



Godalming Junior School

Newsletter

Autumn 1
4th September 2026

School Dates

Autumn 2026	
September	
8th:	Y4 Curriculum Evening @ 6.00pm
8th:	Y3 Curriculum Evening @ 7.00pm
9th:	Y5 Curriculum Evening @ 6.00pm
9th:	Y6 Curriculum Evening @ 7.00pm
14th–18th:	Y6 Residential to UKSA
25th:	Inter House 'Chippie Chase' Cross Country
Run	
28th–2nd:	10R–Poetry Week
October	
5th:	10R–Healthy Week
9th:	Hello Yellow Mufti—in aid of Young Minds
15th:	PTA Disco
19th–30th:	Half Term
November	
2nd:	INSET Day—School Closed
7th:	Prospective Parent Tour @ 10.00am
9th–13th:	10R–Remembrance Week
9th:	Prospective Parent Tour @ 10.45am
10th:	Prospective Parent Tour @ 9.00am
11th:	Prospective Parent Tour @ 6.00pm
12th:	Prospective Parent Tour @ 9.00am

Inset Days 2026-27

- Monday 2nd November 2026
- Friday 12th February 2027
- Monday 12th April 2027
- Friday 28th May 2027

Latest News

Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to GJS and an equally warm welcome to our new families to Team GJS. We hope you all had a wonderful, restful and safe summer and are raring to go for another packed term of events happening this term. Our new look newsletter launches today too.

PE Days

Please ensure that your child comes to school in full PE kit on their year group's PE day:

Monday - Year 4

Tuesday - Year 5

Wednesday - Year 6

Thursday - Year 3

Flu Immunisations and Year 6 Height & Weight Checks

Please look out for the email sent earlier this week regarding the flu immunisations and Year 6 Height & Weight checks.

The Pantry

Thank you for your patience as we move over to our new catering system, The Pantry. Please make sure your child knows what you have ordered for them each day. If you are having any issues with the system please contact The Pantry directly at office@thepantrycatering.co.uk.

House Elections

A huge well done to ALL Year 6 children who put themselves forward, showed great *CONFIDENCE* and stepped outside their comfort zone today. 37 children across the year put themselves forward; the most we have ever had. They also had the additional challenge this year of not only presenting a speech to their peers but also being interviewed by Mr Samson and Miss Holcombe! We are also removing the Vice Captain role this year and instead, enrolling 2 House Captains for each house. Congratulations to our House Leaders for 2026-27:

Jupiter - Tilly and Dylan

Mars - Juliet and Oliver

Neptune - Jacinta and Marcell

Saturn - Hope and Chester

Our in focus value is: *CONFIDENCE*

As we begin a new term and for some, begin a new school, it is a fitting start to the 2026-27 academic year that our in focus value is *CONFIDENCE*. We will spend time in assemblies, PSHE lessons and Circle Times throughout this term learning about the importance of this value, how we can show confidence, grow in confidence and learn to overcome challenges when our confidence takes a knock. We continue to encourage 'Home Talks' around the in focus value to further reinforce the school messages. These may occur around the dinner table, on the way to and from school or at weekends. We also encourage parents to praise their children when they demonstrate examples of confidence outside school!

Curriculum Evenings

We are looking forward to seeing as many parents and carers as possible at our Curriculum Evenings next week. This will be a great time to meet your child's teacher and find out more about events taking place and information about the year group. Dates and times can be found in the dates section of the newsletter.

Your PTA Needs You

We are still in desperate need of a PTA Chair and we really hope someone comes forward in the next couple of weeks to take this on. As you know, the PTA do a superb job running events and raise vital funds for the school and it would be shame if these events are not able to go ahead this year and thus, leads to a shortfall in income for the school. Please contact your child's teacher or the school office if you are interested and to find out more.

House Points

Jupiter

Mars

Neptune

Saturn



Sport News

Next week we will be starting up our 'Fit Fridays' when trials, practice sessions and inter-house events take place at GJS. Information will be shared in weekly assemblies and newsletters so watch this space.

There are many sporting events that take place across the year and as a school with a 'strong' reputation of inclusion, we make every effort to enable opportunities for every child to participate and represent their house and school. For any trials, children simply need to wear their PE kit to school on these days

11th Sep - Y3/4 Boys Football Trials