



Goodleigh C of E Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, it is lovely to see all of the children back at school enjoying learning. A warm welcome to our new children and their families.

Nut Free School



We are a nut-free school as we have children with nut allergies. Please ensure that any food that is sent into school does not contain nuts. It is agreeable for children to bring in peanut butter as the only exception. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

Forest School

Reception, Year One and Year Two will take part in Forest School on a Tuesday.

Please can you ensure that your child has clearly labelled clothing/sun block as appropriate and wellington boots in school. Please note that Forest School commences on Tuesday 9th September.

Gymnastics

Reception, Years One, Two, Three and Four will have weekly gymnastics sessions with Falcons Gymnastics on Monday afternoons starting on Monday 8th September.

Years Five and Six will have weekly gymnastics with Falcons Gymnastics on Wednesdays commencing on Wednesday 10th September.

Drop-offs

You may drop your child between 8.00 am and 9.00 am at the blue playground gates. Please ensure that if you are dropping off by car that you leave promptly to avoid congestion. The Village Hall allows us to use their car park before and after school and we recommend that you primarily park here.

After School Clubs

After school clubs have commenced, the club information will follow next week.

Free School Meals

All children in EYFS, Year One and Year Two are offered a free school meal as part of the Government's Universal Free School Meals for infants programme. If you receive a benefit that gives entitlement to free school meals, please apply for this by visiting Devon County Council's citizen portal (details enclosed) as the school can get additional funding to support your child.

You may be eligible for free school meals if as a parent or carer you are in receipt of one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190*)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400* a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

*Figures taken from gov.uk but may be subject to change if you are in any doubt please apply.

School Dinner Payments

If your child has a school meal we ask that their meal is paid for in advance. A school meal is £2.05 per day. Please make cheques payable to Devon County Council, or send cash in a sealed, marked envelope. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Pupil Absence - First Day Contact Procedures

It is important that contact is made with the school at your earliest opportunity if your child is going to absent from school. If no contact is made we will telephone the primary contact first and in the event of no answer use any further emergency contact numbers provided to us in order to ascertain that your child is safe. It is advisable for parents or carers, in the event of a safeguarding concern, to ensure that one of your registered emergency contacts can gain access to your home to check that all is OK.

Please be advised that should our school process fail to locate a pupil we will risk assess the situation and decide further action which may include;

- Alert the Attendance Officer to undertake enquiries on behalf of the school
- Continue to try and contact parent(s)/carer(s) and/or emergency contacts if the pupil is not considered to be at any increased risk
- Telephone the Police on 101 if not at risk of immediate significant harm but where there are escalated welfare concerns
- Telephone the Police using 999 if the child is considered to be at risk of immediate and significant harm or danger

Breakfast Club

No booking necessary, breakfast club begins at 8.30 am each day.

We have a variety of foods that adhere to the food standards for schools. Your child will be able to choose what they would like. There will always be a variety of high fibre low sugar cereals, high fibre bread for toast, crumpets, fruit bread, fresh fruit and vegetables, dried fruit, canned fruit (not in syrup), yogurt, fromage frais, semi-skinned milk, soya, rice or oat drinks, hot chocolate, a small portion of fruit juice (150 ml) and condiments for toast and bread. We will cater for different food allergies.

We will not serve all of the above on the same day, but there will be a wide selection.

Food Bank Vouchers

We are authorised to issue food bank vouchers. If you would like to access this facility please call the school, any contact is confidential.

We understand that there is a lot of pressure on families at the moment and if you are worried about anything please let us know and we will do our very best to help.

Northern Devon Foodbank - Barnstaple

St John's Community Centre, Rose Lane, Barnstaple EX32 8PG

01271 329902, 07422 651251

Opening times

Mon	10:30 - 13:30
Tue	Closed
Wed	10:30 - 13:30
Thu	Closed
Fri	10:30 - 13:30
Sat	Closed
Sun	Closed

Kind regards,



Claire Grant
Executive Headteacher

Diary Dates

Monday 15 th September	Whole School Music Workshops with Becki Driscoll
Wednesday 24 th September	EYFS, Years One and Two, Futures Farm, Woolacombe
Thursday 25 th September	Year One, Visit from author, Joseph Witchell
Friday 26 th September	Years Three and Four, Visit from author, Claire Barker Years Five and Six, Visit from author, Lisa Williamson
Tuesday 7 th October	Years Five and Six, 'Stories in the Dust' Workshop with the Plough Arts Centre, in school
Friday 10 th October	Years Five and Six, 'Stories in the Dust', The Plough Arts Centre, Great Torrington
Friday 24 th October	Non-pupil day

Children in Reception are in Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Children in Years One and Two are in Key Stage One

Children in Years Three, Four, Five and Six are in Key Stage Two



**COFFEE
MORNING
&
BINGO**

In memory of Andrew Sanders
13th September 2025
Coffee and Cake from 10.30am and
Bingo from 12.30pm
Goodleigh Village Hall

Please visit our tribute page for past and future
donations:
<https://andrewsanders.muchloved.com/>

All monies raised will go to Anthony Nolan



Donations of cake and raffle prizes
would be most welcome!
For more details contact Meg or Di on
07710490996 or 01271 322198