

Newsletter

This year, we are supporting:



Shooting Star
Children's Hospices

"If we really want to love, we must learn how to forgive" - Mother Theresa

Latest News

Human Rights Week



10R—Human Rights Week

This week saw the children across the school engage in debates and discussions linked to our UNICEF Rights Respecting School status and Human Rights Day on Wednesday. The topics ranged from school uniform to homework. Year 5 had a fascinating session with Mr Samson during their PSHE lesson where the decision from Australia to ban social media for under 16's was discussed. The children shared their thoughts, ideas and spoke with great maturity and insight on both the pros and cons. BOTH classes were unanimous in suggesting that the UK should follow suit!

Shooting Star 'Knitted Novelties'

The 'Knitted Novelties' have proved to be in huge demand this week, and we have **SOLD OUT...AGAIN!** These knitted Christmas collectables which contain a Terry's Chocolate Orange, have helped raise over £700 already for Shooting Star Children's Hospices!. Remember, we will be collecting at our Carols by Candlelight events next week and our Christmas Attire Day, on the last day of term.

RE Day

On Tuesday, we were joined by the Trinity Trust Team for our Christmas RE Day. We started with an assembly of the Nativity story, told from the perspective of the inn keeper of the stable where Jesus was born, before each year group focused on a different element of the Christmas story. The children were all extremely respectful and had very thoughtful discussions. Thank you to the Trinity Trust Team for leading the day and giving us this fantastic opportunity.

TT Rock Festival

We also had our first Time-Table Rock Star 'Battle of the Bands' this week where we logged the highest levels of engagement across the school. We continue to push times-table practice as it provides such an important skill in children to recall their times-tables quickly and how it is the bedrock of other mathematical areas. Well done to:


Year 3—Felix and Jake

Year 4—Alexa and Pearl

Year 5—Lily S and Hope

Year 6—Khushi and Freddie

Ofsted Parent View

Thank you to everyone who continue to register and complete the Parent View survey. If you have yet to complete it, it only takes a few minutes and can be accessed by clicking on the Ofsted Parent View logo .

Initial Teacher Training with the GLP and Winchester University

The window is now open for enrolling onto the Godalming Learning Partnership's successful year-long teacher training programme, in partnership with Winchester University, to start in September 2026. We are welcoming applicants keen to pursue a career in teaching to join our next cohort of trainees. We have a 100% pass rate and offer a genuinely holistic and innovative programme leading to teachers entering the profession with resilience, confidence and creativity. Further information about the GLP teacher training course can be found [here](#), on the attached poster, or you are more than welcome to email Rachel Dinnage on coordinator@godalminglearning.org with any questions.

Our VALUE in focus is: FORGIVENESS

This week we welcomed James Rattue, Rector at St John's Church, Farncombe, to offer another thoughtful assembly to the children on the subject of *Forgiveness*. We are always grateful to James to visit GJS and continue to support the school and provide a unique perspective on the *in focus* value of the term. We look forward to James returning next term when he will deliver assemblies on our spring term values, *friendship* and *respect*!

And Finally...

We are pleased to share two new logos you may see on our letters and newsletters. GJS has joined the Youth Sport Trust 'Well School' movement, along with 2,000 other schools, taking positive action in supporting outcomes, health and happiness in both staff and pupils. We have also been recognised as an accredited 'AI Pathfinder Institution' from AI in Education, for our commitment to responsible, ethical and purposeful AI integration headed up by Mrs Cronje. Whilst this is still early days, we are taking proactive steps to prepare staff and learners for an AI-powered future, demonstrate a willingness to move first and to learn boldly!



House Points

Mars	1699
Saturn	1582
Jupiter	1541
Neptune	1509



**Our Designated
Safeguard Lead and
Operation Encompass
Key Adult is:**
Mr Samson—HT

**Our Deputy Designated
Safeguard Leads are:**
Miss Coleman—Deputy HT
Mrs Wilkinson—SENCo
Mrs Munz—Bursar
Mrs Crook—HSLW

'It's everyone's business'



PTA News

Christmas Fair—TONIGHT—4.30-7.00pm

Thank you for all your donations over the past 3 weeks.

The school choir will be performing at 5.00pm.

Entrance will only be via the Hallam Road gate, then head round to the front playground.

We are requesting that children attending with adults do not bring phones to the fair. Please ensure children do not access any play equipment or the trim trail.

We look forward to seeing you there and getting into the Christmas Spirit!

School Achievement

Pupils of the Week

3EC — Logan
3JA — Riley
4AL — Rosanna
4AR — Elkie-Mae
5KR — Chester
5KW — Jacinta
6RH — Evander
6SC — Samuel K



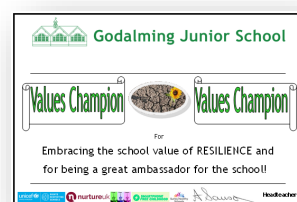
AB Star Positive Play Award



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Resilience Values Champions

3JA — JJ
3EC — Aarlo
4AR — Luke
4AL — Ella
5KW — George
5KR — Hope
6RH — Theo C-P
6SD — Joseph



Sports News

COMING SOON

Diary Dates

Autumn 2025

December

12th: PTA Christmas Fair—4.30-7pm
15th: Y3 Carols By Candlelight @ 9.15am
16th: Y4 Carols By Candlelight @ 9.15am
17th: Y5 Carols By Candlelight @ 9.15am
17th: Christmas Lunch
18th: Y6 Carols By Candlelight @ 9.15am
19th: Christmas Attire Day—in aid of Shooting Star Children's Hospices
19th: END OF TERM: 1.15pm

January

5th: Start of Term

Inset Days 2025-26

Wednesday 3rd September 2025
Monday 3rd November 2025
Friday 13th February 2026
Monday 13th April 2026
Friday 22nd May 2026