GYE News

Goodyers End Primary School - Issue 3

23 October 2026

End of Term

Today is the last day of term Friday 23 October.
Children return to school on Wednesday 4 November.

Attendance and Punctuality

With just one week left of term, let's make it a great one! We would really appreciate your continued support in helping all pupils achieve excellent attendance and arrive at school on time and ready to learn.
Please remember our school start times:

- **Reception, Years 1 and 2: 8.45am**
- **Years 3, 4, 5 and 6: 8.50am**

Please see **Page 3** for our Attendance and Punctuality leaflet.
Our **FREE Breakfast Club** is available from **8.15am doors close 8.30am,** providing children with breakfast and a positive start to their school day.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Children In Need is on Friday 13 November this year.
The theme is run Pudsey!
This year the classes will be running to raise money.
QR codes will be sent out to parents after half term.
The children are to come into school in sports wear appropriate for their fundraising.

School Photographs—Wednesday 4 November 2026

When we return after the half-term break, the school photographers will be visiting to take individual and sibling photographs.
Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their correct full school uniform.
If your child has PE or Forest School that day, please send their PE or Forest School clothing separately so they can change at school after their photograph has been taken.



Spare Uniform Donations

We are currently looking for donations of spare school uniform to help us when children have accidents or need a change of clothing during the school day.
We would be particularly grateful for donations of underwear and socks, as well as other uniform items.
If your child has borrowed any spare clothing from school, please could you return it washed and clean, ready for the next child who may need it. Thank you for your continued support.

Birthday Celebrations

Moving forward on your child's birthday they can wear non school uniform for the day. If their birthday lands on a weekend they can wear the non school uniform on the following Monday.
Any birthdays that are during the holidays, pupils can come in the last week of term one day in non uniform.



Last Day Of Term	23 Oct
School Closed for Pupils Staff Training Day	2 Nov
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Pupils return to school	4 Nov
Pupils Photograph Day	4 Nov
Year 6 Warwickshire Justice Centre Trip	6 Nov
Year 4 Portals to the Past	10 Nov
Year 2 Black Country	12 Nov
Children In Need	13 Nov
Year 5 Space Centre	17 Nov
Year 1 Conkers Trip	26 Nov

Class Assembly and Christmas Play dates and details are on page 6

Poppy Appeal



Poppy Appeal – Continuing after half term

Pupils will have the opportunity to purchase some of the Poppy merchandise pictured above in their classrooms throughout the week.

Suggested donations:

50p a Poppy

£1.00 Reflective Poppy Keyring, Pencils

£1.50 Snap Bands, Festival Bands, Bracelets

£3.00 Metal Pin Badges (only available in school office)

We Remember — About the Poppy Appeal

The Poppy Appeal was founded in 1921, the Appeal raises fund for the Royal British Legion's vital work supporting serving personnel, veterans and their families throughout their lives with whatever the need, whenever it's needed.

We encourage our children and families to get involved and help us show our support and remember those who served and sacrificed for our country

Thank you for your support

LEST WE FORGET

Attendance Matters

Attendance during one school year	Equals approximate days absence	Which is approximately weeks absence	Which is approximately lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	40 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	80 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	120 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	160 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	230 lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks	270 lessons

Punctuality Matters

Minutes per day during the school year		Approximate number of days teaching lost in a year
5 mins	=	3 days
10 mins	=	6 days
15 mins	=	9 days
20 mins	=	12 days
30 mins	=	18 days

Attendance and Punctuality at Goodyers End Primary School

At Goodyers End Primary School we are committed to ensuring that your child receives the best possible education and support which can only be achieved through regular attendance.

Expectations

As parents/carers, you have a legal duty to ensure that your child attends school regularly. The Department for Education (DfE) provides clear guidance for parents regarding attendance expectations. DfE Attendance Overview. Regular absences can negatively impact your child's education.

Why Regular Attendance Matters

Consistent school attendance allows your child to:

- Fully engage in learning and make academic progress.
- Develop social skills by interacting with their peers and teachers.
- Grow in confidence within a supportive and nurturing school environment.
- Build a sense of routine and responsibility, essential for future success.

DfE Advice: Everything You Need To Know About School Attendance

Persistent and Severe Absence

The DfE states 'A pupil enrolment is identified as persistently absent if they miss 10% or more of their possible sessions, and severely absent if they miss 50% or more of their possible sessions'.

Persistent Absence: 90% / 19 days missed across the year.
Severe Absence: 50% / 95 days missed across the year.

Where attendance approaches/reaches these figures, the school has a duty to work with parents to improve their child's attendance. Working together is the best way to improve outcomes for pupils.

Managing Minor Illnesses

We know that sometimes pupils cannot come to school because they are unwell. Medical evidence is clear however that children with mild illness will often be well enough to attend.

Children can attend school with minor illnesses, such as coughs or colds, if they are well in themselves.

NHS guidance about a temperature can be found here: High Temperature (Fever)

The NHS guidance – Is My Child Too Ill For School? is designed to support parents/carers in their decision making about mild illness.

Medication prescribed by a doctor can be administered in school if a form is completed at the office.

Planned Leave of Absence

We understand that there may occasionally be exceptional circumstances where time out of school is required. For any planned absences, please complete a form at the school office for the Headteacher to review.

According to the Department for Education (DfE), term-time holidays are not permitted. All unauthorised holidays will be referred into the Warwickshire Attendance Service (WAS) for consideration of a penalty notice.

Potential Penalty Notices

If the national threshold of 10 unauthorised absences in a 10-week period is met, the school has a duty to notify the Warwickshire Attendance Service (WAS) and you may face a penalty notice or legal action.

