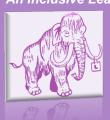
Goodnestone CE Primary School An inclusive Learning Community, rooted in God



From the Head's Desk

Autumn Term 1, Week 1 Tuesday 2nd September 2025



Dear Parents, Carers, Families and Friends

Welcome back! It was so lovely to greet lots of smiling faces at the gate this morning. The children came running into school and have had a great first day back. A special welcome to all of the new families who have joined us this term.

You will probably have noticed that the playground has been resurfaced over the Summer Holidays and is looking so much better. The children will be busy this week planning the new markings that they would like on their new playground.

We had originally planned **Meet the Teacher** Sessions for tomorrow (Wednesday 3rd September) but unfortunately (although also fortunately!) we had a large amount of work undertaken late in the school holidays with new radiators installed. As such, some of the classrooms need a little more work, so we are going to postpone those sessions until next Wednesday, 10th September once the work has been finished. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause, but look forward to welcoming you at **14:45 on Wednesday 10th September.**

Please can you let the school office know if you plan to attend this event.

Parents of Reception children a separate session, incorporating a phonics workshop, will be held in the next fortnight – further information to follow.

Calendar dates for the whole academic year will be sent out to you separately this week.

Mrs Vicky Solly, Headteacher

Parent Coffee Morning

Once again, we will be holding regular parent and carer coffee mornings, hosted by the Senior Leadership Team and Governors. The first of these will be on Monday 13th October at 09:15. This is a great opportunity to chat informally, ask questions, and share any thoughts.

Let's work together to support our children to be able to flourish and achieve all that they are capable of. We hope to see you there!

UPCOMING DATES

Autumn Term 1

September 2025

Tuesday 2nd September 2025 – children return to school

Wednesday 10th September 2025 – Meet the teacher session 14:45 – please confirm attendance with the school office

Thursday 11th September 2025 – Kent Test (Y6 pupils who have reaistered)

Monday 15th September 2025 – Flu Vaccinations

Friday 26th September 2025 – Individual Photos

October 2025

Monday 13th October 2025, 09:15 – Parent Coffee Morning

Thursday 16th October 2025 – 09:30 – Harvest Festival

Friday 17th October 2025 – Term Fnds

Half Term – Monday 20th October 2025 – Friday 24th October 2025.

Autumn Term 2

October 2025

Monday 27th October – Thursday 30th October 2025 **INSET Days**– **school closed to children**

Friday 31st October 2025 – Children return to school



Attendance

I am sure that you will have heard some of the dialogue nationally about school attendance and persistent absenteeism. This continues to be a focus nationally as well as for us at Goodnestone. This academic year, we continue to focus on improving whole school attendance and tackling rates of persistent absence (children who have less than 90% attendance).

We continue to monitor attendance on a weekly basis and will be re-issuing our attendance policy so that you are all aware of the expectations around attendance.

The target for attendance is 95%.

Our school attendance figures for last academic year fell a little short of the targets for attendance, with whole school attendance at 93% and 6 persistently absent children.

 The theme for this week's worship is 'New Beginnings'. .



In worship, we will be reflecting on verses from the bible to help us think about values and rules.

We would like to invite you to our Celebration Worships. These will be held on Friday mornings at 9:15am at The Church of the Holy Cross. These are a lovely opportunity for you to hear about what the children have been up to at school and celebrate their achievements.



Lunchtime Clubs

Our lunchtime clubs will be starting next week. All children are welcome at lunchtime clubs.

Monday	Lego Club
Tuesday	Makaton Club
Wednesday	Gardening Club
Thursday	School Council/Young Carers
Friday	Book Club

PE and Woodland Days

Please see below for the PE and Woodland days for each class. On PE days, children should wear black shorts/joggers/leggings, trainers and their house-coloured t shirt. On Woodland days, children should wear black or grey joggers and their school polo shirt and school jumper/cardigan. We often take our learning outside and so wellies and waterproofs should be kept in school at all times.

	Woodland	PE
Rabbits	Monday (Year R only)	Thursday
	Wednesday (Whole	
	Class)	
Badger	Thursday	Wednesday
Otters	Friday	Tuesday

After School Clubs

After school clubs will begin next week. It is essential that you book your child in for clubs. Please email or call Heidi in the school office to book your child in.

Monday	Football
Tuesday	Basketball
Wednesday	Lacrosse
Thursday	Dodgeball
Friday	Running

