

Thursday 2nd April

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading through your child's report, I hope you feel proud—not just of their achievements, but of the person they are becoming.

Each report tells a story. A story of progress, effort, resilience and growth. But behind every sentence and tick is something even more important: a child who is learning who they are, where they belong, and importantly, how they matter.

Every child's journey is different. Progress does not look the same for every pupil, and it is rarely linear. At Gulval, we recognise and value that. We are proud of the academic progress our pupils make, but we are equally committed to developing something deeper—confidence, self-esteem, adaptability, stickability and coachability. These are the qualities that allow children not only to succeed in school, but to thrive beyond it. Because we prioritise these so highly, our pupils also go on to achieve strongly in their learning, with outcomes that sit above national averages.

At Gulval, we have continued to build something we care deeply about—a school where children feel they belong. Through the relationships we build, the environments we create and the expectations we hold, we are seeing pupils grow in confidence, independence and responsibility. That work is ongoing, but it is something we are incredibly proud of.

I want you to know that your child matters here. They are seen, they are valued and they are a genuine part of our school family. If they are not here, they are missed—not just in their learning, but in the relationships, the conversations and the everyday life of our school.

Our school continues to go from strength to strength, and it is a privilege to see more families choosing to be part of our community. What makes Gulval special, however, is not just what we achieve, but how we do it—together.

We are always here for you. Whether it is a question about learning, a concern about wellbeing, or simply a conversation you need to have, our door is always open. Working in partnership with you makes a real difference, and we will always do our very best to support you and your family.

I would like to thank our staff team for the care, commitment and energy they bring every day. I know we are a special team and I see and feel the impact this has on us all. Hashtags are overdone I know but this one reminds us we matter '#TeamGulval'. I am also incredibly grateful to you, our families, for your continued trust and support. A special thank you must go to FROGS, whose time and dedication enrich so many experiences for our pupils.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 20th April and to sharing a positive and successful summer term together.

Thank you for being part of our school—because together, we belong, we believe, so we can shine.

I wish you all a happy and restful Easter.

Mr P Baker

Headteacher

