



# Celebration 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



### Values Champions

Our **forgiveness** Values Champions were celebrated today and it was great to hear the different areas where children flexed their forgiveness muscle this term. Parent Governor Kerry Davies kindly joined us to hand out the awards! Whether it was able to forgive on the playground, when anyone had done wrong to others or even being able to forgive themselves when making a mistake in their studies, the ability to forgive is a challenging yet crucial part of growing up. Our Forgiveness values Champions can be found on the reverse of the newsletter! Next term our focus turn to the values of **Friendship** and **Respect**.

### Writing TRANSFORMERS

Today we also celebrated our Autumn Writing **TRANSFORMERS**. As you know, writing was the biggest casualty following COVID enforced school closures five years ago, and is still reflected in national averages of Key Stage 2 leavers and the area improving by the smallest margins nationally each year. As we continue to shine a light on writing at GJS, congratulations to those who we recognised have truly **TRANSFORMED** their writing and have made great progress this last term. The recipients can be found on the reverse of the newsletter!

### GJS Attendance

Well done to **ALL** the classes who have maintained really high levels of attendance once again this term at GJS. As you know, attendance is really important to us and it has been great to see the level of persistent absences on the decline and the average attendance remain at exceptional levels. Well done to **6RH** who are the Attendance Winners this term with an average of **98.3%**. Thank you to all parents and carers who value regular attendance too and play a pivotal role in enabling attendance at GJS to be so strong!

### AB Stars Break-Time Champion Award

Following the analysis of our behaviour data from CPOMs, it was great to see that Negative Behaviour Incidents and Friendship Incidents continue to be low, another strength at GJS, averaging fewer than 1 incident a day across the school. There are so many reasons why incidents are so low here, ranging from our restorative systems, high levels of vigilance at all time, the consistently modelled behaviours of the adults that the children come into contact with, our calm, purposeful and predictable culture and the wonderful level of pastoral care and sense of nurture that is reinforced in most homes. The class with the fewest incidents this term were **3JA** and they should be rightly proud to receive and display the AB Star trophy for the next term! We have no doubt they will set the tone in September as new children arrive!

### Reading Passports

It is great that 'reading for pleasure' continues to be alive and kicking at GJS, which was clearly visible today during our Celebration Assembly. Not only did we have a large number of children achieving **GOLD** by reading 8 books this term but it was great to see so many Year 3's getting involved as the newest members of the school! With so many more distractions for children outside school, it is so reassuring that so many children are committing time to read as a way of relaxing, learning or informing their writing!

### Carols by Candlelight

It was great to see so many parents and governors come to our Carols by Candlelight events this week and get us ALL into the festive spirit. The songs were amazing, the readings clear and the message of **forgiveness** was delivered sensitively throughout.

### Shooting Star Charity

Thank you to all the parents who have been so giving this term. Whether is has been with our 'Knitted Novelties' (which sold out), our collection during the Carols by Candlelight events and our Christmas Attire mufti day today, we have already raised over £1,000 for Shooting Star Children's Hospice. Next term we will be asking those willing to take part to join us in our sponsored 'Shoot-athon' for Shooting Stars...watch this space!

### House Points Total

	<b>Mars</b>	<b>6999</b>
	<b>Saturn</b>	<b>6764</b>
	<b>Neptune</b>	<b>6517</b>
	<b>Jupiter</b>	<b>6017</b>

### Junior School Applications

We would like to remind you that the closing date for Year 3 and Year R applications for September 2026 entry is **15 January 2026**

### And Finally...

Thank you **ALL** for your continued support, and everyone at GJS would like to wish all our fellow stakeholders a very merry, restful and safe Christmas break. We return on **Monday 5th January**.



# PTA News

## Christmas Fair

A massive thanks to all those who attended our Christmas Fair last Friday. An even bigger thanks to everyone who helped to set up, run the stalls, BBQ and bar. It was a fantastic evening and we raised an impressive sum of £2,500.

We look ahead to the events in 2026, so look out for these in newsletters next term. First up there is the Spring Disco, then there is battle of wits at the Quiz Night before Easter!



## School Achievement

### Writing TRANSFORMERS—Summer

3JA — AYLA-ROSE  
3EC — ARLO  
4AR — ROWAN  
4AL — MILO  
5KR — DYLAN L  
5KW — MARNIE  
6RH — MADDIE  
6SC — SENNA



## Sports News

### Inter House Triple Crown Winners

Well done to all the children who have represented their house and the school this term. The numbers continue to creep up as we strive to offer the right blend of inclusivity and competing at a high level. There has been cross country running, football, dodgeball and sports hall athletics to name a few of the events this term. Next term there will be the inter house football tournament, the inter school swimming gala and cricket coaching returns to GJS! We do ask that children keep putting themselves forward for events and sign up where possible to give themselves a chance to represent the school!



## Diary Dates

### Spring 2026

**January**  
5th:  
7th:  
19th–23rd:  
26th–30th:  
30th:  
**February**  
11th:  
13th:  
16th–20th:  
**March**  
2nd–6th:  
6th:  
7th:  
9th–13th:  
9th:  
11th:  
16th–20th:  
16th:  
19th and 26th:  
20th:  
**Spring Term Begins**  
Y4 Police Safety Visit—PSHE  
10R—Hero Week  
Y6 Mock SATs Week  
Inter-House Football Tournament  
PTA Disco  
**INSET DAY**  
Half Term  
10R—Book Week  
GJS Book Day—Little People, BIG Dreams  
Inter School Swimming Gala @ Charterhouse  
10R—STEM Week  
Y3/4 Bench Ball @ Rodborough  
Y5 STEM Workshop @ Frensham Heights  
10R—Earth Week  
Y5/6 Hockey Tournament @ Charterhouse  
Y5 Fire Safety Visits  
PTA Quiz Night

**Inset Days 2025-26**  
~~Wednesday 3rd September 2025~~  
~~Monday 3rd November 2025~~  
**Friday 13th February 2026**  
**Monday 13th April 2026**  
**Friday 22nd May 2026**