

Newsletter

This year, we are supporting:



'Independence means to try your best, believe in yourself and be brave enough to stand out' Pru –Year 5

Latest News

Welcome Back

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and are ready for a full summer calendar! Watch this space for upcoming enrichment and sporting events taking place this term!

Our VALUE in focus is: Independence

As we head towards the latter part of the year, it is only right that our 'in focus' value is *independence*. This term is when we should be seeing examples of this value in all walks of school life. Children are the most familiar with their surroundings, preparations are being made to move to new year groups and in the case of Year 6, preparations are being made for them to transition smoothly to their secondary schools. We will continue to share the perspectives and thoughts of the children across the school in our weekly newsletter in the shape of the 'what it means to me' value statements. This week, we start with Pru in Year 5 and her interpretation of what independence means to her. We also continue to urge *Home Talks* to take place, when adults spend time with their children, either on car journeys, at meal-times, at bed-times or on walks; to discuss the importance of *independence*, what it means to you, the behaviours that engender the value and those which do not. Please also celebrate and praise your child when they have shown examples of independence in life outside of school!

Year 6 World War Two Day

At the end of last term, Year 6 stepped back in time to World War Two. They were joined by Gareth, the ARP Warden, who taught them about the role of the ARP Warden and the timeline of the war. The children then had workshops in World War Two style first aid, and the extinguishing and disposing of incendiary bombs. They also had the opportunity to explore a range of artefacts and ask questions about what they had learnt. They all looked the part in their fantastic costumes and showed off their knowledge of our Battle of Britain topic. Many thanks to the PTA for funding this event—Year 6 are very grateful!

Change in Sports Day Dates

A reminder that due to a clash with the Waverley Schools Cricket Tournament, Sports Days will now take place as follows:

Tuesday 9th June: Year 3–am, Year 5–pm
Thursday 11th June: Year 4–am, Year 6–pm

British Science Week Poster Competition

Well done to Ella in 5KW for her winning entry. Ella is quite the artist as we know, having also been the winner for her Anti-Bullying Poster entry in the autumn term as part of our Anti-Bullying week. Well done Ella!

Readathon

Well done to all children who took part in last term's Readathon. We raised £1237 across the school! Thank you to all parents, family members and friends for their sponsorship.

Jewellery

A reminder that children must remove jewellery, including fit-bits and watches, when taking part in PE lessons as this is school policy. Earrings must be removed too and the children must do this themselves as we do not use tape to cover them up. We do ask that piercing takes place during the summer holidays to ensure children do not miss PE lessons.

Parenting Courses

Mrs Wilkinson would like to draw your attention to two parenting courses. The first is Parenting Neurodivergent Children, and parents can enrol themselves [here](#). The second is for parents and carers of children experiencing anxiety. To access the group please contact Mrs Wilkinson for more details.

Reading Book and Reading Records

We would also like to remind parents that children must have their reading books and reading records in school each day.



House Points

Mars	1202
Neptune	1202
Jupiter	1137
Saturn	901



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

New PTA Chair Needed!

As you may be aware, we will soon be in need of a new Chair as Ellen, our current chair, has a child in Year 6 so will no longer be a parent at the school next year. Without a Chair we can't function as a charity. It could be a shared role between two or three people. If you are interested please reach out to ellenrinttila@gmail.com who can give you an overview of what is involved.

Save the Date

GJS Summer Fair—Friday 10th July



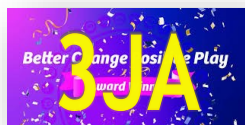
School Achievement

Pupils of the Week

3EC – Sylvie
3JA – Flora
4AL – Isabella
4AR – Archie
5KR – Olivia
5KW – George
6RH – Maddie
6SC – Kaitlin



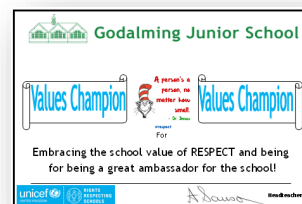
AB St★r Positive Pl★y Award



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Respect Values Champions

3JA – George
3EC – Alexander
4AR – Leona
4AL – Beatrix
5KW – Luna
5KR – Sophie
6RH – Joey
6SC – Lily



Sports News

Years 5 and 6 Benchball Tournament

This morning, the Year 5 and 6 benchballers took part in a tournament at Rodborough School, accompanied by Mrs Williams and Miss C Holcombe. They played brilliantly, represented the school wonderfully and came second overall! Well done to all the players!

Years 5 and 6 Cricket Team Trials

Thank you to all children who tried out for the Year 5 and 6 cricket teams this afternoon. Parents of those children selected for the team have now been emailed.

Diary Dates

Summer 2026

April

21st: Y5 Catch-up Swimming
22nd: Y5 Netball @ Park Mead
28th: Y5 Catch-up Swimming
29th: Y6 Netball @ Rodborough

May

5th: Y5 Catch-up Swimming
11th-14th: Y6 SATs
12th: Y5 Catch-up Swimming
19th: Y5 Catch-up Swimming
21st: Class Photos (Winter Uniform)
22nd: INSET DAY

June

1st–5th: 10R—International Week
2nd: Y5 Kwik Cricket Tournament @ FCC
4th: Y3/4 Kwik Cricket Tournament @ FCC
9th: Y3/5 Sports Day
10th: Y5/6 Girls Cricket Tournament @ FCC
11th: Y4/6 Sports Day
13th: ChoirBlast

Inset Days 2025-26

~~Wednesday 2nd September 2025~~
~~Monday 2nd November 2025~~
~~Friday 13th February 2026~~
~~Monday 13th April 2026~~
Friday 22nd May 2026

Inset Days 2026-27

Tuesday 1st September 2026
Monday 2nd November 2026
Friday 12th February 2027
Monday 12th April 2027
Friday 28th May 2027

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