



Newsletter

"You can't use up creativity: The more you use, the more you have" - Maya Angelou

Latest News

This year we are supporting:

SAMARITANS

INTERNATIONAL WEEK



International Week

This week, GJS pupils grabbed their passports and boarded numerous 'flights' to travel around Asia to celebrate International Week. The children took part in a range of activities centred around the country they were visiting. In Japan, the children learned the ancient art of origami and created some personal goals to put onto their own Durama Dolls. In Nepal, they learned about the Himalayas and made mountain picture collages, while in Bangladesh, they learned the popular sport of Kabaddi. When visiting the UAE, pupils competed to build the tallest tower and in India, they made their own Rangoli art. A trip to Vietnam saw the children making spring rolls and finally, they learned how to centre themselves with Tai-Chi when travelling to Pan-Asia, specifically in China. Both staff and children had a fantastic week sharing their experiences of different cultures with each other and I think many people mirror Toby's (3AR) thoughts about the week: "I've loved it so much I am already excited about next year! Where are we heading then?"

First Aid

Year 6 would like to express their heartfelt thanks to Mr Atkins who visited this afternoon to provide first aid training. The children covered a range of first aid scenarios: choking, CPR, unconscious patient and bleeding. They listened attentively and Mr Atkins was very engaging. All of our Year 6 pupils have learned vital lessons today!

Sun Protection

As the weather is looking very warm next week, please ensure that all children come to school with a water bottle, sunhat and have sun-cream applied before school (please ensure it does not contain any nut oil).

Lost Property

The Lost Property was emptied at the end of the last half term, and is now overflowing again! If your child is missing anything please ask them to check for it in Lost Property, and please ensure ALL items are named so we can return to the owner.

School Access 2025-26

Following a recent safeguarding review of the school site, the school welfare team has taken the decision to disable the Meadow school gate at the end of the school day from September. This will only be used next year in the case of emergencies. At the beginning and end of each day both the Marshall Road and Hallam Road gate will continue to be used and there will be a staff presence at the end of each day, like there has been at the beginning of the day, at the Marshall Road gate as this is where most children leave the school site independently. We are informing parents now so appropriate measures and changes can be arranged before **Thursday 4th September**, the first day of next term.

Walking Home Policy Change 2025-26

We will also be changing our Walking Home Policy from September 2025, which will see ONLY those in the upper school leave the school at the end of the day independently. The only children who will be able to leave the school site at the end of the day in the lower school are those with older siblings in the upper phase of the school, who they leave with each day. Once again, we are informing parents now so any arrangements can be made as early as possible in preparation for September. We thank you for your understanding that making these changes will make routines and practices at GJS even safer for the children here.

Attendance

We would like to remind parents that where a child is taken out of school for 10 sessions or more and the 'leave of absence' is without the authority of the Headteacher, each parent is liable to receive a penalty notice for each child who is absent. If a parent/carer has not incurred a penalty notice relating to the relevant child/children since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court. Further information is given within our [Attendance Policy](#).

Wellbeing Support That's Out There

At GJS, we know that at any point people might be facing challenges or difficulties in their personal life, within their family or at work. We also know that it can be really hard to reach out and find the support that's out there. With that in mind, we've made a range of information padlets that can be accessed by anyone, at any time and completely anonymously. Within them is a range of guidance, strategies, and agencies that might be of use so please do save the link and spend some time seeing what support is out there, just in case it's ever needed.

Support and guidance for helping children with their mental health

Additional support agencies

If you have any questions then please don't hesitate to contact Miss Coleman, the Wellbeing Lead.

Asthma Support for Parents/Carers

The Surrey Heartlands children and young people's team are hosting a half hour session for parents and carers enabling them to understand and take better control of their child's asthma. This will take place online on Wednesday 18th June, 7.30-8pm. Please [click here to book](#).

Our 'in focus' value: CREATIVITY

This term, we turn our attention to the value of CREATIVITY, when the children will learn the importance of this value, what it 'looks like' at GJS, how we try and engender a culture of this value at school and the importance of learning a new skill, language or instrument in order to be more creative! We focus on this value during a time when we will be considering roles for the Year 6 production, holding auditions for our inaugural 'G-Fest' event and inviting Music Works back to GJS for their musical showcase! Once again, any 'home talks' you can have with the children on the value is always much appreciated.

And Finally...

