



Newsletter

"Words are easy, faithful friends are hard to find" - William Shakespeare

Latest News



Year 5 River Trip

On Tuesday and Wednesday Year 5 went on a trip around the River Wey to do some geographical field work with Mr Adam from The River Trust. During the trip we walked along the river, noticing some of its features and the creatures that live in and around it. We also talked about how the river had changed over the years and linked this to some of Godalming's fascinating history. We finished the trip with a spot of cray fishing, though unfortunately the water temperature is a little too cold for them currently so only 1 cray fish was caught by 5CH! We want to say a big thank you to Mr Adam for such a wonderful, informative trip!

Surrey Beekeepers—Eco Warriors

What a special treat for the Eco Warriors this week! They welcomed Sarah and Greg from the Guildford Beekeepers' Association, who arrived armed with honey, hives and hats! The children learned all about how to identify queen bees and drones, what bees do all day, the way that they communicate, how we use honey and how they grow. They tasted delicious local honey, tried on beekeeping gear and even got to hold (and smell) honeycomb from a hive frame! During Earth Week, the Eco Warriors will share their new learning with the rest of the school in a special assembly.

Eco Warriors

The Eco Warriors also helped Noah's mum to rejuvenate and prune our flowerbeds this week - a big thanks to Mrs Adam for guiding and supporting our gardening endeavours!

World Book Day—Thursday 5th March 2020

This year we will be celebrating the life and works of one of our greatest writers during Book Week and World Book Day when we will learn about Charles Dickens. This year will be the 150th anniversary of his death and to mark this we will be learning about his wonderful stories, his fascinating characters and his remarkable life. The children will also be asked to come to school in Dickensian/Victorian costume on **Thursday 5th March** and to donate Twenty Shillings (£1) towards books for the school.

Year 4 Visitors

4EM would like to say a big thank you to Daniel's mum, Mrs Wai, who came in this week to teach them some Cantonese language! It was a very enjoyable and informative morning and they look forward to seeing her again for another short lesson soon.

4EM would also like to thank Hugh's mum, Mrs Robertson, who came in this afternoon to teach them about the digestive system and how poo is made!

Our Voice Survey

Surrey County Council are running a survey for children and young people to share their views on the things that matter to them. To get your voice heard click on the link [here](#).

Surrey Youth Games 13th & 14th June 2020

The Surrey Youth Games is a great opportunity for children and young people to try a new sport. Eight weeks of FREE coaching is available for a variety of sports in preparation for the games which take place at Surrey Sports Park. More information can be found [here](#).

Friendship Values Champions

Congratulations to all our FRIENDSHIP Values Champions who were celebrated this week for being great friends to others at GJS. Next half term we will be focussing on the value of RESPECT and what this 'looks like' and how important the value is. Once again, we would really appreciate your support through conversations you have with your child at home about this value.

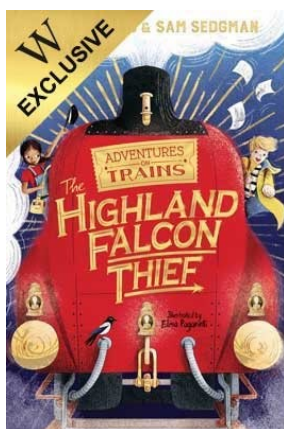
Car Park

Unfortunately, we have had 2 occasions recently where the staff car park has been used to drop children off. This resulted in those cars being blocked in and then a staff member being taken out of class to move their car. The car park is used throughout the day by staff. Please refrain from parking in it, even to drop off. If a staff member is unavailable to move their car it may result in you being blocked in until break time.

House Points

Neptune	623
Jupiter	614
Saturn	550
Mars	482

Waterstones Book of the Month



PTA News

Family Film Night 19th March

Godalming Junior's Family Movie Night is happening once again next month. Last year's event was a huge success and we look forward to welcoming you all once again for a fun and entertaining evening. Doors will open at 6.15pm with the film starting at 6.30pm. The cost is £2.50 per adult and £2.50 per child which includes drinks and snacks for the children. For the adults there will be a bar with a selection of drinks. The children are welcome to come along in their PJ's and bring a blanket if they wish.

The film will be chosen by the children at assembly (the loudest cheer will determine the one shown)! If you would like to join us for this family evening then please look out for more information next week including payment slips for completion and film choices!



School Achievement

Pupil of the Week

3CM – Thomas
3SD – Felix
4EM – Mia
4SV – Jacob
5EC – Sam G
5CH – Isabella
6RH – Josh
6JP – Martha



Attendance Award—5CH=98%

FRIENDSHIP — Values Champions:

3CM – Christie
3SD – Ellie
4EM – Tess
4SV – Otto
5EC – Rose
5CH – Chloe
6RH – Oliver
6JP – Rose



Sports News



Diary Dates

Spring Term 2020

March	
2nd–6th:	BOOK WEEK
4th:	Y6 Netball Tournament @ Tillingbourne
5th:	WORLD BOOK DAY
5th:	Y5 Road Safety Assembly
7th:	Godalming Schools Swimming Gala @ Charterhouse
9th–13th:	SCIENCE WEEK
10th:	Parents Evening (Late)
12th:	Parents Evening (Early)
16th–20th:	TT Rock Festival
20th:	Inter House Basketball Tournament
23rd–27th:	EARTH WEEK
23rd:	Primary Music Festival @ Dorking Halls
26th:	School Photos
April	
2nd:	RE Day—Easter
3rd:	END OF TERM @ 1.15pm



Inset Days 2019/20

~~Wednesday 4th September 2019~~
~~Monday 4th November 2019~~
~~Friday 14th February 2020~~
Monday 20th April 2020
Friday 22nd May 2020