

Newsletter

This year, we are supporting:



'Friendship means being kind and helping when others need it. Friends are there to cheer you up and friends are people you can trust' Isabel—Year 3

Latest News

Welcome Back

Happy New Year!

We all hope everyone had a relaxing Christmas break and feels recharged and ready to face January and the spring term head on! We have so much going on this term with Hero, Book, STEM and Earth weeks to immerse ourselves into, as part of the GJS 10richment cycle. There will also be our PTA Disco and Quiz Night to look forward to, and more sports events as our Inter House Football Tournament takes place at the end of January! More information on the tournament can be found in the sports news section of the newsletter.

Attendance @ GJS

As you know, the levels of attendance at GJS has been a strength for some time, and we hope families are able to return to robust routines this week as we return to school in 2026. This is to ensure that the start of the school day is as smooth as possible, children are attending school as often as possible and arriving to school on time, between 8.25 and 8.35am. We also hope all efforts have been made by some parents to help maintain strong relations with those close to the school e.g. Hallam Road residents, Majestic Wine etc. This is also 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](#).

Year 4 Police Visit

On Wednesday, Surrey Police Youth Engagement Officer Laura Snedden visited Year 4! Both classes showed great knowledge in what jobs the police do but, in addition, they now understand the role of the police in preventing crime happening in the first place. Mrs Snedden also let some of the children try on her protective clothing and hold some of her everyday tools: baton and handcuffs.

Anti-Bullying Pupil Survey Summary

We are proud to add the summary findings and actions from our anti-bullying survey, which was carried out across the school last term, to our dedicated page on the school website [here](#). You can also find other survey summaries here to find out more about the views and thoughts of our stakeholders. We continue to urge parents to click on the Ofsted Parent View logo to add parental perspectives and we will be asking staff for their views this term.

Our VALUE in focus is: FRIENDSHIP

As we enter a new term, our attention turns to the new 'in focus' value, *friendship*. Once again, this will be the theme of weekly assemblies, it will inform our PSHE lessons and staff will be on high-alert looking for worthy contenders of our Values Champion Award. We focus on this value at this time of year as children have settled into their new classes and are encouraged to be more aware of what they do and say to others, and ensure they are always trying to be the best *friend* possible—not easy. A new feature in our weekly newsletter from today will include the thoughts of the children on the 'in-focus' value and *what it means to them*. These will be found towards the banner at the top of the newsletter each week. We continue to urge *Home Talks* to take place, where adults spend time with their children, either on car journeys, at meal-times, at bed-times or on walks; to discuss the importance of *friendship*, what it means to you, what you value in the friends you have, why you have the friends you have and whether any friendships have been tested.

Autism Support

On behalf of Surrey County Council's All Age Autism Strategy, the Autism Outreach Service is coordinating a series of support programmes for parents and carers of children with autism or suspected autism in Surrey. Each programme includes six sessions of 2½ hours, delivered by experienced professionals through a mix of in-person and online formats. To book, parents must either live in Surrey or have a child who attends a Surrey-based setting. Please click [here](#) for more details.

Initial Teacher Training with the GLP and Winchester University

The window is now open for enrolling onto the Godalming Learning Partnership's successful year-long teacher training programme, in partnership with Winchester University, to start in September 2026. We are welcoming applicants keen to pursue a career in teaching to join our next cohort of trainees. We have a 100% pass rate and offer a genuinely holistic and innovative programme leading to teachers entering the profession with resilience, confidence and creativity. Further information about the GLP teacher training course can be found [here](#), or you can email Rachel Dunnage via: coordinator@godalminglearning.org with any questions.



House Points

Mars	797
Jupiter	757
Saturn	576
Neptune	445



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

Upcoming events:

School Spring Disco—Date TBC

Parent's Quiz Night—Friday 20th March

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 to ellenrinttila@gmail.com who can give you an overview of what is involved.



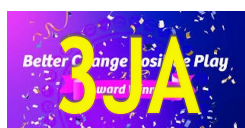
School Achievement

Pupils of the Week

3EC — Gold
3JA — Ayla-Rose
4AL — Alana
4AR — Fortune
5KR — Wilbur
5KW — Maia
6RH — Florence
6SC — Henry P



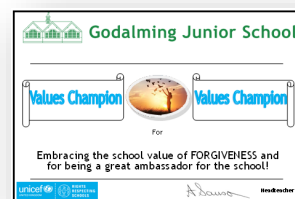
AB St★r Positive Pl★y Award



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Forgiveness Values Champions

3JA — Sienna
3EC — Reggie-Jay
4AR — Ella
4AL — Emily
5KW — Jessica
5KR — Violet
6RH — Ruby
6SC — Harry



Sports News

Sports Hall Athletics

Today, Bill Bingham held Year 5 trials for the Year 5/6 Sports-Hall Athletics event in February. Next Friday, 16th January, will be the Year 6 trials. Any Year 6 child who would like to take part is welcome to - no sign-up needed. They just need to come to school in PE kit next Friday.

Inter-House Football Tournament—Friday 30th January

Today we launched the sign up for our annual IH Football Tournament. As an inclusive school, ALL children are welcome to sign up and ALL who sign up WILL take part. There will be a tournament for each year group, some houses may have more than one team and this will take place over the course of the day. This year, we will be using this event as our spring term fund raiser for Shooting Star Children's Hospice. We simply ask that children make a 'voluntary donation entrance fee' to take part. We would like the children to bring in their 'entrance fee' on the day of the tournament. Some children may also choose to be sponsored for the event, and a form is attached to the newsletter. Children must remember to wear appropriate clothing—no boots and they will need their House T-Shirt, which are available from the school office. The closing date for signing up is the end of Monday 19th January.

Diary Dates

Spring 2026

January	
19th–23rd:	10R—Hero Week
26th–30th:	Y6 Mock SATs Week
30th:	Inter-House Football Tournament
February	
11th:	Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics @ Woolmer Hill
13th:	INSET DAY
16th–20th:	Half Term
March	
2nd–6th:	10R—Book Week
3rd:	Parent—Teacher Meetings—Late
5th:	Parent—Teacher Meetings—Early
6th:	GJS Book Day—'Little People, BIG Dreams' theme
7th:	Inter School Swimming Gala @ Charterhouse
9th–13th:	10R—STEM Week
9th:	Y3/4 Bench Ball @ Rodborough
11th:	Y5 STEM Workshop @ Frensham Heights
16th–20th:	10R—Earth Week
16th:	Y5/6 Hockey Tournament @ Charterhouse
19th and 26th:	Y5 Fire Safety Visits
20th:	PTA Quiz Night

Inset Days 2025-26
~~Wednesday 2nd September 2025~~
~~Monday 3rd November 2025~~
 Friday 13th February 2026
 Monday 13th April 2026
 Friday 22nd May 2026