Surrey School Term Dates are changing to extend the autumn half term break in 2026-27 to 2 weeks, to align more with some private schools and some multi-academy trusts. It is important to note that this is not an 'extra' week of school holidays, rather a 'shift' of dates, as the additional week for the half term break will be 'made up' by breaking up for the summer that year a week later than usual. We are welcoming any views parents have on this potential change, as GJS has always historically adopted the Surrey Term Dates and are keen to inform parents what our plans intend to be before the end of term. Incidentally, this will only affect those in our current year 3 and 4 year groups. Feel free to pass on your views to school leaders via the school office, by email or in person before or after school.



House Points

Saturn	583
Neptune	552
Jupiter	455
Mars	349



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

Our Deputy Designated Safeguard Leads are:
Mr MacIver—Deputy HT
Mrs Wilkinson—SENCo
Mrs Munz—Bursar
Mrs Kirby—HSLW

'It's everyone's business'

PTA News

Summer Fair—Friday 11th July 6.00–8.30pm

The plans for the summer fair are in full swing. We will have stalls with plenty of activities. More importantly, we will have the much needed bar and BBQ. To accompany the fair we have the usual MUFTI days to aid with donations to some of the stalls.

Friday 4th July—Bottle Tombola

Friday 11th July— Jolly Jam Jars

All donations to be dropped off in the Music Room as usual on arrival to school.

We are still in urgent need of a new Chair and Treasurer to help with the running of the PTA (these roles could be shared between two or three people). Without a Chair or Treasurer we can't function as a charity. If you are interested in getting involved with the PTA, or want to know more details, please reach out to Phil (philipdcurtis@hotmail.com) or Rhian (Rhianhooper@hotmail.com) who can give you an overview of what is required.

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week

- 3AR – Dylan
- 3EC – Joey
- 4JS – Juliet
- 4NS – Ella
- 5NM – Theo
- 5KW – Farley
- 6EM – Archie
- 6SD – Oscar



98%

TRUST Values Champions

- 3AR – Dylan
- 3EC – Anne-Marie
- 4JS – Florrie
- 4NS – Archie
- 5KW – Maddie
- 5NM – Warwick
- 6EM – Harry
- 6SD – Loretta



Sports News

Cricket Mania @ GJS!

GJS got caught up in cricket mania this week with BOTH our boys and girls winning their respective Waverley Schools Kwik Cricket Competitions!

On Monday it was the turn of the upper school girls to RETAIN the shield they won last year by beating Loseley Fields, Wonersh and Tillingbourne on the way to beating Wonersh AGAIN in a close fought rematch final!

Then it was the turn of the Year 5 boys on Tuesday to attempt to get their names on their shield for the first time! The boys beat Wonersh and Loseley Fields in their group before facing off against Busbridge in the semi-final and then beating St James in a close fought match in the final!

Both teams now go through to county finals in the coming weeks, Year 6 boys have their event next Tuesday and Year 4 have their event the following week. We finish off our season of cricket at GJS with our G-Ashes events, starting on the 27th for the upper school at Farncombe Cricket Club before the lower school events the following week at school.

A great effort by all children who did the school and themselves super-proud!



Diary Dates

Summer 2025

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| June | |
| 14th: | Choir Blast |
| 16th–18th: | Y4 @ Sayers Croft |
| 17th: | Y6 Kwik Cricket Tournament @ FCC 1.00–4.30pm |
| 18th: | Y3 Trip to Haslemere Museum |
| 24th: | 5KW Trip to Godalming Museum |
| 25th: | Y5 Boys County Cricket Finals |
| 25th: | 5NM Trip to Godalming Museum |
| 25th: | Y4 Kwik Cricket Tournament @ FCC 1.00–4.30pm |
| 26th: | Y6 Junior Citizens Event @ Guildford Spectrum |
| 27th: | Y5/6 'G-Ashes' @ FCC 9.00pm–2.00pm |
| July | |
| 1st: | 'Bump Up' Day |
| 2nd: | Y5/6 Girls County Cricket Finals |
| 7th–11th: | 10R—Arts Week |
| 8th: | 'The Forest in Between' Y6 transition event |
| 9th and 10th: | Y6 Production 'Oliver with a Twist' @ 7.00pm |
| 9th: | Music Works Showcase |
| 10th: | District Sports @ The Spectrum |

Inset Days 2025-26

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

Friday 13th February 2026

Monday 13th April 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026