



## From the Head's Desk

Autumn Term 1, Week 1  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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

## UPCOMING DATES

### Autumn Term 1

#### September 2025

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 –  
children return to school

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

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025 –  
Kent Test (Y6 pupils who have  
registered)

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – Flu  
Vaccinations

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025 –  
Individual Photos

#### October 2025

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025, 09:15 –  
Parent Coffee Morning

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – 09:30  
– Harvest Festival

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – Term  
Ends

**Half Term – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
2025 – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025.**

### Autumn Term 2

#### October 2025

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Thursday  
30<sup>th</sup> October 2025 **INSET Days–  
school closed to children**

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025 – Children  
return to school

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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!

## 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
<b>Rabbits</b>	Monday ( <b>Year R only</b> ) Wednesday ( <b>Whole Class</b> )	Thursday
<b>Badger</b>	Thursday	Wednesday
<b>Otters</b>	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

# SAPLINGS

A group for parents, babies and toddlers in our beautiful Woodland School.

Come along for cooking, crafts and fun in the great outdoors

Tuesdays, 10:30am-11:45am (term time only)  
£3 a family

For more information and to let us know you are coming,  
email [manager@goodnestone.kent.sch.uk](mailto:manager@goodnestone.kent.sch.uk)

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