



# Newsletter

*"Nothing can dim the light that shines from within" - Maya Angelou*

## Latest News



### End of School Day

At GJS we are proud of the strong relationships we have with other members of the local community. We do politely ask that parents refrain from using the Majestic car park and the GJS staff car park at the end of the school day. If you are using the Marshall Road gate in the morning please ensure that pedestrians keep the cycle lane clear for bikes and scooters.

### Clubs

As you will be aware, our externally-led clubs started this week. If your child joins or leaves a club part way through the term, please ensure you inform the office so we can make sure that the correct children are sent to the club leaders at the end of the day. We also ask that, if your child is not going to attend a club as a one-off, you inform the club provider and the school office.

### Secondary School Admissions

Year 6 parents and carers can now apply for a secondary school place for their child. Applications must be submitted by 31st October, but as this falls within half term we recommend applying by Friday 25th October. Further details have been emailed.

### Our VALUE in focus is: CONFIDENCE

This term, fittingly with children moving year groups and new children joining the school, our first 'in focus' value is **CONFIDENCE**. All staff will be on the 'look out' for children displaying confidence in lessons, on the playground and even during their residential trip away from home! The more this can be further reinforced at home, the better. Please feel free to have 'home talks' on our values and maybe even share examples when YOU have had to show confidence, face your fears and generally YOUR views on the value and the importance of being confident in life and the reality that we ALL lack confidence at some point!

### GJS Breakfast Club

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



### House Points

Saturn	1998
Jupiter	1916
Neptune	1689
Mars	1543



**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

### Year 3 Welcome BBQ

A massive thank you to all those who attend the Year 3 Welcome BBQ. It was a lovely evening with a huge turn out. An even bigger thank you to everyone who helped with set up, running the bar and BBQ. (Thanks to people for being patient when the card machine refused to work!)

We need a new Treasurer to help support the PTA as we can't operate as a charity without one. If you're keen to get involved please reach out to Phil (current Chair) on philipdcurtis@hotmail.com.

### Other Key Dates:

PTA AGM—Wednesday 2nd October, Cricketers Pub, 8pm

School Autumn Disco—Wednesday 23rd October

Christmas Fair—Friday 13th December

## School Achievement

### Pupil of the Week

3AR – Isabella  
 3EC – Ella  
 4JS – Skyler  
 4NS – Lily-Rose  
 5NM – Benjamin  
 5KW – Lotta  
 6EM – Grace  
 6SD – Mia



### PERSEVERANCE Values Champions

3AR – Julia  
 3EC – Lily  
 4JA – Khushi  
 4RH – Rhys  
 5SD – Kira  
 5NM – Mia  
 6EM – Amelia  
 6TA – Ted



Attendance Winners: 3EC = 100%



Summer AB Stars Champions: 5KW

## Sports News

### Inter House 'Chippie Chase' Fun Run at GJS

Next Friday sees our first house event, the annual 'Chippie Chase' fun run on Friday 27th September during the school afternoon. Children have been shown images of the course, which is either a lap of Chippie Park in the lower school and 2 laps for those in the upper school. Sign up has now closed for this event. ALL children score points for their house just for taking part with MORE points and awards on offer if they come in the top 4 places! Children will need to be in sports kit AND house t-shirt, available from the school office, and appropriate footwear. This is round 1 of our 'Triple Crown' inter house sports events and they are ALL open to ALL children to take part! Those who have signed up, start practicing and start running!

## Diary Dates

### Autumn 2024

#### September

27th: 'Chippie Chase' Fun Run  
 30th–4th: 10R—Poetry Week  
**October**  
 7th–11th: 10R—Healthy Week  
 7th–18th: Y6 Bikeability  
 11th: Young Minds 'Hello Yellow' Mufti Day  
 16th: Y5 Tilford Mosque Trip  
 22nd: Individual Photos  
 25th: **Inset Day**  
 28th–1st: Half Term

#### November

4th: Y6 Science @ Charterhouse begins  
 9th: Prospective Parent Tour @ 10.00am  
 11th–15th: 10R—Remembrance Week  
 11th: Prospective Parent Tour @ 9.00am  
 12th: Prospective Parent Tour @ 10.45am  
 13th: Prospective Parent Tour @ 6.00pm

#### Inset Days 2024/25

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

