



# Newsletter

This year, we are supporting:



*'Independence means thinking for yourself, standing up for what you believe in and not following a crowd' Nyah –Year 6*

## Latest News



### Hats and Sun Cream

As the weather begins to become sunnier and warmer, we recommend that children bring a hat to school each day. GJS hats are available from the school office. We also recommend sun-cream being applied before children come to school to ensure we are all being as safe as we can in the sun.

### Attendance @ GJS

Following on from the attendance letter sent last week, this is a reminder that the school does not authorise **any** holidays taken during term time and violating this policy may lead to a penalty notice being issued. More information can be found in the school Attendance Policy that can be found on the website [here](#).

### Our VALUE in focus is: Independence

We continue to share perspectives and thoughts of the children across the school in our weekly newsletter in the shape of the 'what it means to me' value statements. George in Year 3 summed it up nicely last week. This week, Nyah in Year 6 shares her interpretation of what the value means to her. We also 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 *independence*, what it means to you, the behaviours that engender the value and those which do not. Please also celebrate and praise your child when they have shown examples of independence like engaging in sports trials, remembering equipment, preparing to go to Sayers Croft in Year 4 and generally becoming more and more ready for next year!

### Jewellery

A reminder that children must remove jewellery, including Fit-Bits and watches, when taking part in PE lessons as this is school policy. Earrings must be removed too and the children must do this themselves as we do not use tape to cover them up. We do ask that piercing takes place during the summer holidays to ensure children do not miss PE lessons.

### RSPB Bird Feeder Advice

You may have seen a news item over the last couple of weeks about a disease affecting a number of species of birds that can be spread by garden bird feeders in the summer months. More information can be found on the RSPB website [here](#). It is advised that bird feeders are regularly cleaned, and put away between the months of May and October when food sources for birds are more plentiful. Our Sensory Garden feeder will not be filled for the summer months and we urge members of our community to do the same.

### Club Pick Up

We would like to remind parents that children must be picked up promptly following any after school club as the school office is not manned beyond 4.20pm. If this is not possible, we do ask that you consider sending your child to Koosa's after school care club.

### GJS Car Park—End of Clubs

Please could parents and carers make sure that when collecting children from after school clubs they do not wait in the entrance to the car park, or in the car park itself. It is very difficult for staff to exit safely otherwise. Thank you.

### And finally...

Thank you to everyone who has accessed the Ofsted Parent View site to complete the Parent Survey. We are due to be inspected at some point this term and in preparation for this, the local authority has provided a quick guide to the new inspection framework explaining the new grading system. You will be receiving a copy along with the newsletter this week. Please see Mr Samson if you have any questions.



**House Points**

Jupiter	1066
Neptune	1036
Mars	959
Saturn	866

**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

## School Disco—Tuesday 19th May

Years 3 and 4 6-7pm, Years 5 and 6 7.15-8.15pm

We are delighted to be able to announce an additional PTA disco this term. This disco is provided by 'The Music Works' and ALL takings will go directly to the school.

Tickets are £5 (which includes a drink and snack) 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.

## New PTA Chair Needed!

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 out to ellenrintila@gmail.com who can give you an overview of what is involved.

## Save the Date

GJS Summer Fair—Friday 10th July

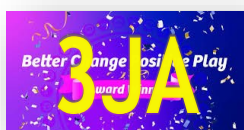
## School Achievement

### Pupils of the Week

3EC — Autumn-Mai  
3JA — Preston  
4AL — Pearl  
4AR — Maren  
5KR — Sophia  
5KW — Isabella  
6RH — Niko  
6SC — Toby



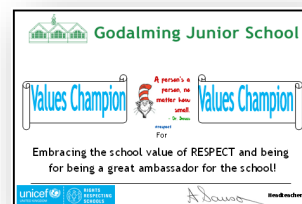
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### Respect Values Champions

3JA — George  
3EC — Alexander  
4AR — Leona  
4AL — Beatrix  
5KW — Luna  
5KR — Sophie  
6RH — Joey  
6SC — Lily



## Sports News

### Year 6 Netball Tournament

Year 6 had a fun morning at Rodborough on Wednesday. They played brilliantly and won all their group matches. They got through to the final where they played a fast-paced game, but unfortunately lost, meaning they came second overall. As always, they represented the school superbly and Mrs Munz and Mrs Williams were very proud of them! We hope they continue to enjoy netball as they move onto secondary school.

### Years 5 and 6 Rounders Trials

Any child in Years 5 and 6 who would like to try out for a rounders tournament should come to school in PE kit next Friday, 8th May. No sign up needed. Please note—this is not open to children who are already in the cricket team, as it clashes with cricket training.



## Diary Dates

### Summer 2026

May	
5th:	Y5 Swimming
7th:	James Rattue Values Assembly
11th-14th:	Y6 SATs
12th:	Y5 Swimming
13th:	Y3/4 Football Tournament @ Rodborough 3.45-5.15pm
18th:	Y3 Visit to Haslemere Museum
19th:	Y5 Swimming
19th:	PTA Discos
21st:	Class Photos (Winter Uniform)
22nd:	<b>INSET DAY</b>
June	
1st-5th:	10R—International Week
2nd:	Y5 Boys Kwik Cricket Tournament @ FCC
4th:	Y4 Kwik Cricket Tournament @ FCC
4th:	Y5/6 Rounders Competition @ Broadwater School 3.00-5.00pm
9th:	Y3/5 Sports Day
10th:	Y5/6 Girls Cricket Tournament @ FCC
11th:	Y4/6 Sports Day
13th:	ChoirBlast
16th-18th:	Y4 @ Sayers Croft
15th-19th:	Y6 Bikeability
16th-17th:	Y3 Walking Training
22nd-25th:	Y6 Bikeability
23rd:	Y6 Boys Kwik Cricket Tournament @ FCC
26th:	Y5/6 'G-Ashes' @ FCC 9.00-1.15pm

### Inset Days 2025-26

Wednesday 2nd September 2025  
Monday 2nd November 2025  
Friday 13th February 2026  
Monday 13th April 2026  
Friday 22nd May 2026

### 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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