



# Newsletter

This year, we are supporting:



*'Independence means doing things yourself, taking on challenges and never giving up' Theo –Year 4*

## Latest News



### Hats and Sun Cream

As the weather begins to become sunnier and warmer, we recommend that children bring a hat to school each day. GJS hats are available from the school office. We also recommend sun-cream being applied before children come to school to ensure we are all being as safe as we can in the sun.

### Attendance @ GJS

Following on from the attendance letter sent on 22nd April, this is a reminder that the school does not authorise **any** holidays taken during term time and violating this policy may lead to a penalty notice being issued. More information can be found in the school Attendance Policy that can be found on the website [here](#).

### Our VALUE in focus is: Independence

We continue to share perspectives and thoughts of the children across the school in our weekly newsletter in the shape of the 'what it means to me' value statements. Nyah in Year 6 summed it up nicely last week. This week, Theo in Year 4 shares his interpretation of what the value means to him. We also 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 *independence*, what it means to you, the behaviours that engender the value and those which do not. Please also celebrate and praise your child when they have shown examples of independence like engaging in sports trials, remembering equipment, preparing to go to Sayers Croft in Year 4 and generally becoming more and more ready for next year!

### Jewellery

A reminder that children must remove jewellery, including Fit-Bits and watches, when taking part in PE lessons as this is the school policy. Earrings must be removed too and the children must do this themselves as we do not use tape to cover them up. We do ask that piercing takes place during the summer holidays to ensure children do not miss PE lessons.

### RSPB Bird Feeder Advice

You may have seen a news item over the last couple of weeks about a disease affecting a number of species of birds that can be spread by garden bird feeders in the summer months. More information can be found on the RSPB website [here](#). It is advised that bird feeders are regularly cleaned, and put away between the months of May and October when food sources for birds are more plentiful. Our Sensory Garden feeder will not be filled for the summer months and we urge members of our community to do the same.

### Club Pick Up

We would like to remind parents that children must be picked up promptly following any after school club as the school office is not manned beyond 4.20pm. If this is not possible, we do ask that you consider sending your child to Koosa's after school care club.

### GJS Car Park—End of Clubs

Please could parents and carers make sure that when collecting children from after school clubs they do not wait in the entrance to the car park, or in the car park itself. It is very difficult for staff to exit safely otherwise. Thank you.

### Free School Meals

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you meet the criteria. If you think your child may be eligible, please complete the application form found on our website [here](#) and return to the school office.



### House Points

Neptune	1460
Mars	1448
Jupiter	1192
Saturn	787



**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

## School Disco—Tuesday 19th May

Years 3 and 4 6-7pm, Years 5 and 6 7.15-8.15pm

We are delighted to be able to announce an additional PTA disco this term. This disco is provided by 'The Music Works' and ALL takings will go directly to the school.

Tickets are £5 (which includes a drink and snack) via bank transfer to the PTA account (Acc no 65867168 SC 30-99-50. Godalming Junior School Parent Teacher Association and please put your child's name and class as the reference) or £5 to the school office in a named envelope. Your child's name will then be on a list and checked on the door (main entrance) - tickets will not be issued.

If you haven't done so for the previous discos or if there is a change, please complete the google form [here](#) in addition to the payment.

## New PTA Chair Needed!

As you may be aware, we will soon be in need of a new Chair as Ellen, our current chair, has a child in Year 6 so will no longer be a parent at the school next year. Without a Chair we can't function as a charity. It could be a shared role between two or three people. If you are interested please reach out to ellenrinttila@gmail.com who can give you an overview of what is involved.

Save the Date—GJS Summer Fair—Friday 10th July

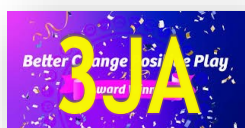
## School Achievement

### Pupils of the Week

- 3EC — Cleo
- 3JA — Sylvie
- 4AL — Soban
- 4AR — Marlowe
- 5KR — Freya
- 5KW — Dougie
- 6RH — Leighton
- 6SC — Kris



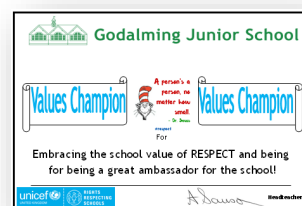
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### Respect Values Champions

- 3JA — George
- 3EC — Alexander
- 4AR — Leona
- 4AL — Beatrix
- 5KW — Luna
- 5KR — Sophie
- 6RH — Joey
- 6SC — Lily



## Sports News

### Years 5 and 6 Rounders

Thank you to all children who tried out for the rounders tournament today. The team will be notified in due course. There will be a practice for those in the team next Friday.

### Year 4 Cricket

Please could those children in the Year 4 cricket team come in PE kit next Friday, for a practice in the afternoon.

## Diary Dates

### Summer 2026

<b>May</b>	
11th-14th:	Y6 SATs
12th:	Y5 Swimming
13th:	Y3/4 Football Tournament @ Rodborough 3.45-5.15pm
18th:	Y3 Visit to Haslemere Museum
19th:	Y5 Swimming
19th:	PTA Discos
21st:	Class Photos (Winter Uniform)
<b>22nd:</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
<b>June</b>	
1st-5th:	10R—International Week
2nd:	Y5 Boys Kwik Cricket Tournament @ FCC
4th:	Y4 Kwik Cricket Tournament @ FCC
4th:	Y5/6 Rounders Competition @ Broadwater School 3.00-5.00pm
9th:	Y3/5 Sports Day
10th:	Y5/6 Girls Cricket Tournament @ FCC
11th:	Y4/6 Sports Day
13th:	ChoirBlast
16th-18th:	Y4 @ Sayers Croft
15th-19th:	Y6 Bikeability
16th-17th:	Y3 Walking Training
22nd-25th:	Y6 Bikeability
23rd:	Y6 Boys Kwik Cricket Tournament @ FCC
26th:	Y5/6 'G-Ashes' @ FCC 9.00-1.15pm

**Inset Days 2025-26**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

**Inset Days 2026-27**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2026

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2027

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2027

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2027

