



# Newsletter

*This year, we are supporting:*



*'Friendship is like Lego bricks. Joined together in a strong bond. Every brick has the potential to exude positive energy into one another'* Henry—Year 6

## Latest News



### NSPCC Speak Up and Stay Safe Assembly

This week, Mrs Crook and Mrs Wilkinson delivered the NSPCC's **Speak Out. Stay Safe.** assembly, helping children learn how to recognise unsafe situations and how to speak out to trusted adults. The programme supports our ongoing safeguarding and Anti-Bullying work, and will be followed up in our PSHE lessons and circle time sessions. Families can access further NSPCC resources and advice online at [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk).

### Anti-Bullying Pupil Survey Summary

We are proud to add the summary findings and actions from our anti-bullying survey, which was carried out across the school last term, to our dedicated page on the school website [here](#). You can also find other survey summaries [here](#) to find out more about the views and thoughts of our stakeholders. We continue to urge parents to click on the Ofsted Parent View logo to add parental perspectives, and we are in the process of asking staff for their views this term as we continue to strive for further improvement at GJS!



### Our VALUE in focus is: FRIENDSHIP

As we enter a new term, our attention turns to the new 'in focus' value, *friendship*. Once again, this will be the theme of weekly assemblies, it will inform our PSHE lessons and staff will be on high-alert looking for worthy contenders of our Values Champion Award. We focus on this value at this time of year as children have settled into their new classes and are encouraged to be more aware of what they do and say to others, and ensure they are always trying to be the best *friend* possible—not easy. A new feature in our weekly newsletter includes the thoughts of the children on the 'in-focus' value and *what it means to them*. Last week, Isabel in Year 3 had her interpretation shared in the newsletter. This week, Henry in Year 6 shares his definition of *friendship*. These will be found towards the banner at the top of the newsletter each week. We continue to urge *Home Talks* to take place, when adults spend time with their children, either on car journeys, at meal-times, at bed-times or on walks; to discuss the importance of *friendship*, what it means to you, what you value in the friends you have and whether any friendships have been tested.

### 10R—Hero Week

Monday will see us launch our first 10richment Week of 2026, and this also coincides with Martin Luther King Jnr Day, recognised in the USA as a federal holiday. This falls on the third Monday each January (as close to his birthday on the 15th as possible) to honour the life and legacy of the civil rights leader. The federal holiday serves as a national day of service and reflection on racial equality; a global challenge that continues to this day. The children will learn more about his life during Monday's assembly, and throughout the week the children will 'dive-deeper' into the term 'hero'- what the term means to them, how they would define the term hero, consider modern day heroes, heroes from the past, fictional heroes and the term 'national treasure'. Parents and carers are invited to take part in a short fun and optional activity to share YOUR views on the term 'national treasure' and what this may mean to you. You can take part in this activity [here](#).

### 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](#), or you can email Rachel Dunnage via: [coordinator@godalminglearning.org](mailto:coordinator@godalminglearning.org) with any questions.



### House Points

<u>Neptune</u>	<u>1633</u>
Mars	1533
Saturn	1526
Jupiter	1355

**SAFEGUARDING**  
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

## Upcoming events:

School Spring Disco—Wednesday 11th March  
Parent's Quiz Night—Friday 20th March

As you may be aware, we will soon be in need of a new Chair as Ellen, our current chair, has a child in Year 6 so will no longer be a parent at the school next year. Without a Chair we can't function as a charity. It could be a shared role between two or three people. If you are interested please reach to ellenrinttila@gmail.com who can give you an overview of what is involved.

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## School Achievement

### Pupils of the Week

3EC — Alex  
3JA — Mason  
4AL — Arthur  
4AR — Finn  
5KR — Flora  
5KW — Olivia  
6RH — Ruby  
6SC — Reuben



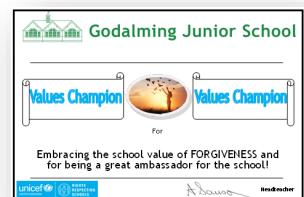
### AB Star Positive Play Award



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### Forgiveness Values Champions

3JA — Sienna  
3EC — Reggie-Jay  
4AR — Ella  
4AL — Emily  
5KW — Jessica  
5KR — Violet  
6RH — Ruby  
6SC — Harry



## Sports News

### Sports Hall Athletics

Year 6 took part in trials today for the Year 5/6 Sports-Hall Athletics event in February, following the Year 5 trials last week. Next Friday, 23rd January, some children will be invited to take part in more trials so the team can be considered as a whole—those involved will be emailed. The final team will be announced in due course.

### Inter-House Football Tournament—Friday 30th January

There are still a chance for children to sign up for the upcoming football tournament. As an inclusive school, ALL children are welcome to sign up and ALL who sign up WILL take part. There will be a tournament for each year group, some houses may have more than one team and this will take place over the course of the day. This year, we will be using this event as our spring term fund raiser for Shooting Star Children's Hospice. We simply ask that children make a 'voluntary donation entrance fee' to take part. We would like the children to bring in their 'entrance fee' on the day of the tournament. Some children may also choose to be sponsored for the event, and a form is attached to the newsletter. Children must remember to wear appropriate clothing—no boots and they will need their House T-Shirt, which are available from the school office. The closing date for signing up is the end of Monday.

## Diary Dates

### Spring 2026

**January**  
19th–23rd: 10R—Hero Week  
26th–30th: Y6 Mock SATs Week  
30th: **Inter-House Football Tournament**

**February**  
11th: Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics @ Woolmer Hill  
13th: **INSET DAY**  
16th–20th: Half Term

**March**  
2nd–6th: 10R—Book Week  
3rd: Parent—Teacher Meetings—Late  
5th: Parent—Teacher Meetings—Early

6th: GJS Book Day—'Little People, BIG Dreams' theme  
7th: Inter School Swimming Gala @ Charterhouse  
9th–13th: 10R—STEM Week  
9th: Y3/4 Bench Ball @ Rodborough  
11th: Y5 STEM Workshop @ Frensham Heights  
11th: PTA Discos

16th–20th: 10R—Earth Week  
16th: Y5/6 Hockey Tournament @ Charterhouse  
19th and 26th: Y5 Fire Safety Visits

**Inset Days 2025-26**  
~~Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025~~  
~~Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025~~  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026**  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026**  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026**