



UKS2

Parent Information
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Who's Who?

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Who's who?

Contact us with any queries!

- Claire.misy@golden-thread.org – Interim CEO of the Golden Thread AlliancePlease
- Katy.ward@golden-thread.org – Head teacher – email about whole school issues
- Rachel.roe@golden-thread.org – Head of KS2 – email/contact as a first point of call if you have any issues or queries, along with your child's class teacher
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- whoffice@golden-thread.org – Clubs, attendance and general queries



Working Together

The support of parents and carers is invaluable in enabling children to achieve their full educational potential.

Please speak to us about any concerns or questions you may have, we welcome your input and involvement especially in our topic work.

If you have any skills or interests, don't be shy please share them with us! If you would like to volunteer in school, please speak to Catherine Wakeman, our school business manager.

We are also always grateful for members of the PTA! So please contact Mrs Parish if you would like to be involved.



Communication with parents

Please call the school with any urgent enquiries, somebody will call back by the end of the day.

We will send out information via email and also using Class Dojo.

You can also email us or message us on Dojo and we will respond within 3 school days, or talk to us at pick up time



Reading Records

- Reading records should be in school everyday.
- Children should be reading every night and it written in their planners, it can be magazines, books, kindles etc and can be independent but has to be signed.
- It needs to be signed on a weekly basis by home and school.
- Any notes, please use Class Dojo or email. You will also now be able to speak to your child's teacher at the end of the day but please wait until they have dismissed the class.



Sickness

- Parents must ring in before 8:30am on the day to the office to inform us their child is sick or this also can be done via the Arbor app
- If attendance falls below 96% we will request a meeting to support improvement
- If possible, can parents book any appointments after schools hours or after lunch so their child still receives their registration mark (100% attendance!)
- Any medicines need a medical form filled in at the office, including inhalers and epi-pens.



Term Time Holiday

- Term time holidays will not be authorised by the school.
- A request for leave form should be completed for term time absences - these are available from the office.
- Mrs Ward may ask to meet with you to discuss this in more detail.
- Term Time Leave may incur a fine (penalty notice) issued by the local authority.



Uniform

- Please make sure children always have the correct uniform, with EVERY ITEM NAMED.
- They must have: COMPLETELY black shoes/trainers, black or grey trousers or skirts, white shirt and West Hill tie and a red cardigan or jumper. Red school summer dresses may be worn in warmer months.
- Hair should be tied up and no jewellery apart from small studs or if worn for religious reasons.
- Hair bands should also be in the school colours: red, white, grey or black.
- No nail varnish to be worn to school – we may ask children to remove if persistently worn.



Clubs and Dinners

- School run clubs are bookable on Arbor. If there are no spaces then parents will not be able to book on.
- Lunches are £3 payable on Arbor and bookable on Relish– children will be able to choose what they want in school if needed (it can still be selected at home though).



Healthy snacks and drinks

- Fresh drinking water is available all day, so please send your child in with a water bottle that they can refill.
- A snack of fresh fruit or veg *only* is allowed at break – all other snacks will be removed and handed back to the child at the end of the day.
- Sweets, fizzy drinks and chewing gum are not permitted in school.



West Hill Chill

- Breakfast club operates during term time between 7:00am and 8:30am at a cost of £6 per child, per day.
- After school club runs from 3.10pm to 6.00pm every day and costs are as follows:
 - West Hill Chill now has 3 sessions:
 - Short Chill 3.15pm-4.30pm = £8
 - Mid Chill (for children attending after school clubs 4.20pm - 6.00pm) includes snack £9.50
 - Long Chill 3.10pm-6.00pm £15
- Both clubs must be booked via Childcare Bookings before the cut off times; due to health & safety we will not be able to accept any child where these procedures have not been followed and the school will contact parents to collect.
- Any queries about booking breakfast club or West Hill Chill should be directed to Childcare Bookings directly.



Homework
will be
posted on
Class Dojo
termly

HOMework

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Daily Reading
Spellings to be learnt weekly (sent home in their log book)
Doodle Maths/ TTRS/ Numbots

Welcome to North America

Design a colourful holiday brochure encouraging people to visit. Include famous landmarks, climate, food and activities.

Pump it up

Make a model of the heart using recycled materials, LEGO, playdough or craft supplies. Label the main parts.

Texture Explorer

Choose a photograph of North America and recreate it, carefully showing perspective, texture, scale and realistic colours.

Healthy Heart Challenge

Keep an exercise diary for one week. Record your activity and reflect on how it affects your body.

Compare & Contrast

Compare North America with the UK using a Venn diagram or table (climate, landscapes, population, transport, wildlife).

¡Guac & Roll!

Research and cook a traditional Mexican dish and share it with a friend.

Fiesta Fever

Learn a simple Mexican folk dance or create movements inspired by traditional music. Perform or record it if possible.

¡Hola!

Teach someone at home some useful Spanish words and phrases.

