

## Love

Article 31:  
Every child  
has a right  
to relax and  
play



## Live

Article 19:  
Every child has  
the right to be  
protected from  
abuse,  
violence and  
neglect

## Learn

Article 28:  
Every child  
has a right  
to an  
education

Autumn 1  
9th September 2022



Godalming Junior School

# Newsletter



## Latest News



### Welcome Back

I hope you all had a fantastic summer and were able to relax, get away somewhere and generally spend quality time with loved ones. I would like to welcome the year 3 children and parents to the school. The children have settled in so well to their new surroundings, look fantastic in their new uniforms and are ready to learn. Here's to another fantastic year ahead!

### Curriculum Evenings

Thank you to everyone who came to our curriculum evenings this week to find out, in more detail, what is in store in our year groups over the coming year. As mentioned during the sessions, the slides from each presentation can be found on the website and you can find them on the following links:

[Year 3](#)

[Year 4](#)

[Year 5](#)

[Year 6](#)

### House Points

Mars

Saturn

Jupiter

Neptune



### Upcoming House Event

IH Cross Country  
Friday 30th September  
Sign Up sheets available  
now!

### Gates

Just a reminder that in an attempt to create a more calm, settled and 'learning ready' start to each day, the school gates will opening slightly earlier at 8.25am each morning.

### CONFIDENCE Values Champions

Our 12 values are a 'living' key component to the school's identity and encourage us all to develop our 'soft' skills. Along with our Unicef Rights Respecting work and our Love, Live, Learn motto, they truly underpin all we do at Godalming Junior School to complement our formal curriculum. This term the value of focus will be **CONFIDENCE** as we start the new year with optimism and positivity. We will be focusing on the importance of this value, what it 'looks' like (in the playground, in class and in life at home), how we can grow in confidence and how this links to other values. We very much appreciate parents reinforcing our values work at home and there are some useful websites if you would like to find out more on the values section of the website [here](#).

### Living With COVID reminder

We would like to remind you of the latest guidance from the government stating that children **should** be self isolating for 3 days from a possible positive test if they experience symptoms. Though we understand that testing is only carried out by children if advised by a health professional and it is not mandatory to self isolate, we would like all members of our community to exercise caution and try to avoid attending school for 3 days or return to school when well enough. The latest 'Living with Covid' guidance can be found [here](#).

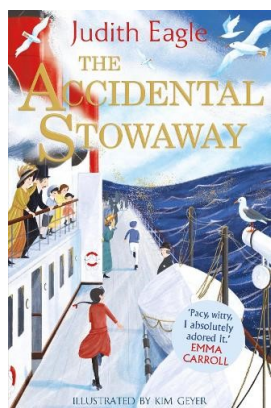
### Food Bank

As we are experiencing times where the cost of living is becoming ever more challenging, we are aware there are more families requiring additional support. This is where our Food Bank becomes a vital source of that support. If you are able to make any donations of dried goods, tins and toiletry products, we would be most grateful.

### Clubs

The club sign up sheets have been available this week and once again we are fortunate to have a huge variety of clubs for the children to access. If there is significant demand for a particular club then it may be split into groups, move days or require names from a hat. We will endeavour to accommodate as many children as possible into at least one club. You will know that many clubs are run by external providers and these need to be contacted directly if you wish your child to attend. For all families qualifying for free school meals and wish to attend a club by an external provider, the school may be able to assist with the funding if you contact the school office.

### Waterstones Book of the Month



# PTA News

**Welcome back to school from the PTA, hope you've all had a great summer.** As it's the start of the year we are on the look out for year 3 class reps. If interested please let the office know and we will be in contact directly. We are also after class reps for class 5SD and require a volunteer or two to get involved for this class. Again please contact us. The final volunteer we are after is a co-treasurer. Again if you would like to be involved and can help out, please reach out to Phil (chairman).

**Welcome BBQ Friday 16th September.** We'd like to invite all year 3 families to the school and meet teachers, parents and members of the PTA. The event will run from 5.30pm to 7.30pm with a cash bar and BBQ. Would be great to see as many of you as possible (fingers crossed on the weather).

**Upcoming events:** PTA AGM, School Autumn Disco, Christmas Fair. Dates to be confirmed.

# School Achievement

## Pupil of the Week:

3CM— Jacob  
3EC— Henry  
4LT— Archie  
4GS— Adam  
5SD— Emilia  
5NM— Ben  
6EM— Freddie T  
6RH— Macy



**Attendance Winners: 3CM – 96.6 %**



**Anti Bullying Stars Half Term Champions:**

## PERSEVERANCE Values Champions

3CM—Ollie H  
3EC—Theo B  
4EM—James E  
4GS—David S  
5SD—Harry LJ  
5CJ—Digby E  
6JP—Florence B  
6RH—Grace B



# Sports News

## Sports @ GJS 2022-23

As we enter a new year we are excited to build on the fantastic figure of 90% of children last year representing their house or the school, by signing up and trying out for certain events. We are also pleased to announce that Bill Bingham will continue supporting Mr MacIver as our PE Assistant and we plan to develop the front playground by resurfacing the astro pitch—so watch this space!

## Inter House Cross Country

Our first inter house event will be taking place on **Friday 30th September** at the Canon Bowring (Chippie) Park. The lower school children will running roughly 1 lap of the park with the upper school children running 2 laps. The event is open to **ALL** children at GJS, **ALL** children signing up score points for their house, medals are available for the top 4 positions, there will be a boys and girls race for each year group and we hope as many sign up as possible!



# Diary Dates

## Autumn 2022

### September

13th: Music Works Assembly  
15th: House Elections  
16th: PTA Welcome BBQ  
19th–23rd: Y6 Trip to UKSA  
30th: Inter-House Cross Country Event

### October

3rd–7th: 10R—Poetry Week  
10th–14th: 10R—Healthy Week  
11th: School Photos (Individual)  
14th: 'Hello Yellow' Mufti supporting Young Minds  
24th–28th: **HALF TERM**  
31st: **INSET DAY**

### November

5th: Parent Tour (September 2023 intake) @ 10.00am  
7th–11th: 10R—Remembrance Week  
7th: Parent Tour @ 10.30am  
8th: Parent Tour @ 9.00am  
9th: Parent Tour @ 6.00pm  
15th: Parents Evening (Late)



## Inset Days 2022/23

~~Thursday 1st September 2022~~

**Monday 31st October 2022**

Friday 10th February 2023

Monday 17th April 2023

Friday 26th May 2023