# Godalming Junior School

# Newsletter

**Autumn 11**
**27th November 2026**
***"Community means being part of a group who are responsible and kind" - Espen Y4***

## School Dates

### Autumn 2026

**November**
28th: The Snowman 'Live'
30th: Y3 Football Tournament @ Broadwater

**December**
1st: Y4 Football Tournament @ Broadwater
3rd: US Sports Hall Competition @ W. Hill
4th: **Christmas Fair Mufti - Bottle Tom.**
7th-11th: **10R** - Human Rights Week
11th: **Christmas Fair Mufti - Jolly Jam Jars**
11th: PTA Christmas Fair - 5.00 - 7.00pm
12th: Choir Blast Does Christmas
14th: Y3 Carols by Candlelight @ 9.15am
15th: Y4 Carols by Candlelight @ 9.15am
16th: Y5 Carols by Candlelight @ 9.15am
16th: Christmas Lunch
17th: Y6 Carols by Candlelight @ 9.15am
18th: **Charity Christmas Clothes Mufti**
18th: **End of Term @ 1.30pm**

### Spring 2027

**January**
4th: Beginning of Term
12th: Y4 Sports Hall Competition @ B'Water
18th - 22nd: 10R - Hero Week
18th: MLK Day
22nd: Hero Mufti

***Home Talk Idea***
*You could discuss, as a family, the value of living in a **democratic** society and what YOU would do if you were in charge of the UK and why*

## Inset Days 2026-27

- **Friday 12th February 2027**
- Monday 12th April 2027
- Friday 28th May 2027

## Latest News

### Year 4 This Week

With the help of the SCC Bikeability team, Year 4 learnt how to handle their bikes safely this week. It was great to watch them develop their cycling skills on the playground for their 'Level 1'. Year 4 also welcomed local artist Honey Dearsley, who explored Greek art with half of the year group. The children were a great credit to the school, showing respect and enthusiasm. The rest of Y4 were also treated to a special art skills lesson, and we hope they can enjoy a similar artist experience in the summer term.

**PTA Christmas Fair**

Thank you for your generous hamper donations today. Further mufti dates:

**Friday 4th December—Bottles for Tombola**
**Friday 11th December—Jolly Jam Jars**

We will once again be running the token scheme to pay for the games and stalls. The value of each token is 50p, and the stalls will cost either 50p or £1, so either 1 or 2 tokens. The tokens can be pre-purchased by making a bank transfer to the Godalming Junior School Association, Sort Code 30-99-50, account number 65867168 (please add child's name and class in payment reference). Cash will also be taken on the night, and card at the bar and BBQ.

### Value Champions: COMMUNITY

In the run up to Christmas, our 'in-focus' value continues to be **community**. At this time of year when we look out for loved ones, continue to be kind, selfless and make every effort to live up to our values; we remember how important it is to be part of different **communities**. **Espen**, in Year 4, captures what we strive to do at GJS so well this week!

**James Rattue Return**

This week we welcomed back Rector James Rattue from St John's Church, Farncombe who once again delivered a wonderfully thoughtful and relevant assembly to the children on the importance of **community**, our 'in-focus' value. It is always a pleasure to welcome James to GJS and we appreciate the time he commits to our wonderful school.

### Parliament Week @ GJS

This week the children learnt about the UK parliament system and considered what they would prioritise if they were in charge as leaders of the GJS Party!

**GJS Choir**

Good luck to our wonderful school choir who perform at the Wilfrid Noyce tomorrow with the Godalming Band in 'The Snowman'. This is the second time we have been invited to perform this festive favourite with the Godalming Band and it sure to be spectacular!

## House Points

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| Neptune | 1270 |
| Jupiter | 1241 |
| Mars | 1186 |
| Saturn | 963 |

## Sports News

Congratulations to our 'inaugural' Broad-Rox squad who were put through their paces at Broadwater on Monday, coming 3rd overall!

It was further 'podium success' for our upper school basketball teams at Rodborough on Wednesday evening with the Year 6 team coming 3rd overall and our Year 5 team coming 2nd!

Next Fit Friday:
**4th December** - Y4 Sports Hall Ath. Trials

Children involved in these sessions must come to school in PE kits

## ☆ Pupil of the Week ☆

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| 3EC | Ivy |
| 3JA | Maddie |
| 4AR | Autumn-Mai |
| 4KW | Riley |
| 5BM | Arthur |
| 5KR | Melisa |
| 6RL | Luna |
| 6MS | Bodhi |

