

# Newsletter

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

## Latest News

This year we have raised £1,687 for: **SAMARITANS**

### Summer Reading Challenge

Please click [here](#) for more information on the Summer Reading Challenge run by Godalming Library.

### PE Days Next Year

PE will take place next year as follows:

Monday—Year 4                      Tuesday—Year 5  
Wednesday—Year 6                  Thursday—Year 3

PE will start the week commencing 8th September.

### 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, our Wellbeing Lead.

### Smart Phone Free from September

This is a friendly reminder that GJS will become Smart Phone free from September.

### And Finally...

As we draw another academic year to a close, I wanted to write and thank all members of the GJS community for all their support and understanding this year. At a time when there is much uncertainty in education with special educational needs in the spotlight, a drastically new Ofsted framework being launched in a few months, a curriculum review underway and school finances being tighter than ever. We have also seen first-hand, schools locally closing due to falling numbers. Despite this backdrop, we have never lost sight of the things that truly matter at GJS and done everything in our power to ensure attendance remains impressively high, behaviour continues to be outstanding and academic outcomes continue to be higher than national averages.

At this time of year we share news of those moving on from GJS. On the staff team we say thank you and farewell to teachers Miss Shim and Mrs Smith, Learning Support Assistant Mrs Bentley and our Deputy Head Mr MacIver, who takes up an exciting leadership role in Morocco. 'Of all the schools in all the world!' We also wish Mrs Kirby all the best as she goes on maternity leave and we also wish Miss D all the best on her wedding day over the summer and returns as Mrs Cronje!

We also see some change on our governing body. Michael Guest leaves as Chair of Governors after 8 years. Will Sutton and Giles Bennett also finish their terms on the governing body. We wish them all the best and thank them for their hard work and commitment over the years. We also see other stepping into their shoes. John Warren will be taking on the role of Chair of Governors, Julia Roberts will become Vice Chair, Sharon Pritchard becomes chair of the Learning and Curriculum Committee and Jonathan Haynes will lead the Resources Committee. Exciting times.

I wish everyone associated with this wonderful school a very restful, safe and enjoyable summer break. Whether it is getting away, staying at home, meeting with loved ones, exploring day trips, evenings out—have a great time and enjoy every moment. Good luck to Year 6 and farewell to families who leave us for the last time, you are always welcome back at our various PTA events.


I am sure I will see many of you around the town or on walks with Bella and Bertie!

Happy holidays everyone!

Mr Samson



### House Points 2024-25

 <b>Mars</b>	<b>42043</b>
<b>Saturn</b>	<b>38856</b>
<b>Jupiter</b>	<b>38814</b>
<b>Neptune</b>	<b>33319</b>



## PTA News

### Summer Fair

A massive thanks to all those who attended the annual summer fair last Friday. An even bigger thanks to everyone who helped to set up, run the stalls, BBQ and bar. It was a fantastic evening as we raised an impressive sum of **£1300**.

After 3 and half years Chairing the PTA it's time to handover the reigns to someone new. A few thanks are needed. First to all the staff, especially Mr Samson, Mrs Munz, and Jackie & the 2 Rachels in the office. Big thanks to all the Class Reps over the years, the four and half guys BBQ crew, all those who've helped with events and most importantly our outgoing treasurer Rhian. We've raised a staggering **£23,000** over the 3.5 years. This has paid for a vast array of items from experience days, laptops, playground equipment, first aid training, an interactive screen and even Christmas crackers! Finally, **thanks to you**, the school community, for making GJS such a wonderfully supported school. Thanks again, it's been emotional.

Phil Curtis (outgoing PTA Chair)

## School Achievement

### Writing TRANSFORMERS-Summer

3AR — DYLAN

3EC — SKYE

4JS — JONAH

4NS — KAYDEN

5NM — BENJAMIN

5KW — BERTIE

6EM — ELENA

6SD — LULU



98%

### CREATIVITY Values Champions

3AR — Isabella

3EC — ARCHIE

4JS — Pru

4NS — Theo

5KW — Samuel C

5NM — SOLOMON

6EM — Khali

6SD — Felicity



## Sports News



## Diary Dates

### Summer/Autumn 2025

#### September

3rd:

4th:

9th:

10th:

12th:

12th:

15th-19th:

16th:

29th-3rd:

October

6th-10th:

22nd:

27th-31st:

#### INSET Day

Start of Term

Lower School Curriculum Evenings—Y3@6pm & Y4@7pm

Upper School Curriculum Evenings—Y5@6pm & Y6@7pm

House Leader Elections

Y3 PTA Welcome BBQ

Y6 trip to UKSA

VR Day

10R—Poetry Week

10R Healthy Week

PTA Disco

Half Term

#### Inset Days 2025-26

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026