

# **GOMELDON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Newsletter 18th July 2025

Value of the term: Reflection

#### **Learners of the Week**

Ash Class: Peter for being a super Author Writer
Oak Class: Amelia for being a great Author Reader
Beech Class: Joshua for being a super Scientist
Chestnut Class: Harry for being a great Mathematician

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### NERF fun challenge: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

We are looking forward to celebrating the end of the year with a fun day together at school. I am excited to let you know that District Sports will be with us for the day, where all children will have the chance to enjoy a NERF battle challenge! Our thanks to GPA for funding the day. For this children are invited to wear their own clothes, please bear in mind the weather, as well as the fun activity they will be a part of! All equipment will be provided by District Sports - please do not bring own Nerf products to school!



### **Swashbuckling Show**



A huge congratulations to all children in Chestnut and Sycamore Classes who were part of this year's production of Treasure Island. The accents and characterisation were some of the very best we have ever seen! Our thanks to all parents who helped children to learn lines, songs and ensured wonderful costumes, and particular thanks to Mrs Kay and Mr Chapman for their vision and drive to encourage the children to achieve their very best.

### **Next Week's Menu**





#### Thanks to our GPA

A big thank you to Kerri Chard and our GPA team for a fantastic disco last night - what a super way to end the summer term!

### **After School Club**

A reminder that there is no after school club on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. The last available club with District Sports will be on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

### TD day Reminder!

A reminder that school is closed to pupils on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July for a teacher training day. Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July is the last day for children to attend.

### Year 6 - Last Day of Term

Writing on T shirts at the end of the school year has become a tradition for Year 6 pupils. As they will be in their own clothes on this day, do remember to bring along a shirt to do this with! It was brought to my attention that PE shirts are far more expensive than white polo shirts. They are useful to be handed on to others or passed down to siblings. With that in mind, if children would like, they can bring either their PE shirt, or a white polo shirt to school to gather the signatures of their friends.



#### A little information for Academic Year 2025/2026

- Please could children in Beech Class and above bring their own pencil cases to school. We have the equipment to supply the children with the contents, but would appreciate your help with this. We will provide pencil cases for children who are unable to bring their own.
- Please ensure your child has a PE kit at school this year we have lost all of our spares when they have been loaned out for PE sessions and can no longer help!
- The cost of morning club will be £4 per session from September.
- The cost for school lunches will be £3 from September (this is only for those paying for a lunch, children in Year R, 1 and 2 are still able to have a free lunch under the government initiative).
- After School Club run by District Sports will be running Monday to Thursday until 5pm. From 4:30pm the gate will be open and you will be able to collect your child in a rolling pick up from the hall. If you have any further questions about this, please do not hesitate to make contact with the school office.

### **School Uniform Discount Code**

With next year in mind, it might be useful for you to know that School Trends currently have a sale on. You can use the following code at the check out to secure 10% off. This is valid until 31st July 2025.





At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes.

For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

# STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

LIFEGUARD

#### STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.

### LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS

When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.

#### 3 STOP AND THINK

Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what lurks below could cause serious injuries.

### CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Tragedies strike when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly; instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed.

### 5 INFLATABLE SAFETY

Although inflatables may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in more controlled and supervised environments.

### SUPERVISION IS KEY

For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain

### 7 DON'T GO TOO FAR

When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Share advice with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, swim parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and act out of the water case.

## 8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED

For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathrooms tidy after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, returning lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of baths, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.

#### 9 FLOAT AND CALL 999

If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112 immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.

### TEACH WATER SAFETY

Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. Use RLSS UK's accredited programme, "Water Smart Schools", which offers free lesson plans and resources on how to be safe on, near and around water by following the Water Safety Code.

#### Meet Our Expert

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water, safely. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.



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Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.

5 days are also available for professional training day closures during term time, set by the Headteacher and Governors of each school.

