



Newsletter



"Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none" - William Shakespeare

Latest News

This year we are supporting:

SAMARITANS

Our 'in focus' value: TRUST

This half term, we continue to focus on the value of **TRUST**, 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 building and maintaining **TRUST** and that it needs nurturing to avoid it being broken. Once again, any 'home talks' you can have with the children on the value is always much appreciated.

80th Anniversary of VE Day 1945–2025 'Letters of Peace' theme—Thursday 8th May

This year to coincide with the 80th Anniversary of VE Day, GJS will be focusing on the theme of 'peace' rather than the message of victory at a time when much of the world could do with more peace in people's lives! We will be running activities on this day; asking members of the community to write letters advocating the importance of peace. This could be in the form of a formal letter, an email or even a post-it note! They could also be written to people in history, prominent leaders in the world, friends or members of the family! We will be hoping parents, staff, governors as well as the children take part and send their peace letters into Mr Samson who will be collating all 'entries' and displaying examples around the school. We will also be holding a **red, white** or/and **blue** mufti day on the 8th and even the school lunches will have a peace theme that day!

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.

Attendance

Once again, we continue to enjoy high levels of attendance (97%) and very low levels of persistent absence (5%). Thank you to all the families who continue to keep school attendance an area of strength at GJS. We would like to take this time to remind families that **ALL** gates are closed at **8.35am**, as this is the time children should be in class as registers are being taken at this time.

Summer Uniform

As we move into the summer term children may choose to wear their smart summer uniform. You can find the school uniform policy [here](#). Please note that though winter uniform is still an option, the children are required to wear a tie IF they are wearing the 'winter' shirt. Please can you inform the school office or your child's teacher if for any reason you are experiencing any uniform issues and ensure all uniform is named. **Please also note that children must be dressed in full winter uniform on 5th June when their class photographs will be taken.** Please email the office if you require any second hand uniform, and new uniform can be ordered through Arbor.

Lunch Menus

New lunch menus can be found [here](#) on the school website. Polite reminder that children can either have school dinners or packed lunch every day, or, if they wish, children having packed lunch can opt into school dinners, but they must **only** do this on a Wednesday and/or Friday.

Finally...

With the warm weather this week, it has been great to see so many children with water bottles, hats and being sensible at lunch time taking their own 'time-outs' from games to stay cool. Should there be further warmer weather this term we may shorten lunchtimes **OUTSIDE** in order to give the children a 'cool down' period before afternoon sessions. Please also ensure that children have a water bottle in school every day, regardless of the temperature!



House Points (Last week)

Saturn	1101
Neptune	993
Mars	809
Jupiter	739



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

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

'It's everyone's business'

PTA News

URGENT

We are 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 (philipcurtis@hotmail.com) or Rhian (Rhianhooper@hotmail.com) who can give you an overview of what is required.

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week (from last week)

- 3AR – Soban
- 3EC – Freddie
- 4JS – Flora
- 4NS – Maria
- 5NM – Isobel
- 5KW – Leighton
- 6EM – Harry
- 6SD – Sam



98%

TOLERANCE Values Champions

- 3AR – Annabel
- 3EC – Finn
- 4JS – Milly
- 4NS – Ella
- 5KW – Henry
- 5NM – Sam
- 6EM – Ollie
- 6SD – Henry Cu



Sports News

Year 5 and 6 Football Tournament @ Rodborough

Well done to all the children who represented GJS so well, once again, at the final football event of the season at Rodborough School. Both teams went into the event with the shadow of Year 4's success last week hovering and both teams rose to the occasion! In warm conditions Year 6 came 2nd overall and Year 5 were victors in their age category...similar to Year 4 last week, winning the event by winning each game and not conceding a single goal!

ALL representatives of GJS continue to be wonderful ambassadors of the school and this makes these events run even more smoothly and a pleasure to attend.

Thank you to Tamsin Burgess for her assisting with the Year 5 team!



Diary Dates

Summer 2025

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| May | |
| 6th: | Y4 Roman Day |
| 8th: | 80th Anniversary – VE Day |
| 12th–16th: | SATs Week |
| 13th: | Croquet Club – Taster Session @ Guildford & Godalming Croquet Club |
| 20th: | Sports Day (1) - Year 3 am – Year 5 pm |
| 21st: | Sports Day (2) - Year 4 am – Year 6 pm |
| 23rd: | INSET DAY |
| June | |
| 3rd: | Y5 Kwik Cricket Tournament @ FCC 1.00–5.00pm |
| 5th: | School Photos (Winter uniform) |
| 9th–13th: | 10R – International Week – Asia |
| 9th: | Y5/6 Kwik Cricket Tournament @ FCC 1.00-5.00pm |
| 14th: | Choir Blast |
| 16th–18th: | Y4 @ Sayers Croft |

Inset Days 2024-25

- ~~Monday 2nd September 2024~~
- ~~Friday 25th October 2024~~
- ~~Friday 14th February 2025~~
- ~~Tuesday 22nd April 2025~~
- Friday 23rd May 2025**