Weekly Timetable

Year 5 + 6 Timetables 2025-26 – Term 1

YEAR 5 + 6	8.30-9.00	9.00 – 9.30	9.30-9.45	9.45-11.00		11.15-12.25		12.25-1.40	1.40-3.15
Monday	Remember it (Early morning work)	Assembly	spelling	Maths	Break – 11.00-11.15	English	Lunch 12.30-1.25 (eat in canteen 12.50-1.10)	h/w	Curriculum
Tuesday		Whole class reading	spelling	Maths		English		h/w	Curriculum
Wednesday		Whole class reading	spelling	Maths		English		h/w	Curriculum
Thursday		Whole class reading	spelling	Maths		English		h/w	Curriculum
Friday		KS2 celebration assembly	spelling	Maths		English		h/w	Curriculum



PE

PE will be on the following days this term so please send your children in on that day wearing their PE kit:

*Sapphire – Monday

*Azure – Tuesday (please wear school uniform on Tuesday 22nd for photos)

*Royal – Wednesday

*Wisteria – Thursday

*Lavender – Friday

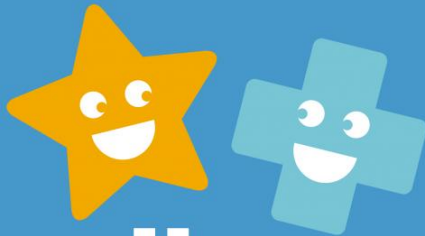
Children will need:

- Shorts / leggings / jogging bottoms (PLAIN black) and t-shirt (white)
- trainers / plimsolls
- jogging bottoms and sweatshirt (black) as the weather gets colder





Accelerated Reader™



doodlemaths

Some of the learning tools we use in school that your children will be familiar with – any question, please ask your child's class teacher.



The Golden 100

- A project run across all schools in the Golden Thread Alliance.
- 100 books carefully selected by staff across the Trust.
- A list of 100 books that we think every child in The Trust should read, listen to or share with somebody before they leave Year 6.
- 25 books for EYFS, KS1, LKS2, UKS2



#Listen, Share, Read

- Encourage your child to read the books on the list – all of the books are in school or why not join the local library!
- Share some of the books together at home. Your child doesn't have to read them all independently – enjoy a bedtime story or listen to an audio book together.
- Keep an eye out for other events and activities throughout the year.
- Let's inspire a lifelong love of reading together!



Year 5+6 Topics



Year Group: 5/6	<u>Term 1</u>	<u>Term 2</u>	<u>Term 3</u>	<u>Term 4</u>	<u>Term 5</u>	<u>Term 6</u>
Topics	Hola Mexico		Frozen Planet	Revolution	Brave Voices	

Trips



- Year 6 residential – see letter out soon
- Term 2 – Maya workshop
- Term 3 – Forest school
- Term 4 – Local walk to see Victorian buildings
- Term 5 – Imperial War Museum
- Term 6 – The beach!
- Also, we will have Bikeability in February for Year 6's who can ride a bike and want to learn how to be safe on the road.
- Swimming will take place in term 4, 5 and 6 (different children each term)

Class Assemblies



This year we will be having class assemblies where you will be invited in to share your children's learning. The dates and times are as follows:

Royal – Monday 12th October @ 11.45
Lavender – Monday 7th December @ 11.45
Azure – Monday 8th February @ 11.45
Sapphire – Monday 22nd March @ 11.45
Wisteria – Monday 24th May @ 11.45

Oracy



A big focus in our learning this year – learning how to talk and learning through talk.

We will be giving you more information on this and how you can help develop oracy skills at home as the year goes on.

 Physical	 Linguistic	 Cognitive	 Social and Emotional
 Are you speaking clearly with expression?	 Does your vocabulary suit your audience?	 Are you clear, well-organised and building on others' points?	 Are you actively listening and responding appropriately?
 Are you adapting tone, pace and volume for different situations?	 Does your language match the situation?	 Do your questions clarify, probe and challenge? Can you summarise key points?	 Are you aware of the group dynamic and inviting others to contribute?
 Does your body and face convey the message?	 Are you using persuasive techniques if needed?	 Are you responding to what is being said using evidence to support your points?	 Are you confident, respectful and adapting your speech for your audience?

Expected Progress and Attainment

- We will inform you if your child is working at, above or below national age related standards.
- This will be in parent consultations twice a year (first one 21st and 22nd October) and in our written reports.
- These assessments will be based on teacher assessments of children's ongoing work rather than one-off tests.



Year 6 SATs

- We will send details closer to the time for how you can help with home support.
- There are lots of websites with SATs or 11+ practice – please email if you would like some recommendations.
- Preparation is key...!



11+ / PESE test

- As you are probably aware the Kent test will take place on 10th September, you have already registered for this if your child is in Year 6. This will take place in school, children don't need to bring anything special in on this day, all will be provided by the school.
- The Bexley test will take place in another venue if you have registered for it.
- Secondary transfer meeting- a letter will be sent confirming this
- If your child is in year 6, you will need to complete an online SCAF form this term. Kent are currently updating the information about how to do this, we will send out information about this and when local secondary open days are, when we have the information. If you have any questions after that please email either Rachel.roe@golden-thread.org, jacqueline.scarboro@golden-thread.org



A photograph of Usain Bolt, a Jamaican sprinter, in a dynamic racing pose. He is wearing a blue and yellow athletic uniform with a Hyundai logo on the sleeve. He has a determined expression and is looking towards the camera. The background is blurred, suggesting a stadium setting.

**"ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE
DON'T THINK LIMITS," USAIN BOLT**



**NO
LIMITS,
ONLY
POSSIBILITIES
AT WEST
HILL
PRIMARY
ACADEMY**

We are really looking forward to this year - we hope Year 5 and 6 have a wonderful year!

Please feel free to ask any questions and come have a chat!

