



# Newsletter

*"Success is going from failure to failure without losing enthusiasm" - Winston Churchill*

## Latest News



### Choir Blast—Saturday 8th June @ The Bandstand

Well done to the GJS choir for a fantastic performance at the Bandstand last Saturday. The Godalming public were truly treated to some wonderful songs under the guidance of Miss Coleman and were the ONLY choir asked to perform an encore on the day! Thank you to everyone who attended and cheered on the children. We have already signed up for next year!

### E-Safety Parent Webinar

Thank you to those who attended the Miss D E-Safety Webinar yesterday. The slides can be found on the school website [here](#). If there is any more information you need or would like to ask for further advice or guidance, please contact your class teacher who will liaise with Miss D and get back to you or arrange a meeting.



### Attendance

You may be aware that school attendance is a hot topic nationally as schools, particularly secondary schools, struggle to get their attendance figures returning to 'pre COVID' levels. As a result, the DfE and the local authority are putting new systems, processes and deterrents in place in the hope that children's attendance improves and there is a reduction in their 'broken weeks' when odd days are taken. GJS has enjoyed fantastic attendance figures for a number of years and we really appreciate the support from parents in fully investing in the education of their children so that attendance figures are higher than local, similar and national averages. You will be receiving a letter shortly outlining the DfE's position and the issuing of penalty notices from September 2024. All schools are being advised to inform parents of the DfE position during the last few weeks of term to avoid any ambiguity during the next academic year.

### Attendance Matters



### House Points

Saturn	2831
Jupiter	2688
Mars	2591
Neptune	2535



### International Week

This week, the children have had an amazing time visiting various parts of the Americas. They have danced their way across Cuba, survived in the Amazon Rainforest and hit backhands like Gustavo Kuerten. The children have learned about the Geography and the History of the vastly different parts of the World and their eyes have been opened to new skills that they haven't used before. Flo said that, "this has enhanced my knowledge of the Americas as I have a better understanding of their culture and location". Emi said that, "I've enjoyed this week because we got to design and fly our own rockets and work with people that we wouldn't usually work with."

### KOOSA Breakfast Club

We are pleased to announce that KOOSA Kids will be providing a breakfast club for GJS children from September. This will be open from 7.45am and will be run by GJS staff. A breakfast of cereal, toast and fresh fruit will be provided daily.

### Parking at Pick Up Time

We kindly ask that all parents refrain from using our car park for school pick ups and consider using alternative parking/pick up options. We value our relationship with neighbouring residents and businesses, especially Majestic, who allow us to use the car park for our coaches on school trip days. There have been reports of near collisions in recent weeks which we need to avoid in future.

### Value in Focus: PERSEVERANCE

At a time of year when we start to look ahead, consider next steps in our journey and consider the thought of moving schools, PERSEVERANCE is the perfect value to be 'in focus' for the final few weeks of term. At this stage of the year, we expect ALL children to embrace and uphold this value and begin to look ahead to beginning a new year and ensuring ALL are equipped to deal with the greater expectations on them, whether that is here or whether that is moving on to their new school. Staff will be looking out to see examples of the children 'living' this value, showing initiative and confidently facing challenges they encounter during our busiest term of the year. We are asking EVERYONE for the final push, final steps in improving areas of their work and also holding 'home talks' about the value of PERSEVERANCE. Children are also invited to research people from history who showed a 'never say die' attitude, pushed boundaries, changed minds and stood up for what they believed in. Mr Samson would welcome 'Perseverance Projects' either handed to him directly or sent via [head@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:head@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk) to share in assemblies this term, put on the school website or even display around the school!

### Godalming Learning Partnership's GET Teaching Programme

Why not GET Teaching with the Godalming Learning Partnership and Winchester University, an OUTSTANDING teacher training provider?

The Godalming Learning Partnership is a group of schools serving the children and families of the Godalming area. We are a strong collaborative group with a long history of working closely together to achieve more for our young people, schools and community.

We run an exciting opportunity to train as a teacher in partnership with Winchester University and are inviting applications to start in Sept 2024.

The one year school-led GET Teaching school based PGCE programme provides the perfect combination of immersive classroom experience in our local schools and academic study at Winchester University. Our current trainees are teaching and training across all our schools ensuring they gain invaluable experience of a wide range of settings.

If you are interested and want to know more, speak to Mr Samson who has led the programme since its inception or alternatively you can e-mail Rachel Dunnage: [coordinator@godalminglearning.org.uk](mailto:coordinator@godalminglearning.org.uk)

Wishing you  
a joyful  
June!



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

**Our Deputy Designated Safeguard Leads are:**  
Mr MacIver—Deputy HT  
Mrs Wilkinson—SENCo  
Mrs Munz—Bursar  
Mrs Kirby—HSLW

*'It's everyone's business'*

## PTA News

We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible for tonight's inaugural Godalming Junior Casino Night. Tickets are still available and can be purchased on the door £10.

We are also looking for a new Co-Treasurer to assist us with looking after the PTA Finances. Please reach out to Phil philipdcurtis@hotmail.com (Chairman) or Rhian rhianhooper@hotmail.com (Treasurer) if you're able to help the PTA.

### Future Events

Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th July—Year 6 Play  
Friday 12th July—Summer Fair

## School Achievement

### Pupil of the Week

3AR — Sophie  
3EC — Ella  
4JA — Jacob  
4RH — Samuel K  
5SD — Harry  
5NM — George  
6EM — Oliver & Neera  
6TA — Finlay



Attendance Winners: 6TA — 99%



Spring AB Stars Champions: 5NM

### INDEPENDENCE Values Champions

3AR — Arthur  
3EC — Dotty  
4JA — Flynn  
4RH — Albert  
5SD — William  
5NM — Adam  
6EM — Alfie  
6TA — Sebby



## Sports News

### G-Ashes 2024

As we "go to press", the majority of GJS pupils are participating the G-Ashes cricket tournament at Farncombe Cricket Club. It has been great to see so many children choose to take part in this event. As things stand, we don't know yet which team has won but we have heard that there have been some excellent matches, a high level of skill on display and some fantastic sporting behaviour. So, well done to all involved. Naturally, we want to publicly thank Graham and the rest of his team at Farncombe CC for all their time and effort with the day. It couldn't happen without them.

## Diary Dates

### Summer 2024

<b>June</b>	
17th–19th:	Y4 visit to Sayers Croft
25th:	Y6 Kwik Cricket Tournament @ Farncombe CC
26th:	Y4 Kwik Cricket Tournament @ Farncombe CC
<b>July</b>	
2nd:	Bump Up Day
2nd:	New Parents Evening @ 6.00pm
3rd:	2nd Bump Up Day (Rodborough School children only)
8th–12th:	10R—Arts Week
8th:	District Sports @ Guildford Spectrum
9th:	Music Works Showcase
10th & 11th:	Y6 Production
12th:	'GJS Got Talent' Show
12th:	PTA Summer Fair
15th:	Mad Hatter 'Thank You' Tea Party
23rd:	End of Term @ 1.15pm

### September

2nd:	<b>Inset Day</b>
3rd:	<b>Start of Term</b>
10th:	Y3 Curriculum Evening @ 6.00pm
10th:	Y4 Curriculum Evening @ 7.00pm
11th:	Y5 Curriculum Evening @ 6.00pm
11th:	Y6 Curriculum Evening @ 7.00pm

### Inset Days 2024/25

**Monday 2nd September 2024**  
**Friday 25th October 2024**  
**Friday 14th February 2025**  
**Tuesday 22nd April 2025**  
**Friday 23rd May 2025**

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