



Newsletter

This year, we are supporting:



'Independence means to stand out from the crowd and making an effort before asking for help' Tamsin –Year 3

Latest News



SATs Week

Well done to Year 6 who navigated their way through SATs Week with such patience, poise and maturity this week. They ALL took the assessments in their stride, were a real credit to the school and were wonderful role models to the rest of the school—who will be experiencing these assessments too in time. The rest of the school also need praise for how respectful they were each morning. Moving through the school calmly and quietly and behaving so well to ensure the conditions for Year 6 were as good as they could be in order for them to work to their max!

Smartphone Free School

As a Smartphone Free School we would like parents and carers to play their part by not accessing their Smart phones on the school premises at pick up time, as we feel this does not model the message we are trying to promote. Thank you for you supporting the school on this matter.

Class Photos

The school photographer will be in on **Thursday 21st May** to take the whole class photos. Children should come to school in their smartest **winter** uniform, including a tie and knitwear, and Year 3 should bring PE kit in a named bag to change into.

Your PTA Needs You

Following the standing item that has been in the newsletter the last few months, we are still in desperate need for our PTA Chair role to be filled from September, and are asking for people to consider this and step forward, as time is ticking. The role can be shared between more than one person, and will help secure the wonderful events for the coming year raising crucial funds for the children at GJS. We do ask that those considering being involved to get in touch with Ellen Rinttila to discuss the role, as it may be more manageable than you think! Her email is ellenrinttila@gmail.com, or you can contact her via the school at info@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk.

House T-Shirts

With Sports Days approaching, please ensure that your child has a house-coloured t-shirt ready. They can be ordered via Arbor, priced at **£2.50**.

Attendance @ GJS

Following on from the attendance letter sent on 22nd April, this is a reminder that the school does not authorise **any** holidays taken during term time and violating this policy may lead to a penalty notice being issued. More information can be found in the school Attendance Policy that can be found on the website [here](#).

Our VALUE in focus is: Independence

We continue to share 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. Theo in Year 4 summed it up nicely last week. This week, Tamsin in Year 3 shares her interpretation of what the value 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 like engaging in sports trials, remembering equipment, preparing to go to Sayers Croft in Year 4 and generally becoming more and more ready for next year!

Club Pick Up

We would like to remind parents that children must be picked up promptly following any after school club, as the school office is not staffed beyond 4.15pm. If this is not possible, we do ask that you consider sending your child to Koosa after school club.

GJS Car Park—End of Clubs

Please could parents and carers make sure that when collecting children from after school clubs they do not wait in the entrance to the car park, or in the car park itself. It is very difficult for staff to exit safely otherwise. Thank you.



House Points

Neptune	1185
Saturn	940
Jupiter	823
Mars	790



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

School Disco—Tuesday 19th May

Years 3 and 4 6-7pm, Years 5 and 6 7.15-8.15pm

We are delighted to be able to announce an additional PTA disco this term. This disco is provided by 'The Music Works' and ALL takings will go directly to the school.

Tickets are £5 (which includes a drink and snack) via bank transfer to the PTA account (Acc no 65867168 SC 30-99-50. Godalming Junior School Parent Teacher Association and please put your child's name and class as the reference) or £5 to the school office in a named envelope. Your child's name will then be on a list and checked on the door (main entrance) - tickets will not be issued.

If you haven't done so for the previous discos or if there is a change, please complete the form [here](#) in addition to the payment.

Save the Date—GJS Summer Fair—Friday 10th July

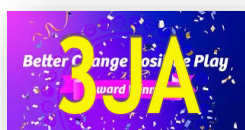
School Achievement

Pupils of the Week

- 3EC — Arlo
- 3JA — George T
- 4AL — Maisie
- 4AR — Anais
- 5KR — Beth
- 5KW — Ella
- 6RH — Evie
- 6SC — Samuel K



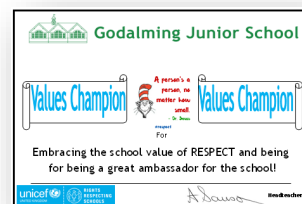
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Respect Values Champions

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



Sports News

Years 3 and 4 Football Tournament

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Rodborough tournament on Wednesday evening. In challenging and stormy conditions, every player gave their all in the 'round-robin' competition format with five other schools.

Year 4 came second overall in their pool just narrowly missing out on the final. Year 3 DID make the final, and after an extremely tense and close 1-1 draw, were edged out 3-2 in the penalty shootout!

Needless to say, once again, EVERY child represented the school with enjoyment, kindness and a bucket-load of **respect**. Both Mr Samson and Mrs Williams were super proud of them all! At GJS, we continue to strive to strike the balance between competition and inclusion as we head into cricket, athletics and rounders season. This year we have ensured that 164 different children have been part of 'Team Green' at sports events, which is nearly 70% of the WHOLE school!

83% of the school have represented their house so far this year after 2 events!

SCHOOL GAMES

AND... 68% of children have represented the school so far this year! That's over 164 children across GJS!

Godalming Junior School

Diary Dates

Summer 2026

May	
18th:	Y3 Visit to Haslemere Museum
19th:	Y5 Swimming
19th:	PTA Discos
21st:	Class Photos (Winter Uniform)
22nd:	INSET DAY
June	
1st–5th:	10R—International Week
2nd:	Y5 Boys Kwik Cricket Tournament @ FCC
4th:	Y4 Kwik Cricket Tournament @ FCC
4th:	Y5/6 Rounders Competition @ Broadwater School 3.00-5.00pm
9th:	Y3/5 Sports Day
10th:	Y5/6 Girls Cricket Tournament @ FCC
11th:	Y4/6 Sports Day
13th:	ChoirBlast
16th–18th:	Y4 @ Sayers Croft
15th-19th:	Y6 Bikeability
16th-17th:	Y3 Walking Training
22nd-25th:	Y6 Bikeability
23rd:	Y6 Boys Kwik Cricket Tournament @ FCC
26th:	Y5/6 'G-Ashes' @ FCC 9.00–1.15pm

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

