



Autumn 11
25th November 2022



Godalming Junior School

Newsletter

"We have far more in common than that which divides us" - Jo Cox

Latest News



TT Rockstars

This week has seen GJS rocking their times tables for the legendary TTRockstars Autumn Festival! There have been fierce competitions between classes but, most importantly, we have seen some terrific improvement in children's times tables fluency. Our Lower School Trophy was ultimately won by the mighty 3EC (a first for a Year 3 class!) and the Upper School Trophy was won by the marvelous 6EM. Well done to everyone for your superb efforts!

Y6 Born Free

On Monday morning, the Year 6 children were thrilled to share their Born Free projects with Year 6 families. We were incredibly proud of how confidently the children spoke about their chosen animal cause, answering questions and explaining possible solutions. They have worked so hard throughout this unit of work and it has certainly inspired many of them to research further and stand up for animal rights. Well done Year 6!

GET Teaching with the GLP

The Godalming Learning Partnership of schools are proud partners of Winchester University and have been training teachers for the last 5 years with our blend of innovative academic study and immersive school experience. We are running a number of promotional events over the coming weeks for those interested in finding out more about our unique and bespoke Schools Direct teacher training programme which starts in September 2023. If you would like to find out more, come along to the seminar we will be running at one of our founder schools, Godalming Junior School on **Thursday 08 December at 6.00pm** and contact Andrew Smith on: info@getteaching.org. We look forward to seeing you there. More information can be found on our GET Teaching information evening flier attached.

Governor Vacancy

Are you interested in supporting our school's aim to foster a love of learning by helping to create an attractive, rich and stimulating environment which has a language rich and values-based education? If so, we currently have vacancies for the position of Co-opted Governor on our Governing Body. To find out more about the role, please see link [here](#)

School Value in Focus: TOLERANCE

This term the children are studying the value of **TOLERANCE** as part of our assembly programme, circle time themes and PSHE curriculum. As usual, we would always appreciate parents discussing this value further at home to reinforce our work and maybe consider examples in the world where this is particularly challenging right now. If you would like any ideas on activities to do at home linked to this value, then please visit our value section on the website [here](#) for more information.

Important—Arbor Registration Required

We are progressing well with our move to the new management information system, Arbor. Adopting Arbor, will replace Parentmail and allow us to communicate with you more efficiently and bring all core school data and workflows into one system. We urge all our parents to sign up as soon as possible. All parents have already received an invitation to login. We are currently at 65% registered and would like to reach 100% as soon as possible in order to fully utilise all the new features that Arbor offers.

Christmas Carol Concerts

This year we hope to run our first live Christmas Carol Assemblies in 3 years! The dates of which are on the reverse of the newsletter. These will be about 30 minutes long, during our last week of term, involve ALL the children and will have the theme of TOLERANCE throughout the week. Please respond via the 'Christmas Carol Assemblies' form on Parentmail if you would like to join us.

Warm Spaces Initiative

This winter, Surrey CC have been working together with community groups to open up a network of 'Warm Spaces' that are there to support residents, young and old, during the colder months. Godalming Baptist Church, in Queen's Street, now have 'warm space' available. They will be open from 9.15am to midday each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until Easter, including school holidays. Free WiFi and charging plugs are available together with tea and coffee. To find out more and locate more 'Warm Spaces' click [here](#).

House Points

Saturn	1886
Mars	1735
Jupiter	1693
Neptune	1179

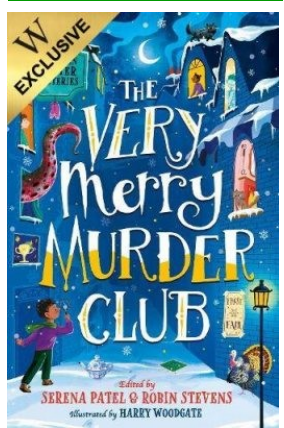


Next House Event

Spring— Football

Sign up sheets will be available later this term.

Waterstones Book of the Month



PTA News

It's nearly time for the Christmas Fair, **Friday 9th December—4.30 to 7.30pm**. A huge thanks for all the jolly jam jars that were dropped off today.

Remaining **mufti day** and donations are below:
Fri 2nd Dec—Xmas Hamper donations

For our Christmas Hampers, as previous years, these will be themed by colour—so to make this simple they will be broken down by year groups. Please see email sent via Parentmail for further details.

Year 3—red

Year 4—green

Year 5—white/silver

Year 6—Gold

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

3CM— Noah
3EC— Kris
4LT— John
4GS— Alfie
5SD— Kai
5NM— Aaron
6EM— Raf
6RH— Chloe



Attendance Winners: 3CM—99.4 %



Anti Bullying Stars Half Term Champions:

CONFIDENCE Values Champions

3CM— Lewis
3EC— Samuel Y
4LT— Oscar
4GS— Kayla
5SD— Kaelyn
5NM— Matthew
6EM— Toby
6RH— Barnaby



Sports News

More news to follow

Diary Dates

Autumn 2022

November

29th: 6EM Science Workso at Charterhouse School
30th: Flu vaccinations
30th—2nd Dec: Y4 Bikeability Course L1

December

1st: Guide Dogs Visitor
2nd: Y5 Viking Workshop
2nd: **MUFTI**—Xmas hamper donations
5th—9th: 10R—Human Rights Week
6th: 6EM Science Workso at Charterhouse School
8th: GET Teaching Information Evening @ 6.00pm
9th: PTA Christmas Fair 4.30—7.30pm
12th: Y3 Carol Assembly @ 9.15am
13th: Y4 Carol Assembly @ 9.15am
14th: Y5 Carol Assembly @ 9.15am
14th: Christmas Lunch
15th: Y6 Carol Assembly @ 9.15am
16th: Christmas Jumper Day—Guide Dogs



Inset Days 2022/23

~~Thursday 1st September 2022~~

~~Monday 31st October 2022~~

Friday 10th February 2023

Monday 17th April 2023

Friday 26th May 2023