



Newsletter

This year, we are supporting:



Shooting Star
Children's Hospices

"Life is about your growth, not your trophies" - Bear Grylls

Latest News



School Council—High 5 Priorities

Mr Samson met with our newly formed School Council for the first time recently and after much sharing, discussion and voting, the children decided on the following areas to prioritise this coming year under our 'High 5' headings:

Site—Repair the back playground astro turf (affectionately called the 'mouldy-chicken-nugget' by the children)

Resources—More graphic novels for class libraries

Community—More flowers/plants

Eco—Bird Boxes/Feeders—encouraging biodiversity on the school site

Charity—Shooting Star Children's Hospices

Wheels are already in motion to work on these areas, the first charity event raising funds for Shooting Star will be our annual Christmas Attire Day on the last day of term and the PTA are also keen to help out! More information can be found on the School Council board near reception. Children need to share with their School Councilors, what fund raising event we can run in the spring and then the summer. Mr Samson will meet again with the School Council soon to pull together our Sustainability and Climate Action Plan. Busy, busy, busy!

Anti Bullying StArS

Mr Samson has also met with our newly appointed AB Stars for the coming year. The children talked through their role and their first task was to review the AB Star Break Time Charter. This is used to remind children HOW to play with kindness, respect and inclusion during break and lunch times. They were also made aware of how they will support classmates and Mr Samson during Anti Bullying Week next month. This involves helping Mr Samson lead an assembly, launch the AB poster competition and support teachers in creating their class '5 finger check' identifying those to go to if they ever feel unsafe.

School Surveys

We have recently updated our survey section of the school website and you are able to see the latest findings from the surveys [here](#). These include our staff wellbeing survey, our anti-bullying survey, our latest pupil survey findings and the link for parents to access the Ofsted Parent View site, or click on the Ofsted logo . We are expecting to be inspected later this academic year by Ofsted using their updated 'report card' framework following their last visit 4 years ago and part of their process is to analyse any Parent View data on GJS. We therefore would like parents to find time to access Parent View over the coming weeks. We will also have work stations set up in the school hall during our first round of Parent-Teacher Meetings in November to access Parent View.

Year 5 Tilford Mosque Visit

On Tuesday, Year 5 visited Mubarak Mosque in Tilford, to support their learning about the Islamic faith. We were intrigued to learn that the Mosque is the international headquarters of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, and the leader of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community actually lives on site and hosts the daily prayers. The members of the Mosque were impressed with the children's existing knowledge and their curiosity when asking questions to deepen their understanding. Marcell commented "I really liked visiting the Mosque as there were good designs on the walls and ceilings. I liked learning about how Muslims adapt the timings of their 5 daily prayers to fit around work and travel."

Multiplication Check/SATs

Information on the Year 4 Multiplication Check and Year 6 Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) has been sent through to schools via the DfE. These documents can now be found on the year group pages on the website by clicking [here](#) for Year 4 and [here](#) for Year 6.

Our VALUE in focus is: RESILIENCE

We continue to immerse the children during school assemblies, circle times and PSHE lessons in our school values. Each half term we learn about, promote, reflect and consider one of our 'Desirable Dozen' values and what these values 'look like' in others, in our behaviours, in society and consider ways we can develop these values in ourselves. Our values help underpin so much of what we do at GJS and we believe that during their time here, we want EVERY child to become more socially and emotionally aware and equipped to deal with challenges they face, in school and out. Our unique values education plays a significant part in achieving this and helps the behaviour and levels of attendance at GJS continue to be a true strength.

All staff continue to be on 'high alert' looking for children displaying **resilience** in lessons, on the playground and even during their residential trip away from home! **The more this can be further reinforced at home, the better.** We encourage 'home talks' on our values and hope parents share examples when YOU have had to show **resilience**, face your fears and generally share YOUR views on the value and the importance of being **resilient** in life!

Individual Photos

The school photographer will be in on **Tuesday 21st October**. Children should come to school in their smartest winter uniform, and Year 5 should bring PE kit in a named bag to change into.

