

Friday 19th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we draw near to the close of this busy Autumn Term, I've been reflecting on the many highlights that have made these past weeks so special. One of the most joyful moments has undoubtedly been the Christmas Nativity performances. The confidence, happiness, and festive spirit your children displayed were truly inspiring—they were absolutely fantastic!



These occasions remind me what a privilege it is to serve in this role and the responsibility that comes with it. Sharing those magical performances with you is a real honour—uplifting, heartwarming, and full of joy. Seeing your children shine filled me with immense pride: pride in their achievements, in the dedication of our staff, and in the strength of the wonderful community we are all fortunate

to belong to. As we eagerly await exciting news from Miss Wise our whole staff team continues to positively impact pupils through their skill, dedication and hard work, something I recognise every single day. In the words of the late, great Tina Turner; #TeamGulval you are simply the best!



Our Local Monitoring Committee, under the leadership of Chair Liz Brewer, continues to play a vital role in shaping our school's journey. Their commitment, guidance, and constructive challenge have been key to our progress and success. We are deeply grateful for the many hours they dedicate—often quietly behind the scenes—supporting decisions and offering experience that truly strengthen our community. Thank you for the difference you make every single day.

School Drop Off and Pick Up

We were saddened to read the negative inflection to Facebook posts and comments about our school recently, not least because my team work so hard every single day, and have done for many years now, going above and beyond to support children and families in our community. Where I do agree wholeheartedly, is around illegal parking where a small minority are choosing to park more dangerously, creating wider issues and concerns for our village. I understand the challenge of a school drop off, I've lived and breathed it too, it is the same in Newquay and the same in Leeds – certainly not unique to Gulval. I have spoken to our Councillor in the hope that a bus schedule can be tweaked so that it does not come past school at 08:50 each day. I have requested support from our community policing team in the hope they can raise awareness and am appealing to some families again now in the hope that small changes to decisions around parking in January can make a big difference for our children and wider community.

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What I am convinced will make a huge difference is the safe walking route that we now have, from Foxes Fields, Trevarrack Lane area – through the new estate adjacent to school and arriving at our bottom field gate. This new path offers children a very safe independent walk to school, with a little encouragement, confidence and support so many could grow from this responsibility. Or, this is a safe route to walk in as a family. I know many of our families have been actively campaigning for this so well done indeed, it's definitely worth a look!

Our car park duty each morning really does bring us great joy, our shared warm welcome is now the norm and something we experience throughout the day from children too – so many take such pride in it! Our car park drop off works and with your support is efficient, safe and for the most part keeps traffic moving. Thank you so much to all those who are parking responsibly, to those not blocking walk ways and for driving responsibly, slowly and with great care. You are all just brilliant!

School Uniform

A reminder that we expect all children to wear correct school uniform. We have stock available and you can find an order form and price list on our website [here](#). A list of our uniform can be found on page 13 of our prospectus [here](#). As always, Penny is available on the phone for any questions such as sizing or stock. A reminder that we cannot allow children to come to school in hooped ear rings, small studs only please for reasons of safety. Thank you for returning in January in full school uniform.

Great Resources to Help you at Home

You have access to your child's class page on our school website, just head to www.gulvalschool.org.uk, click the menu tab and then select '#TG Classes'. Here you'll find information about your child's class, including a curriculum map with information about their learning this half term. In January you'll be able to download next terms learning too. There are lots of really useful resources that will help you support your child at home. Do click the link and have a look.

Our first day back in the new year is **Monday 5th January** and already we have such a lot planned!

As a Tier One Trust school, we're proud to offer an exceptional environment where learning thrives—built on high expectations, expertise, empathy, and just the right dash of fun and curiosity. Education never stands still, and I'm committed to ensuring every child experiences outstanding opportunities, every family feels supported, and any barriers to learning are overcome. With your continued partnership, there's truly no limit to what we can achieve together!

On behalf of my team and I, may we wish you the happiest of holidays, a Merry Christmas to you all! Thank you all for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely



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