consultation

TPAT is beginning to plan the academic dates for 2027-2028 and would like to hear directly from parents and carers before the dates are set. This is your opportunity to share your views and help inform the decisions made about the academic calendar.

💬 Have your say 💬

We would really appreciate as many of our families as possible taking a few moments to complete the consultation.

 Share your views on the 2027-2028 academic dates 

 Make sure our school community's voice is represented 

✔ It only takes a few moments to have your say ✔

👉 Complete the Parent Consultation 👉

👉 [Complete the 2027-2028 Term Dates Parent Consultation](#)



Parking Around Our School Community

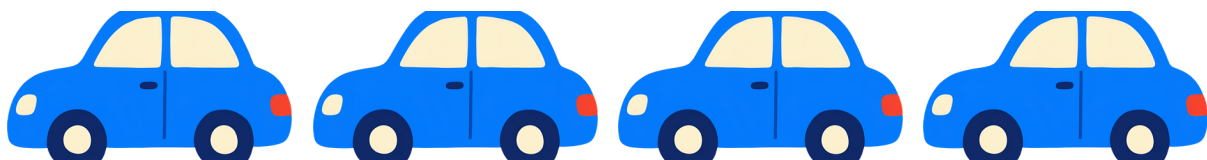
We know that drop-off and pick-up times are incredibly busy, and finding somewhere to park close to school can sometimes be challenging. We are really grateful to our parents and carers for helping us keep the areas around school safe, accessible and considerate for everyone.

As part of this, we want to send a general reminder to take care when choosing where to stop or park.

The Grange

We have also been asked to remind families that The Grange is a private road. Please do not park at its entrance, drive onto the estate to drop off or collect, or park on the estate road itself.

Keeping this area clear ensures that residents are able to safely access and leave their homes.



ACADEMIC YEAR - TERM DATES 2026/27

Goonhavern School Calendar 2026/27

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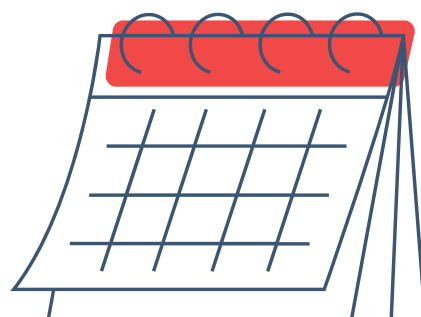
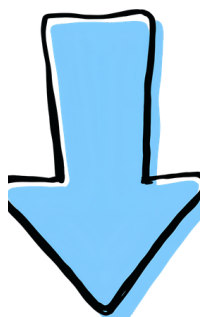
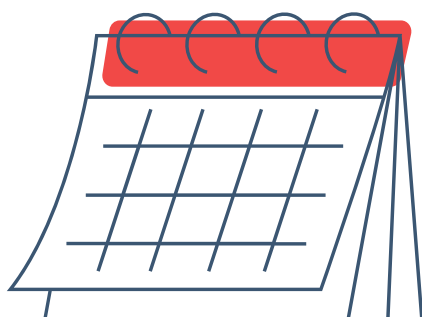
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CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO ACCESS THE SCHOOL CALENDAR ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE.
THIS CALENDAR WILL BE THE PLACE TO KEEP UP TO DATE WITH ALL OF THE EVENTS TAKING
PLACE IN SCHOOL.



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!



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!





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 - Harper

Class 1 - Bella

Class 2 - Koa

Class 3 - Elowen

Class 4 - Esme

Class 5 - Bella

Class 6 - Ivy



Our Dojo Champions of the Week

Class R - Milo

Class 1 - Jack C

Class 2 - Matilda

Class 3 - Myles

Class 4 - Grace & Lainey

Class 5 - Ahem & Rowan

Class 6 - James



2.10.2026

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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