Earrings

In line with our school uniform policy [here](#), please ensure that only stud earrings are worn to school. **Children need to be able to remove them for PE**, or if they are unable to do so themselves they should not wear them on their PE day. Staff are not permitted to remove them for children.

Governor Vacancies

With a number of governors reaching the end of their service terms, we still have vacancies on the governing body. If you are interested in becoming a school governor, please arrange to speak to our headteacher, Adam Samson via the school office or to the Clerk of the Governing Body, Shannon Hall via clerk@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk.

House Points

Neptune	2225
Mars	1831
Saturn	1416
Jupiter	1331



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

Autumn Disco—Wednesday 22nd October—Show off your dance moves at our PTA Autumn Disco. Years 3 & 4 from 6-7pm and Years 5 & 6 from 7.15-8.15pm. Tickets are £5 via bank transfer to the PTA account (Acc no 65867168 SC 30-99-50 Godalming Junior School Parent Teacher Association and please put your child's name and class as the reference) or £5 to the school office in a named envelope. Your child's name will then be on a list and checked on the door (main entrance) - tickets will not be issued. Please complete the google form [here](#) if you have not volunteered to stay and boogie along with your children!

Easy fundraising is an easy way to raise additional funds for the school when you are doing your shopping online. We currently have a number of families signed up for this and it would be great if we can increase that. See sign up instructions attached.

Upcoming Events:

Christmas Fair—Friday 12th December



School Achievement

Pupils of the Week

3EC — Reggie
3JA — Ellie—Le
4AL — Ottilie Sp
4AR — Sam
5KR — Marcell
5KW — Lily
6RH — Jacob
6SC — Theo



CREATIVITY Values Champions

3AR — Isabella
3EC — **ARCHIE**
4JS — Pru
4NS — Theo
5KW — Samuel C
5NM — **SOLOMON**
6EM — Khali



Sports News

Tillingbourne Football Tournament: Round 2—GJS Girls—Thursday 16th October

Well done to ALL the girls who represented the school so brilliantly yesterday at Tillingbourne for the penultimate football competition of the term. Every one of them were supportive of each other and were fantastic ambassadors for the school. 2 teams unluckily did not make the final stages whilst one of the upper school teams made the semi finals, narrowly missing out to Womersley & Shamley Green. Next week the Tillingbourne competitions come to a close when it will be our Year 3 and Year 5 boys completing the series! We wish them the best of luck!

Cross Country @ Glebelands School—Saturday 15th November 1.00—3.00pm

This morning the children were informed they can begin signing up to take part in the annual cross country event around Glebelands School, Cranleigh. There are 8 races, 1 for each junior school age category and these are split between a boys and girls race. The distance is approximately twice the distance of our own inter-house Chippie Chase races so not for the faint hearted! Those who finished in the top 4 of the Chippie Chase races are encouraged to sign up and take part!

Diary Dates

Autumn 2025

October

21st: Individual Photos
22nd: PTA Disco
23rd: Y3 & Y5 Boys Football Tournament @ Tillingbourne—pm
27th—31st: **HALF TERM**

November

3rd: **INSET DAY**
4th: 6SC Science @ Charterhouse
4th: Y5 Swimming Begins (6 weeks)
8th: Prospective Parent Tour (1) @ 10.00am
10th—14th: **10R—Remembrance Week (3)**
10th: Prospective Parent Tour (2) @ 10.45am
11th: Prospective Parent Tour (3) @ 9.00am
11th: 6SC Science @ Charterhouse
12th: Prospective Parent Tour (4) @ 6.00pm
14th: Y3 Visit to Charterhouse School
17th—20th: Y4 Bikeability
18th: 6RH Science @ Charterhouse
18th: Parent-Teacher Meetings (Late)
20th: Parent-Teacher Meetings (Early)
25th: 6RH Science @ Charterhouse
28th: Y4 Sportshall Athletics @ Broadwater

December

1st: Autumn Attendance Letters sent out
2nd: 6RH Science @ Charterhouse
10th—12th: **10R—Human Rights Week (4)**

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