




GODWIN NEWS

July 2025 – end of term, end of an era



INVESTORS IN PEOPLE

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 22nd	Whole-school celebration - all children to have a packed lunch either from the school kitchen or from home
	Last day for Nursery and NARP
	Nursery times for all Nursery children are 10.00am to 12.30pm so that they can join the celebration
Wednesday 23rd 	Last day for Reception and Years 1-6 (see below for finish times) Please send your child to school with a carrier bag so that they can bring some of their work home.

REMINDER - LAST DAY OF TERM (Reception to Year 6)

The last day of term is Wednesday 23rd July, when school finishes early – 2pm for children in Reception to Year 5; and 2.10pm for Year 6.

Parents of children in Year 6 are invited to join us in the playground at the end of school on Wednesday as we say goodbye to our Year 6 leavers before they head off to 'big' school. Please wait along the blue fence, behind the Trim Trail.

TRANSITION PROJECT

As part of our annual transition project, Thursday 10th July was *Transition Day* when children visited their new classrooms and met their new teachers and TAs for September. The idea behind this is that children know what to expect in September and therefore don't worry over the long summer holiday.

Every child left school on that day with a booklet containing key information for the new school year. Please make sure you talk to your child about their visit and take time to go through the booklet with them. If they have any questions or concerns, please talk to a member of staff before we finish for the summer holiday.

Any child who was absent for *Transition Day* has been sent their booklet – parents, please check your email.

PARENT HANDBOOK 2025-26

The updated version of our Parent Handbook, containing information on all aspects of school, has been added to the school website, under *About Us > Parent Handbook*.

CONGRATULATIONS to...



- almost 100 children who went on *Gold* this year
- all children who received *Silver* and *Bronze* awards
- children who received 1020 Headteacher Awards which were presented for achieving 3 (lower school) or 5 (upper school) Values Certificates
- over 138 children across the school who have handed their homework in on time (Tuesday morning), every week, over the course of this year. Thank you also to their parents for supporting them along the way. These children were rewarded with a Homework treat on Monday.
- Just over 60 children who are on-track to achieve 100% attendance this term
- 28 children who are on-track for 100% attendance for the **whole** year

Attendance awards will be given out on Wednesday.

Keep up the great work!

SCHOOL START AND FINISH TIMES FOR SEPTEMBER

Return to school dates for children	
Years 1-6	Wednesday 3 rd Sept Breakfast Club opens – please book before September, via the school office
NARP	Phased in from Wednesday 3 rd to Wednesday 10 th Sept
Reception	Phased in from Wednesday 3 rd to Monday 8 th Sept
Nursery – new children	Phased in from Thursday 5 th to Thursday 12 th Sept (pm only)

Year group	Start	Finish
NARP (am)	8.30	11.30
Nursery/NARP(pm)	12.25	3.25

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Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	8.40	3.20
Years 3-6	8.40	3.25

Our doors open at 8.40am every morning, giving a 'soft start' of 10 minutes for children to get to their classrooms, put their coats and lunch boxes away and settle in, ready to start their day!



At 8.50am a buzzer will sound. Anyone who is not inside the building at this time is considered late for school.

Please help your child to have a calm start to their day by arriving well before the 8.50am buzzer.

A huge thank you to the parents and carers of 161 children who have got to school on time every day this year

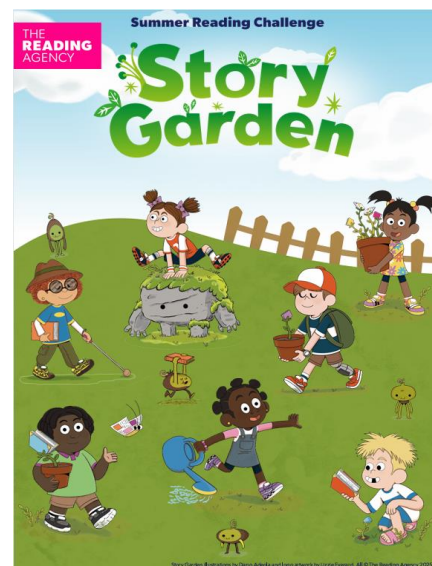
SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Don't forget to register your child at the library for the free **SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**. The challenge is suitable for all children from 4-11 years and there is a special mini-challenge for children under 4.

Without regular practice and review, children can sometimes forget elements of their learning during the long summer break. Please help your child to keep up with their peers by practising their reading – and reading to them – over the holiday.



Children in upper school (Years 3-6) continue to have access to Times Tables Rockstars so they can keep up (or improve) their speed at recalling times table facts.



For younger children, *1-Minute Maths* by White Rose Maths is a free App (also available on desktop) for practising adding, subtracting, multiplication and division in **one-minute** chunks. Just one minute a day will set your child up for a really good mathematical start in September.



Please also check your child's school report for 'Things to work on at home' for each of reading, writing and maths, as well as a general target.

A Final Message from Mrs Phillips

Having taught children who are now Godwin parents - and welcomed some of their little ones into Nursery and Reception - reminds me just how long I have been part of the Godwin story.

After 33 years at our school - 18 as Headteacher – the time has come to step away from the day-to-day life of Godwin and say goodbye to a place that has truly been my second home.

Our school has always stood for something special. *Working together* has never just been a motto - it has been the spirit that has carried us through challenges and helped us to celebrate so many joyful moments. It is what makes our Godwin family so strong, so supportive and so special.

Throughout my time here, I have been proud to lead a school that always puts children first - committed to giving every child their best possible present and future. That vision has shaped all that we do and it has been a privilege to see it come to life every day in our classrooms, playgrounds, and corridors.

To our wonderful Godwin children - thank you. Your curiosity, your smiles, your kindness and your joy have made every day a delight. I have watched with pride as you've grown into thoughtful, resilient, and compassionate young people. To our families - thank you for your trust, your support and your partnership over the years. And to my incredible colleagues - thank you for your dedication, your friendship and your unwavering belief in the work we do together.

Though I am retiring, I do so with immense pride and a full heart. I may no longer be in the building, but a part of me will always be here - cheering Godwin on, celebrating its successes and believing in the magic of what happens here every single day.

I leave with deep gratitude, countless memories, and every confidence that Godwin will continue to flourish in the hands of its new leadership team.

With all my thanks and very best wishes,

M Phillips

Good Luck Year 6!

The staff of Godwin Primary School would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Year 6 pupils every success in their new schools and to say goodbye to those parents who will no longer have a child many of whom we have known for 8 years or more. Thank you all for your part in the Godwin family – we wish you all the very best for the future.

