



Newsletter

This year, we are supporting:



'Perseverance means always doing your absolute best and focus on your goal and nothing else' Amelie –Year 4

Latest News



Severe Weather

This week we have all had to show a great deal of **perseverance** to get through some of the most challenging weather this country has ever seen! Thank you to EVERYONE for their support and patience as we have navigated through these uncomfortable few days. The children have, once again, shown how mature and sensible they are by responding to instructions and to slight timetable changes, they have all been amazing!

Autumn Half Term 2027

You will be aware that Surrey intend to move back to a one week half term break in the autumn of 2027, following its 'consultation' resulting in a two week half term break **this** coming autumn for the first time. This change has subsequently meant that our summer term next year is longer and we will break up on **Wednesday 28th July 2027**. The governors would like to consult on those at GJS who will be affected by the change in the autumn of 2027 by completing the MSForm [here](#). The choice is simply whether you are in favour of returning to a one week break in the autumn of 2027, whether you are against the return to the one week break or whether you are undecided. As far as we are currently aware, it is the intention of most of our local schools to return to the one week break. As a number of these schools are in Multi Academy Trusts, there are schools who have yet to inform us of their Trust's decision. The consultation period will be for a week as we are keen to inform parents of the decision before the end of term so plans are known. Mr Samson is more than happy to discuss this matter with parents in person either at the beginning or the end of the day



School Catering Update

As you may be aware, like many local authority services, Twelve15, the school catering provider for school dinners, is ceasing to exist at the end of this academic year. We have been busy with fellow Godalming Learning Partnership (GLP) schools finding alternative providers and are delighted to announce that our new provider for school lunches from September will be The Pantry. They will also be the provider at both Busbridge Junior School and The Chandler, and our kitchen staff will prepare nutritious, balanced menus with high-quality ingredients, along with a wider variety of options to suit different tastes and dietary requirements. There will also be a focus on sustainability and healthy eating education. We will also continue to prepare lunches for The Wharf Nursery. This is a very exciting development and we are confident that the full offer from our new providers will enhance our lunchtime provision for the whole school community! Watch this space as more information will be shared in the coming weeks!



House Points

Neptune	685
Saturn	598
Jupiter	429
Mars	277



Our VALUE in focus is: Perseverance

Amelie in Year 4 has summed it up very appropriately this week; making reference to 'goals' during a World Cup! Our final 'in focus' value continues to be an important one as we 'keep cool' during the final and busy half term of the year. For Year 6 especially, to remain calm and continuing to role model the behaviours we expect as they enter the final few weeks with us at GJS. We 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 *Perseverance*, what it means to you, the importance of *persevering* and sharing what you, as parents, have had to *persevere* with. Please also celebrate and praise your child when they have shown examples of *perseverance* like improving at something through practice, improving attendance, not giving up and seeing feedback as 'fuel' not 'criticism'.

Y6 bike-A-Bility

Over the last 2 weeks, Year 6 have battled a vast array of weathers to complete their Level 2 Bikeability. They learnt how to ride safely on the roads around Farncombe, learning about possible scenarios they may encounter when out on their bikes. The children were all very engaged in the sessions and really enjoyed what they learnt.

Autumn Term Dates 2026

You will start to notice on the reverse of the newsletter this week the initial events taking place in the in autumn of the next academic year. These will remain for the final weeks of the year and the newsletters will also be passed on to our feeder infant schools to keep NEW parents and carers joining us in the loop!



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

GJS Summer Fair—Friday 10th July—5.00-7.00pm

Plans for the summer fair are in full swing—we will have stalls with plenty of activities and more importantly, we will have the much needed bar and BBQ!

To accompany the fair we have the usual mufti days to aid with donations to some of the stalls:

Friday 3rd July—Jolly Jam Jars

Friday 10th July—Bottle Tombola

Donations to be dropped off in the Music Room as usual on arrival to school.

We are looking for help with running the BBQ so please look out for a message from your class rep on WhatsApp or email Ellen at ellenrinttila@gmail.com to offer your help!

School Achievement

Pupils of the Week

- 3EC — Conrad
- 3JA — Felix
- 4AL — William
- 4AR — Melisa
- 5KR — Milly
- 5KW — Chantele
- 6RH — Evander & Zac
- 6SC — Sadie



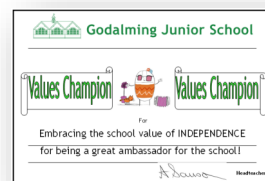
AB Star Positive Play Award



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Independence Values Champions

- 3EC — Jake
- 3JA — Alice
- 4AL — Amelie
- 4AR — Charlie
- 5KR — Freya
- 5KW — Oliver R
- 6RH — Alfie
- 6SC — Jonathan



Sports News

Sports Day

Year 4 and Year 6 events will NOW take place on **Thursday 2nd July—Y4** in the morning (9.30am start) and **Y6** in the afternoon (1.30pm start). We are determined to get these completed following unexpected weather these last couple of weeks!

Surrey Healthy Schools Award

We are very pleased to announce that GJS has retained its Surrey Healthy School status following the assessment from the quality assurance team at the local authority. They were particularly impressed with our 'proactive and inclusive practice' our 'involvement in district sporting events' and our focus on 'pupil engagement and recognising the impact of physical activity on improved physical wellbeing, mental wellbeing and learning'. Our new certificate is proudly on display in reception!



Diary Dates

Summer 2026

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| June | |
| 30th: | Bump Up Day |
| 30th: | New Parents Evening |
| July | |
| 2nd: | NEW Y3 Coffee Morning (Invite Only) |
| 2nd: | Y4/6 Sports Day |
| 3rd: | Y5/6 'G-Ashes' @ FCC 9.00—2.30pm |
| 3rd: | Mufti—Jolly Jam Jars |
| 6th—10th: | 10R—Arts Week |
| 8th: | The Music Works Showcase |
| 8th and 9th: | Y6 Production 'The Wind in the Willows' @ 7.00pm |
| 9th: | District Sports @ The Spectrum |
| 10th: | Mufti—Bottle Tombola |
| 10th: | Summer Fair |
| 15th: | G-Fest |
| 22nd: | School's Out @ 1.15pm |

Autumn 2026

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| September | |
| 1st: | INSET Day—School Closed |
| 4th: | House Elections |
| 8th: | Y4 Curriculum Evening @ 6.00pm |
| 8th: | Y3 Curriculum Evening @ 7.00pm |
| 9th: | Y5 Curriculum Evening @ 6.00pm |
| 14th—18th: | Y6 Residential to UKSA |
| 25th: | Inter House 'Chippie Chase' Cross Country Run |
| 28th—2nd: | 10R—Poetry Week |

