

Newsletter

"Tolerance and compassion are qualities of fearless people" - Paulo Coelho

Latest News

This year we are supporting:

SAMARITANS

Re Day

RE Day

On Thursday, we were joined by Andy and Annette from the Trinity Trust Team for our Easter RE day. The day started with a brilliant assembly by Andy and Annette, based on 'The Selfish Giant' by Oscar Wilde, followed by in-class sessions around the Easter story. Each year group had their own focus for the morning which led to interesting discussions around Christian beliefs and the events of Easter. The children then had the opportunity to show their understanding through a range of creative outlets including drama, diary entries and artwork.

Our TOLERANCE Values Champions

Congratulations to ALL children presented this morning during our final Celebration Assembly of the spring term. These were children who have embodied the value of TOLERANCE and have been true ambassadors for the school. A list of the Values Champions can be found on the reverse of the newsletter!

Writing TRANSFORMERS

Today we celebrated the recipients of our spring Writing Transformer awards. These are children who have **TRANSFORMED** their writing since September, and whose work is displayed in the school hall. Accompanying the work displayed, is a blurb explaining WHY this person has been chosen. We celebrate a child from each class, each term as we continue to keep writing an 'in focus' area.

KOOSA News

Please click [here](#) for more information on the holiday club that KOOSA will be running at GJS, starting in the Easter holidays. We also continue to provide our Breakfast Club for GJS children in partnership with KOOSA. This is open from 7.45am and is run by GJS staff. A breakfast of cereal, toast and fresh fruit will be provided daily!

Train to Teach in Godalming

There will be a Train to Teach in Godalming information webinar on **Wednesday 30th April**, 7-8pm. If you are interested and would like tickets, please click [here](#).

Workshop "Supporting Your Anxious Child"

On Monday 28th April at 7pm, a free virtual workshop for parents of children of any age, dealing with any type of anxiety, is taking place, run by Katrina Batey from Parenting Anxious Children. In this workshop they'll be talking about crucial things that parents need to understand about anxiety, and some really impactful things that you can do to genuinely help your child to overcome their anxiety. Register for the workshop [here](#).

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. Well done to 5NM with the highest levels of attendance this term (98%) and also for being the recipients of the AB Star Break-Time Award for the spring term! 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. For those who struggle to get in on time, we do ask that you review routines over the holiday so that we make improvements to our time keeping next term, thank you.

Staffing News

As we begin to look to next year, we are pleased to announce that both Mrs Avenell and Miss Holcombe will be returning to the school next term from maternity leave, and I am sure you will join us in congratulating Miss Martin who will be going off on her maternity leave in the autumn term as she is expecting her first child! As the year progresses, we will be sure to keep you updated with all transition and staffing arrangements.

Summer Uniform

As we move into the summer term children may return to school in 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.** Second-hand summer dresses will be available in the office for the first week back, priced at £3 (card payment preferred). Please email in advance if you require any other second hand uniform, and new uniform can be ordered through Arbor.

And Finally...

We would like to wish the whole of the GJS community a very happy, restful and enjoyable Easter break, whatever you choose to do! We hope the lovely weather continues and everyone gets a chance to recharge before the summer term gets underway. Just a reminder that we do have our School Improvement Planning inset day on **Tuesday 22nd April** and look forward to seeing the children back on **Wednesday 23rd**.



House Points

Saturn	15004
Mars	14733
Jupiter	13862
Neptune	11705




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

A huge thank you to all those who attended and helped out at the PTA Quiz last Friday. Again another close finish, with a one point win to "Les Quizerables". The night itself raised £1010, which will go to replacing the digital keyboard (piano) and help fund experience days. So a massive thanks to all those thirsty attendees!

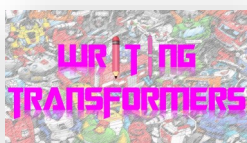
Our School Disco also raised an impressive £505, which will contribute to experience days and the new school benches. Thanks to all those, including the parents, who came and busted some shapes.

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

School Achievement

Writing TRANSFORMERS

3AR – Beatrix
3EC – Christian
4JS – Dylan D
4NS – Isobel
5NM – Warwick
5KW – Florence
6EM – Maggie
6SD – Remy



98%

TOLERANCE Values Champions

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



Sports News

Well done to ALL the children who continue to put themselves forward to represent the school, attend trials and represent the school so well. Whether the teams 'succeed' or not, the priority is always to be the best ambassadors of the school as possible and EVERYONE continues to do this so well.

GJS has participated in ALL events on offer so far this year and this has meant over half of the children (136 – 57%) has represented the school. This number will continue to grow as we begin to look towards the summer season of events such as cricket, district sports and rounders events. We will keep you updated as the term progresses

83% of the school have represented their house so far this year

AND...57% of children have represented the school so far this year

Godalming Junior School

Diary Dates

Spring 2025

4th:	End of Term @ 1.15pm
22nd:	INSET DAY
23rd:	Start of Summer Term
24th:	Y5 & Y6 Netball Tournament @ Rodborough
24th:	Y4 Football Tournament @ Rodborough
28th:	District Sports trials begin
May	
1st:	Y5 & Y6 Football Tournament @ Rodborough
8th:	80th Anniversary – VE Day
12th–16th:	SATs Week
13th:	Croquet Club – Taster Session @ Guildford & Godalming
20th:	Sports Day (1) - Year 3 am – Year 5 pm
21st:	Sports Day (2) - Year 4 am – Year 6 pm
23rd:	INSET DAY

Inset Days 2024-25

Monday 2nd September 2024

Friday 25th October 2024

Friday 14th February 2025

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Friday 23rd May 2025