

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



Anti-Bullying Week—'Power of Good' Poster Competition

Congratulations to **Ella** in Year 5 for her winning poster competition entry! The poster received the most votes from our panel of Anti-Bullying Stars. **Freddie** in Year 6 was a close 2nd and **Ella** in Year 6 was 3rd. Ella's entry will be displayed around the school as we remind the children of the 'Power of Good' in order to keep bullying behaviours at bay at GJS. Well done Ella!

Shooting Star 'Knitted Novelties'

The 'Knitted Novelties' have proved to be in huge demand this week, and we are pleased to announce that we have **RESTOCKED!** These are knitted Christmas collectables which contain a Terry's Chocolate Orange, which would make a lovely and original Christmas gift! They are priced at £5 each or you can purchase two for £9, with ALL proceeds going to our adopted charity. At our reception desk you will also find a collection pot for any additional donations and further information on the charity itself. Remember, we will be collecting for this charity at our Carols by Candlelight events, and our Christmas Attire Day, on the last day of term, will also be in aid of Shooting Star.


Year 6 Born Free

On Wednesday, Year 6 welcomed their parents and carers to the school for their Born Free exhibition. After a visit from the Born Free charity, the children learnt about what happened to an elephant called Pole Pole, before writing explanation texts about why elephants should not be kept in zoos. They then researched a range of endangered animals and presented their findings through posters and speeches.

Year 6 Science at Charterhouse

Over the last six weeks, Year 6 have had the chance to experience secondary school Science at Charterhouse School. They had great fun growing crystals in Chemistry, protecting eggs in Physics and analysing the behaviour of maggots in Biology. They then watched a spectacular Science show full of lights and bangs to see some of the experiments they could try in the future. The children all learnt a lot and we are very grateful to Charterhouse School for giving them this opportunity.

Ofsted Parent View

Thank you to everyone who continue to register and complete the Parent View survey. If you have yet to complete it, it only takes a few minutes and can be accessed by clicking on the Ofsted Parent View logo .

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](#), on the attached poster, or you are more than welcome to email Rachel Dinnage on coordinator@godalminglearning.org with any questions.

Our VALUE in focus is: FORGIVENESS

Our '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 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!

And Finally...

Last Friday the House Leaders joined Mr Samson, Mrs Williams and Team Holcombe to attend the Sport Godalming Awards at the Wilfrid Noyce Centre in town. GJS were proud to be nominated for the Junior School Award for our inclusive ethos and the balance we continue to strike between offering opportunities for children AND competing at a high level in sports events. Our award is proudly on display in the entrance hall. The House Leaders were true ambassadors, as always, on the night, representing the school so brilliantly!

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House Points

Mars	872
Jupiter	869
Neptune	811
Saturn	630




**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

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

Thank you for your Jolly Jam Jar donations today. Final mufti date:
Friday 12th December—Bottles for Tombola

We will be running the token scheme to pay for the games and stalls. The value of each token is 50p and the stalls will cost either 50p or £1, so either 1 token or 2. The tokens can be purchased on the night, from a dedicated stall, but to avoid possible long queues, they can be pre-purchased either by making a bank transfer to the Godalming Junior School Association, Sort Code 30-99-50, account number 65867168 (Please add child's name and class in payment reference), or we will be selling them in the playground after school on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th December. Cash will also be taken on the night and card at the bar and BBQ.

The school choir will be performing at 5pm. We are requesting that children attending with adults do not bring phones to the fair. Please ensure children do not access any play equipment or the trim trail and entrance will only be via the Hallam Road gate.

We look forward to seeing you there and getting into the Christmas Spirit!

School Achievement

Pupils of the Week

3EC — Tamsin
3JA — Jack
4AL — Milo
4AR — Eden
5KR — Dylan L
5KW — Olivia
6RH — Alfie
6SC — Rhys



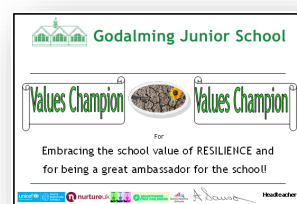
AB St★r Positive Pl★y Award



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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

Year 4 Sportshall Athletics @ Broadwater

Congratulations to our Year 4 Sports Hall athletes who *blitzed* the field at the event last week at Broadwater. They were put to their test with jumping, throwing and running - all of which the children embraced and attacked with enthusiasm and positivity. As a school, we came away with eight medals! If last Friday was anything to go by, GJS is in safe hands when these events come up in future!

Year 3 & 5 Football @ Tillingbourne

Sadly, we were once again beaten by the weather and the final Tillingbourne football tournament of the year has been postponed once again. This will now take place next term and the children involved will be updated as soon as we have the NEW details!



Diary Dates

Autumn 2025

December

8th—12th:

12th:

15th:

16th:

17th:

17th:

18th:

19th:

19th:

10R—Human Rights Week (4)

PTA Christmas Fair

Y3 Carols By Candlelight @ 9.15am

Y4 Carols By Candlelight @ 9.15am

Y5 Carols By Candlelight @ 9.15am

Christmas Lunch

Y6 Carols By Candlelight @ 9.15am

Christmas Attire Day—in aid of Shooting Star Childre

END OF TERM : 1.15pm

January

5th:

Start of Term

Inset Days 2025-26

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

Friday 13th February 2026

Monday 13th April 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026