#### TD Day - School closed for children

	Term dates summary:		
Term 1	01 September to 22 October2025 03	38	days
Term 2	November to 19 December 2025 05	35	days
Term 3	January to 13 February 2026 23	30	days
Term 4	February to 27 March 2026 13 April to	25	days
Term 5	22 May 2026 01 June to 22 July 2025	29	days
Term 6		38	days
TOTAL		195	Days

Bank and Publi	c Holidays 2025/2026
Christmas DayHoliday	Thurs 25th December 2025
Boxing Day Holiday	Fri 26th December 2025
New Years Holiday	Thurs 1st January 2026
Good Friday	Fri 03rd April 2026
Easter Monday	Mon 06th April 2026
May Day Holiday	Mon 04th May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday	Mon 25th May 2026
Summer Bank Holiday	Mon 31st August 2026

### **Gomeldon Diary Dates**

\*Please note that some dates may be subject to change\* Additional Dates in BOLD.

21.7.25	Year 6 Leavers Assembly @ 2:40pm
23.7.25	NERF fun day - Children can wear own clothes
24.7.25	TD Day

#### CHILD PROTECTION STATEMENT







### **SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2025** JUNIOR TENNIS CAMPS



- · Run by qualified tennis coaches and tennis leaders
- · Action packed camps with lots of coaching, playing & prizes
  - · A great way to have fun and make friends

Week 1: Mon - Wed, 4 - 6 August, 9.30am - 12.30pm Week 2: Mon - Wed, 11 - 13 August, 9.30am - 12.30pm or 9.30am - 3.00pm Week 3: Mon - Wed, 18 - 20 August, 9.30am - 12.30pm

Players are placed in groups according to age and ability: Mini Red (ages 4 to 8) | Mini Orange (8 to 9) | Junior (ages 10 to 16)

Morning Camps: £69.50 per child per week Week 2 'Full Day' Camp: £99.50 per child per week

To book go to victoriaparktennis.org.uk, click on 'HOLIDAY CAMPS' in the top bar and then on the booking link.

Victoria Park Community Tennis | 07865 049723 mail@victoriaparktennis.org.uk | victoriaparktennis.org.uk

# Summer Crafts



A variety of fun crafting activities
For children ages 5-11

Thursday 28th August £10 a session.

**Idmiston Parish Memorial Hall** 

All materials provided

9am-10:30am

10:45am -12:15pm

To book go to

1pm-2:30pm www.dramaclubsalisbury.co.uk 2:45pm-4:15pm

4:30pm-6pm



### Family and Community Learning



### Online

Supporting My Teen With Wellbeing Tuesday 22 July 10:00-12:00

Booking Closes Tuesday 15 July 2025



- Understand the changes in a teenage brain
- Learn techniques to promote wellbeing
- Explore positive psychology



scan the OR code or visit https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/

Our courses are free if you are 19+ years old, resident in the UK/EU for over three years (some mmigration status exempt, including resettlement schemes), have a Wiltshire postcode, and meet any if the following criteria: earn less than £25,000 pa, in receipt of benefits, military or ex military, learning lifficulty or disability, foster carer/care leaver/carer.

6-11 Years

For parents/carers of children with or without additional needs. **Need some ideas** on how to support your child to cope with CHANGE?

Join us for an engaging session to explore how to:

- Recognise the signs of change in your child's life
- Understand the impact of those changes on their wellbeing
  - Explore effective strategies to support your child through transitions

Whether it's starting school, moving home, or changes in routine, learn how to guide your child with confidence and care.

For more information contact us on: 0800 970 4669



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Monkton Park, Monkton Hill, Chippenham, SN15 1ER Tuesday 15th July 2025, between 10am-1pm. County Hall,

Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN Thursday 17th July 2025, between 10am-1pm.

Five Rivers Leisure Centre, Hulse Rd, Salisbury, SP1 3NR Wednesday 23rd July 2025, between 10am-1pm.



