



Godalming Junior School

Newsletter

Autumn 5

2nd October 2026

"Confidence means to have a positive mind-set - Rosie Y6

School Dates

October

5th: 10R—Healthy Week
7th: Y5 Tilford Mosque Trip
9th: Hello Yellow Mufti—in aid of Young Minds

15th: PTA Disco—Postponed
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
17th: Parent-Teacher Meetings (Late)
19th: Parent-Teacher Meetings (Early)
23rd - 26th: Y4 Bikeability (Level 1)

December
7th - 11th: 10R - Human Rights Week
11th: PTA Christmas Fair - TBC
14th: Y3 Carols by Candlelight @ 9.15am
15th: Y4 Carols by Candlelight @ 9.15am
16th: Y5 Carols by Candlelight @ 9.15am
17th: Y6 Carols by Candlelight @ 9.15am
18th: Charity Christmas Clothes Mufti Day
18th: End of Term @ 1.30pm

Inset Days 2026-27

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

Latest News

Parking

Can we remind parents and carers that despite the difficulties families may experience each morning, we do ask everyone to model the school values and behaviours we expect from the children when dropping off and picking up. This includes being respectful of each other, respecting the parking restrictions immediately close to school entrances and keeping safe at all times.

Sayers Croft

Thank you to everyone who attended the online meeting this week to inform parents in Year 4 about the residential trip later in the year. The office team will be in touch when we will begin accepting Arbor payments. The slides from the presentation, the kit list for the trip and the video from previous years can be found on the school website [here](#).

PTA Announcement

We are hopeful that at the PTA AGM next week a new Chair will be appointed, along with other committee roles. We have, however, reluctantly taken the decision to postpone the Autumn Disco while the committee is finalised.

PTA AGM (all welcome) - 7pm on Wed 7th October @ The Cricketers Pub, Farncombe.

Godalming Museum Art Competition

We are excited to share that Godalming Museum is running an art competition inspired by the beautiful garden designs of Gertrude Jekyll, who described herself as an "artist gardener". The challenge is to create an original piece of artwork for a 2027 Flower of the Month Calendar. Further details can be found [here](#). Happy creating!

Our in focus value is: CONFIDENCE

We continue to share examples of confidence, talk about the value and celebrate when we see it in action. Namely, ALL the Year 3 children who took part in our inter house 'Chippie Chase' event last week as the newest members of the school! Rosie in Year 6 has summed up **confidence** brilliantly this week and we continue to encourage 'Home Talks' around our values 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 when children demonstrate examples of confidence outside school!

10R - Poetry Week

Our first 10richment week this year
Was to write poems for all to hear
We proudly read them aloud to all
In class and assembly in the hall
And as we reach the end this week
More poetry do try to seek!

10R - Healthy Week

We follow Poetry Week with Healthy Week, 10richment week number 2 of the year! Over the course of the week different year groups will focus on different elements of healthy lifestyles. Year 3 focus on diet and nutrition, Year 4 on the importance of maintaining physical health, Year 5 focus on mental health and wellbeing and Year 6 'dive deeper' into healthy relationships. This culminates in recognising World Mental Health day by holding our annual #HelloYellow mufti day in support of the work of [Young Minds](#), the UK's leading mental health charity for young people. Children are asked to show their YELLOW and bring in a minimum donation of £1 next Friday!

House Points

Neptune	1898
Mars	1777
Saturn	1594
Jupiter	1522



Sport News

With football trials well under way and our first successful inter house event in the rear view mirror, our attention turns to the annual cross country event, which this year moves from Glebelands to Broadwater School. Whilst there are more details to follow about the new venue; the event, for ALL year groups, will take place during the afternoon of **Saturday 7th November**.

Following our next round of football trials today, we will be informing the children of the teams shortly. The upper school girls trials will take place on:

Friday 16th October

Those in year 5 and 6 who are interested are to come to school in PE kit on this day.

GJS Pupil of the Week

3EC	Fern
3JA	Kitty
4AR	Thomas M
4KW	Everley
5BM	Beatrix
5KR	Rowan
6RH	Kayden
6MS	Julia

