



Newsletter

This year, we are supporting:
 **Shooting Star**
Children's Hospices

"If we really want to love, we must learn how to forgive" - Mother Theresa

Latest News



Welcome Back

We all hope you had a restful and safe half term break and that the children are raring to go in our build up to the festive period. Next week we focus on remembrance at GJS, with many activities going on to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of World War Two. Year 5 swimming got underway this week, we begin running our prospective parent tours, Anti-Bullying Week is on the horizon and of course, the children will begin learning their songs for our Carols by Candlelight performances towards the end of the term!

Wet Play

It was great to see so many children with coats on at break-time today when, despite there being some rain, we were able to get outside in the fresh air, which we hope to do as often and as safely as possible at this time of year. The children were notified in assembly today that children may miss out on break or lunch times outside if they do not have a coat or jacket in school from Monday.



School Surveys

We have recently updated our survey section of the school website and you are able to see the latest findings from the surveys [here](#). These include our staff wellbeing survey, our anti-bullying survey, our latest pupil survey findings and the link for parents to access the Ofsted Parent View site, or click on the Ofsted logo . Please find time to register with the Parent View site and complete the short survey. We will have workstations available during our parent-teacher meetings in 2 weeks when you will be able to log on and complete the survey, should you wish.



Our VALUE in focus is: FORGIVENESS

Our next 'in focus' value for this half term is **FORGIVENESS**. We will continue to immerse the children during school assemblies, circle times and PSHE lessons in our school values. We ALL continue to learn about, promote, reflect and consider 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. Our values help underpin so much of what we do at GJS we and we believe that during their time here, 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.

All staff will continue to be on 'high alert' looking for children demonstrating **forgiveness** in lessons by forgiving themselves and moving on if they get something wrong. Importantly, on the playground if they fall out with a peer, a group or make a wrong choice; we want the children to be reflective enough and gracious enough to accept an apology or offer one. **The more this can be further reinforced at home, the better.** We encourage 'home talks' on our values and hope parents share examples when YOU have had to show **forgiveness**, how hard it can be to **forgive** and generally share YOUR views on the value and the importance of being **forgiving** in life!

Free Reading App

'Libby' is a free reading app that lets you and your children borrow eBooks and audiobooks from your local library using a phone, tablet or computer. It's like having a library in your pocket - you can read or listen anywhere, anytime! To get started, all you need is your library card number and your PIN, which can be given to you by library staff.

Governor Vacancies

We still have vacancies on the governing body and our chair, John Warren, will be reaching out over the coming weeks to see if anyone is interested in becoming a governor at GJS or want to find out more. If you are interested in becoming a school governor, you could also 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.

And Finally...

Whilst we have previously welcomed views about the autumn half term break next year, we are going to be sharing our final decision following the full governors meeting on Thursday 27th November. If you have not shared your views on whether you are either for a 2 week break next autumn or against the proposal, you can do so [here](#) via the MSForm. The form is only available until Friday 14th November. The responses will be considered along with what other schools in the local area are planning to do and the views of staff. As I am sure you know, the plan for Surrey County Council is to have the 2 week half term break and delay the breaking up for the summer holidays by an extra week, ensuring the week is not 'lost' but 'moved'. As a foundation school, the decision we make lies with the governing body at GJS, and this is an agenda item at the meeting later this month.

House Points

Mars	760
Saturn	497
Neptune	459
Jupiter	329



**Our Designated
Safeguard Lead and
Operation Encompass
Key Adult is:**
Mr Samson—HT

**Our Deputy Designated
Safeguard Leads are:**
Miss Coleman—Deputy HT
Miss Wilkinson—SENCo
Mrs Munz—Bursar
Mrs Crook—HSLW

'It's everyone's business'

PTA News

Christmas Fair—Friday 12th December—4.30-7.00pm

Planning now begins for the Christmas Fair later this term. In preparation for this, we once again would love your support by contributing goods on the following Friday mufti days:

Friday 28th November—Hamper Goods

Friday 5th December—Jolly Jam Jars

Friday 12th December—Bottles for Tombola

For our Christmas Hampers, as previous years, these will be themed by colour, broken down by year group:

Year 3—red Year 4—green Year 5—white/silver Year 6—Gold

More information on the hampers is attached to the newsletter.

Easy fundraising is an easy way to raise additional funds for the school when you are doing your shopping online. We currently have a number of families signed up for this and it would be great if we can increase that. See sign up instructions attached.

School Achievement

Pupils of the Week

3EC — Daisy-Mae

3JA — Anastasia

4AL — Freddie

4AR — Freya

5KR — Florrie

5KW — Luna

6RH — Oliver

6SC — Lily



AB St★r Positive Pl★ry Award



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Resilience Values Champions

3JA — JJ

3EC — Aarlo

4AR — Luke

4AL — Ella

5KW — George

5KR — Hope

6RH — Theo C-P

6SD — Joseph



Sports News

Tillingbourne Football Tournament: Round 3—Y3 and Y5 Boys—NEW DATE

Our new date for the final football tournament at Tillingbourne has been rearranged to **Thursday 4th December**. All other arrangements remain the same and we look forward to seeing how both teams get on!

Dodgeball @ Glebelands School—Monday 10th November

Good luck to our Year 4 and 5 'Dodgeballers' who will be taking part in an inter-school event on Monday. We wish the all the best, are sure they will do the school proud and will update you on how they get on in next week's newsletter!

Diary Dates

Autumn 2025

November

8th: Prospective Parent Tour (1) @ 10.00am
10th—14th: **10R—Remembrance Week (3)**
10th: Prospective Parent Tour (2) @ 10.45am
11th: Prospective Parent Tour (3) @ 9.00am
11th: 6SC Science @ Charterhouse
12th: Prospective Parent Tour (4) @ 6.00pm
14th: Y3 Visit to Charterhouse School
15th: Glebelands Cross Country Run
17th—20th: Y4 Bikeability
18th: 6RH Science @ Charterhouse
18th: Parent-Teacher Meetings (Late)
20th: Parent-Teacher Meetings (Early)
24th: 'Shooting Star' Assembly
25th: 6RH Science @ Charterhouse
28th: Y4 Sportshall Athletics @ Broadwater

December

1st: Autumn Attendance Letters sent out
2nd: 6RH Science @ Charterhouse
3rd: Y6 'Born Free' Exhibition
4th: Y3 & Y5 Boys Football @ Tillingbourne
10th—12th: **10R—Human Rights Week (4)**
12th: PTA Christmas Fair
15th: Y3 Carols By Candlelight @ 9.15
16th: Y4 Carols By Candlelight @ 9.15
17th: Y5 Carols By Candlelight @ 9.15
18th: Y6 Carols By Candlelight @ 9.15

