



Newsletter

"Life is about your growth, not your trophies" - Bear Grylls

Latest News



Welcome Back

Welcome back to every member of the GJS community and a special welcome to our new families to the school! We all hope you had a wonderful summer; seeing loved ones, being active, relaxing and generally 'switching off'. Every child has started back to life at school with great energy, optimism and an eagerness to learn! It is sure to be a fantastic year with so much going on across the school! Our first 10 enrichment weeks take place this term, our inter-house events get underway, our Year 3 PTA Welcome BBQ takes place next week and Year 6 are sure to enjoy their residential trip to UKSA very soon. Next week it will be great to see as many of you as possible at our Curriculum Evenings and we hope you find out a little more about life in your child's year group this coming year.

Our VALUE in focus is: RESILIENCE

This year we will continue to immerse the children during school assemblies, circle times and PSHE lessons in our school values. Each half term we learn about, promote, reflect and consider one of our 'Desirable Dozen' values and what these values 'look like' in others, in our behaviours, in society and consider ways we can develop these values in ourselves. At GJS we hold our values very dear and believe that during their time here, whilst becoming academically successful, we want EVERY child to become more socially and emotionally aware and equipped to deal with challenges they face, in school and out. Our unique values education plays a significant part in achieving this and helps the behaviour and levels of attendance at GJS continue to be a true strength.

This term, fittingly with children moving year groups and new children joining the school, our first 'in focus' value is **RESILIENCE**. All staff will be on the 'look out' for children displaying *resilience* in lessons, on the playground and even during their residential trip away from home! The more this can be further reinforced at home, the better. Please feel free to have 'home talks' on our values and maybe even share examples when YOU have had to show *resilience*, face your fears and generally YOUR views on the value and the importance of being *resilient* in life!



Mobile Phones and Smart Devices

If you feel it is necessary for your child to have a mobile phone in school, a request form must be completed and sent to the Headteacher. If accepted, the phone/device must be handed into the school office when your child arrives at school in the morning and collected at the end of the school day. This year we will not be accepting smart devices as we are now a Smart Phone Free school.

Medical Forms

Please ensure that any necessary regular medication, including inhalers, are given into the office, along with a new form for this academic year.

Going Home Forms

The Going Home Arrangements form that you were emailed earlier this week needs to be returned by Monday please, along with a Independent Leaver form if applicable.

Parking at Pick Up Time

We kindly ask that all parents refrain from using our car park for school drop offs (including for Breakfast Club) and pick ups, and consider using alternative parking/pick up options as we value our relationship with neighbouring residents and businesses, especially Majestic, who allow us to use the car park for our coaches on school trip days.

Earrings

In line with our school uniform policy, please ensure that only stud earrings are worn to school. **Children need to be able to remove them for PE**, or if they are unable to do them themselves they should not wear them on their PE day. Staff are not permitted to remove them for children.

Governor Vacancies

With a number of governors reaching the end of their service terms, we have vacancies on the governing body. If you are interested in becoming a school governor, please arrange to speak to our headteacher, Adam Samson via the school office or to the Clerk of the Governing Body, Shannon Hall via clerk@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk.

PE Days Reminder

Please note that PE days this year are:

Monday-Year 4

Tuesday-Year 5

Wednesday-Year 6

Thursday-Year 3

House Points

Saturn	45455
Mars	44151
Neptune	42627
Jupiter	40798



**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

Welcome back to school from the PTA, hope you've all had a great summer. As it's the start of the year we are on the look out for year 3 class reps. If interested please let the office know and we will be in contact directly. If you would like to be involved with the PTA and can help out, please reach out to Phil (chairman).

Welcome BBQ Friday 12th September—We'd like to invite all Year 3 families to the school and meet teachers, parents and members of the PTA. The event will run from 5.30pm to 7.30pm with a cash/card bar and BBQ. Would be great to see as many of you as possible (fingers crossed on the weather).

Upcoming Events:

PTA AGM—Wednesday 1st October

Autumn Disco—Wednesday 22nd October

Christmas Fair—Friday 12th December

School Achievement

Writing TRANSFORMERS—Summer

3AR — DYLAN

3EC — SKYE

4JS — JONAH

4NS — KAYDEN

5NM — BENJAMIN

5KW — BERTIE

6EM — ELENA

6SD — LULU



CREATIVITY Values Champions

3AR — Isabella

3EC — ARCHIE

4JS — Pru

4NS — Theo

5KW — Samuel C

5NM — SOLOMON

6EM — Khali

6SD — Felicity



Sports News

Sport at GJS

This year we have even more events and opportunities for the children at GJS to engage in physical activity, represent the school and their houses. Last year **EVERY** child represented their house through either entering the 'Chippie Chase' Cross Country Run in September, our Football Tournament in January, our Sports Day in May or our Cricket Tournament in June. Over 200 children, 92% of the school, represented the school in either football, benchball, basketball, swimming, cross-country, netball, sports-hall athletics, district sports or cricket! We will continue this year to offer a combination of both inclusive and competitive events for ALL year groups.

Next week Mr Samson will be sharing initial details of our first house event, the annual 'Chippie Chase' fun run on **Friday 26th September** during the school afternoon. Children will be made aware of the course, which is either a lap of Chippie Park in the lower school and 2 laps for those in the upper school. There will be a boys race and a girls race in each year group and signing up starts from Monday. More details to follow...

Diary Dates

Autumn 2025

September

9th: Y3 Curriculum Evening @ 6.00pm
9th: Y4 Curriculum Evening @ 7.00pm
10th: Y5 Curriculum Evening @ 6.00pm
10th: Y6 Curriculum Evening @ 7.00pm
12th: House Elections
12th: PTA Y3 Welcome BBQ
15th—19th: Y6 Trip to UKSA
16th: VR Day
26th: Inter-House 'Chippie Chase' Fun Run
29th—3rd: 10R—Poetry Week

October

2nd: Football Tournament @ Tillingbourne—pm
6th—10th: 10R—Healthy Week
10th: Young Minds 'Hello Yellow' Mufti Day
16th: Girls Football Tournament @ Tillingbourne—pm
22nd: PTA Disco
27th—31st: HALF TERM

November

3rd: INSET DAY
8th: Prospective Parent Tour (1) @ 10.00am
10th—14th: 10R—Remembrance Week
10th: Prospective Parent Tour (2) @ 10.45am

Inset Days 2025-26

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

Friday 13th February 2026

Monday 13th April 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026