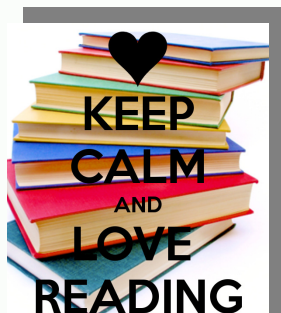




# Newsletter

*'Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all the darkness - Desmond Tutu*

## Latest News



### Parent-Teacher Meetings

Thank you for taking the time this week to see your class teachers and find out how your child has settled in to their new year groups or new school. It was great to see the hall full of parents. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school if, for any reason, you require a follow up meeting.

### Books, Books, Books

Recently each class has received new books which have either been kindly purchased by the PTA or donated by parents in an effort to raise the quality and variety of literature in both classes and the school library. We do ask that should you have any unwanted quality books at home then please bring them in. We also ask that we ALL care for the books here and that includes returning books to the library if they have been loaned out. Children across the school have been made aware of any overdue books and to have a good search at home for them and return them so that the library can be replenished! Thank you.

### Christmas Carol Concerts—12th and 14th December

There are still a large number of parents who haven't returned their Christmas Carol Concert forms. Please return them to the school office as soon as possible to guarantee your choice of performance.

### School Photographs

The order deadline has been extended to 26th November 2017 to take advantage of free delivery to school.

### Breakfast Club

Unfortunately the Breakfast Club will be closing on Friday, 1st December due to low numbers.

### Shakespeare Evening at Broadwater School

Parents and pupils are invited to a Shakespeare Evening at Broadwater School on **Tuesday 28th November at 7.30pm** for an evening of Comedy and Tragedy. Please contact Broadwater for more information.

### Godalming Gazette—Issue 1

You should also have received an electronic copy of the school newspaper today along with the newsletter. Compiled and edited by Mr Samson and his Year 6 journalists in Newspaper Club you can enjoy quizzes, recipes, book reviews and more! A copy can also be found on the school website and a hard copy on display in the school hall. Work is already underway for our Christmas edition!

### SCITT (School Centred Initial Teacher Training)

Godalming Junior School is a proud partner of the Surrey South Farnham SCITT program having become a partner school last year to train future aspiring teachers. On **Wednesday 10th January** we will be hosting an information seminar for anyone considering a career in teaching.

### House Points

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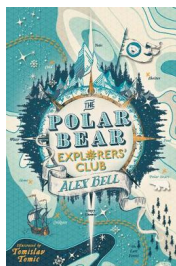
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### Waterstones Book of the Month



The Polar Bear Explorers  
Club  
By  
Alex Bell

## PTA News

### Godalming Town Day Saturday 25th November

GJS will be running the children's activities stall during Town Day tomorrow in the Wilfred Noyce Centre to raise funds for the school. Don't forget to come in and pay us a visit between 10.00–4.00pm.

### Mufti Day– Friday 1st December

We will be holding a Mufti day on Friday in exchange for donations for the Christmas Fair which takes place on **Friday 8th December**. More details will follow on Monday regarding donations for individual classes. You should have also received an email from your class rep with information about your class stall. Do get in touch with them with if you can volunteer 30 minutes to help on the night.

## School Achievement

### Pupil of the Week:

3AJ – Emily Bracey  
3NJ – Leonie Chalmers  
4SD – Matthew Chalmers  
4EM – Bethan Vacher  
5RP – Ben Goodwin  
5AC – Amelie Barabich  
6RH – Lucy Kargaci  
6JP – Alexander Egan



Attendance Winners: 3AJ

## Sports News

### Barrow Hill Cross Country Run–Monday 27th November

Good luck to the year 5 and 6 children who have been invited to take part in the Barrow Hills Cross Country event on Monday. We look forward to hearing how they get on in next week's newsletter.

## Diary Dates

### Autumn 2017

#### November

25th: Godalming Town Day  
27th: Barrow Hills Cross Country  
29th: Year 5 Victorian Exhibition 6.00–7.00pm

#### December

1st: MUFTI & donations for Christmas Fair  
5th: Year 6 'Born-Free' Evening 6.00–7.00pm  
8th: PTA Christmas Fair  
12th/14th: GJS Christmas Shows  
13th: Christmas Lunch  
15th: 'Save the Children' - Christmas Jumper Day  
21st: **END OF TERM (1.15PM)**



### Inset Days 2017/18

16th April 2018  
23rd July 2018

Please be aware that penalty notices can be issued for unauthorised leave of absence for five days or more. Penalty Notices are issued per parent per child and the amount due is £60 if paid within 21 days, rising to £120 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the Penalty Notice remains unpaid after 28 days the Local Authority must consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court.