



Newsletter

This year, we are supporting:



'Perseverance means to always give your best and always push through to succeed' Kayden –Year 5

Latest News

Bump Up Day

It was wonderful to welcome the new Year 3 children to GJS last Tuesday, as they spent their first afternoon with us meeting their new class teachers, new adults they will be working with and their new peers from different schools. They ALL made a great first impression and we cannot wait for them to start in September. It was also great to see so many new members of the GJS community at our New Parents Evening last week, again it was lovely to meet you all and we are sure you are in for a special time here.

GLP Art Exhibition @ The Chandler

We were incredibly proud to have 31 children from our school selected to showcase their artwork in the Godalming Learning Partnership Exhibition. The private exhibition brought together a wonderful range of schools, celebrating the creativity and talent of young artists across the partnership. The children should be very proud of this achievement, as their artwork reflected the hard work, dedication and artistic skills they have developed throughout the year. It was fantastic to see their creativity recognised and shared with the wider community.

Global Beatles Day—25th June

On 25th June 1967, The Beatles performed to an estimated 400 million people across the world via a live satellite link performance of their hit 'All You Need Is Love' as part of the BBC's 'Our World' programme. This date has now become known as Global Beatles Day where people are encouraged to share the band's message of **love** and **kindness**. At this time of year at GJS, when we begin to reflect on the year, the children were invited to write 'Kind Kards' about their peers. Last week was a lovely opportunity for children to share their feelings and to appreciate what others in their class bring to their class dynamic. The results across the school were so mature, so thoughtful and super kind. Who knows, some of you may get to see and read them in the final weeks of the term...?

Our VALUE in focus is: Perseverance

Kayden in Year 5 has summed it up very appropriately this week. Our final 'in focus' value continues to be an important one as we try to 'keep cool' during the final and busy half term of the year. For Year 6 especially, to remain calm and continuing to role model the behaviours we expect as they enter the final few weeks with us at GJS. 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 *Perseverance*, what it means to you, the importance of *persevering* and sharing what you, as parents, have had to *persevere* with. Please also celebrate and praise your child when they have shown examples of *perseverance* like improving at something through practice, improving attendance, not giving up and seeing feedback as 'fuel' not 'criticism'.

Autumn Term Dates 2026

We continue this week to share the initial events taking place in the autumn of the next academic year. These will remain for the final weeks of the year and the newsletters will also be passed on to our feeder infant schools to keep NEW parents and carers joining us in the loop! Following our most recent attendance meeting with the local authority it was recommended that we finished each term a little later than we currently do to ensure there is greater educational value during the shorter afternoon sessions. From NEXT term our finish time will be pushed back to 1.30pm on **Friday 18th December**. This will also be the finish time for the last day of both the spring (25th March 2027) and summer (28th July 2027) terms.

Autumn Half Term 2027 Consultation

Thank you to everyone who participated in the consultation regarding the school term times for 2027-28. The governors will be considering the responses at the next full governing body meeting and we will inform parents of the school decision in next week's newsletter.



House Points

Saturn	715
Neptune	545
Jupiter	439
Mars	226



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

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

'Safeguarding is everyone's business'

PTA News

GJS Summer Fair—Friday 10th July—5.00-7.00pm

Thank you to everyone who brought in their Jolly Jam Jars on Friday. This week we ask for **bottle donations** for the tombola and **high quality books** for the book stall:

Friday 10th July—Mufti for bottles and high quality books (and Jolly Jam Jar for those Y5/6 children who were at the G-Ashes)

Donations to be dropped off in the **Music Room** as usual on arrival to school.

We are looking for help with running the BBQ so please message your class rep or email Ellen at ellenrinttila@gmail.com to offer your help!

School Achievement

Pupils of the Week

- 3EC – Pransh
- 3JA – Harrison & Harry
- 4AL – Sophia
- 4AR – Christian
- 5KR – Dylan D
- 5KW – Louis
- 6RH – Flynn
- 6SC – Izzy



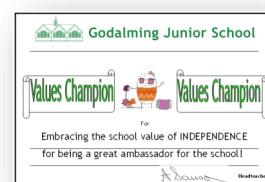
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Independence Values Champions

- 3EC – Jake
- 3JA – Alice
- 4AL – Amelie
- 4AR – Charlie
- 5KR – Freya
- 5KW – Oliver R
- 6RH – Alfie
- 6SC – Jonathan



Sports News

Y4 and Y6 Sports Day

Perseverance was certainly the winner last week when we FINALLY got to enjoy both the remaining Year 4 and Year 6 Sports Day events, especially as it was the final Sports Day for Year 6 at GJS! Once again, the spirit of the occasions was wonderful, with some fantastic talent on show but respect, support and fun all evident in equal measure too!

Saturn were the victors in Year 4 and whilst it was hoped, for the neutral at least, that it would be a Mars Year 6 win to ensure ALL houses were victors in at least one of the Sports Days...it was not to be. **Neptune** 'spoil the party' and were the winners...However, despite not WINNING an individual sports day event...the OVERALL GJS Sports Day trophy goes to **Mars** for accumulating most points across all Sports Days and their three out of four second place finishes!



Diary Dates

Summer 2026

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| July | 10R—Arts Week |
| 6th—10th: | The Music Works Showcase |
| 8th: | Y6 Production 'The Wind in the Willows' @ 7.00pm |
| 8th and 9th: | District Sports @ The Spectrum |
| 9th: | Mufti—Bottle Tombola |
| 10th: | Summer Fair |
| 10th: | G-Fest |
| 15th: | School's Out @ 1.15pm |
| 22nd: | Autumn 2026 |

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| September | INSET Day—School Closed |
| 1st: | House Elections |
| 4th: | Y4 Curriculum Evening @ 6.00pm |
| 8th: | Y3 Curriculum Evening @ 7.00pm |
| 8th: | Y5 Curriculum Evening @ 6.00pm |
| 9th: | Y6 Curriculum Evening @ 7.00pm |
| 9th: | Y6 Residential to UKSA |
| 14th—18th: | Inter House 'Chippie Chase' Cross Country Run |
| 25th: | 10R—Poetry Week |
| 28th—2nd: | |
| October | |
| 5th: | 10R—Healthy Week |
| 9th: | Hello Yellow Mufti—in aid of Young Minds |
| 15th: | PTA Disco—TBC |
| 19th—30th: | Half Term |

Inset Days 2026-27

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Monday 2nd November 2026

Friday 12th February 2027

Monday 12th April 2027

Friday 28th May 2027

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