A penalty notice is issued to each parent for each child. A fixed penalty notice of £80 may be issued if paid within 21 days, increasing to £160 if paid within 28 days. If you get a second fine in 3 years it will be £160. If your child has 3 or more unauthorised holidays within 3 years, you may be taken to court.

This is in-line with DfE guidance and is intended to deter any unnecessary absences. Warwickshire's guidance can be found here: Warwickshire Attendance Service Guidance

Appointments

We kindly ask that all appointments, such as dentist or optician appointments, are scheduled outside of school hours. Booking these in advance allows more flexibility for selecting a suitable time that does not impact your child's learning.

Passport/Visa Renewal

We understand that visa and passport renewals are necessary and that managing these can be time consuming. We kindly ask that you schedule these appointments outside of school hours wherever possible. Taking time out of school can disrupt your child's learning and progress.

Plan ahead – check the expiration date and plan renewals during school holidays/weekends. If you anticipate any visa or passport renewal appointments in school time, please inform the school office.

Reporting an absence

Via the MCAS App (set up link sent from school office)
Phone: 02476 364448
Email: admin2634@we-learn.com

Punctuality

Attending school on time is crucial for pupil's learning and wellbeing. Pupils who regularly arrive late will often experience gaps in their understanding and can feel unsettled for the rest of the day.

School Timings

The school gates open at 8:35 to allow plenty of time for pupils to get to their classes when the doors open at 8:40. Registration is at 8:45 for Reception and Key Stage 1 and 8:50 for Key Stage 2. Arrivals after this time will be classed as late (L). Arrivals more than 30 minutes after this time are marked as an unauthorised absence for the morning (U) and will affect your child's attendance.

Punctuality Tips:

- A predictable and consistent bedtime routine without screen time allows for a better sleep and less tiredness in the morning.
- Set alarms early enough to allow plenty of time to get ready without any pressure or morning stress.
- Utilise the school's free breakfast club starting at 8:15 every morning to save time preparing/eating breakfast at home.
- If it's not working, change it. Setting your alarm 15 minutes earlier or adjusting the morning routine can make a huge difference.

Seek advice and support from our Family Support Worker, Miss Hughes, if you are experiencing difficulties with any of the above.

Our Team

We have a dedicated team of staff who are there to support pupils and families with attendance.

Miss Murray – School Office
Miss Hughes – Family Support Worker
Mrs Hill –Assistant Headteacher/Attendance Lead
Miss Foster – Deputy Headteacher
Mrs Gray – Assistant Headteacher/SENDCo



We also work with external professionals such as the Early Support Team, Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST), Warwickshire Attendance Service and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).

Stay and Play

Location:
Goodyers End Primary School

When:
Friday mornings
9am - 10am

For baby's and toddlers
age 0-4





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Class Assemblies

Please see below a list of dates for class assemblies. Each class warmly invite parents and family to come and watch them in their class assembly.

Please note these dates could be subject to change and we will notify you if that is the case.

All class assemblies start at 9am. After you have dropped your child off to school please queue at the pedestrian gate and we will let you in when they are ready.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES	
RT - Miss Thornewell	Thursday 18 March
RJ - Miss Jamieson	Tuesday 23 March
1F - Miss Finch	Thursday 11 Match
1RM - Mrs Rose/Miss Marsden	Thursday 4 March
2WA - Miss Watts/Mrs Aldridge	Thursday 11 February
2M - Miss Moorhouse	Thursday 25 February
3K - Mrs Kapoor	Thursday 4 February
3B - Miss Bansal	Thursday 28 January
4S - Mr Silver	Thursday 21 January
4B - Mr Bloomer	Thursday 14 January
5S - Miss Swan	Thursday 26 November
5CA - Mrs Casey/Mrs Aubrey	Thursday 3 December
6D - Mrs Duff	Thursday 12 November
6L - Mrs Limbada	Thursday 19 November

Christmas Assemblies



Christmas Productions	
Reception	Wednesday 16 December @ 9.00am
Year 1 & 2	Friday 11 December @ 9.00am
	Monday 14 December @ 2.00pm
Years 3, 4 & 5	Wednesday 9 December @ 9.00am
	Thursday 10 December @ 9.00am
Year 6 Carol Service	Tuesday 15 December @ St Giles Church. St Giles Road, Exhall CV7 9GX



GOODYERS END PRIMARY SCHOOL

HOLIDAY PATTERN 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026/27

School Opens	Wednesday 2 September *(Tuesday 1 September – school closed for staff training)*
Half Term	Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October inclusive
INSET DAYS	Monday 2 November & Tuesday 3 November - school closed for staff training
School Re-opens	Wednesday 4 November
School Closes	Friday 18 December

Spring Term 2026/27

School Opens	Tuesday 5 January *(Monday 4 January – school closed for staff training)*
Half Term	Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February inclusive
School Re-opens	Monday 22 February
School Closes	Thursday 25 March
Good Friday Bank Holiday	Friday 26 March *(school closed for Bank Holiday)*



Summer Term 2026/27

School Opens	Monday 12 April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 3 May *(school closed for Bank Holiday)*
INSET DAY	Thursday 6 May – *school closed for staff training/polling day*
Half Term	Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June inclusive
School Re-opens	Monday 7 June
School Closes	Wednesday 21 July

Please note that training days may be different at local schools.
REMINDER: Please ensure you arrange family holidays during school holiday periods as term time leave of absence will not be granted unless in exceptional circumstances.