



# Newsletter

This year, we are supporting:



*'Perseverance means to always try your best by consistently practising, remaining positive and using mental strength'* Leona –Year 4

## Latest News

# Thank You

### Ofsted Inspection

Thank you to everyone who supported the school this week as GJS had its long overdue Ofsted inspection. As I am sure you are aware, September saw a new inspection process rolled out with different areas of focus to previous frameworks and with the one word judgements replaced by a 'report card' system. It is safe to say that the bar has been raised quite significantly and despite so much going on in school, with the additional challenge of an amber weather warning in place and being so close to the end of the school year, school leaders are extremely pleased with the outcome overall and feel that the judgements made aligned with where leaders had self assessed the school. The children were superb and feedback from the inspectors was extremely positive. Sadly, due to the timing of the inspection, the final report will not be made available until late September. Once this is available, we will be sending this on to our parents and carers.

### 10R—Arts Week—The Music Works Showcase

On Wednesday, The Music Works delivered their wonderful annual showcase to the school, along with all the children who have their lessons with The Music Works, an external club provider at GJS. It truly felt like the 'Summer of 69' with the wonderful musical talent on show by all the children taking part! More information on The Music Works lessons is available from the school office.

### Our VALUE in focus is: Perseverance

Leona in Year 4 has summed it up very appropriately this week. Our final 'in focus' value continues to be an important one as we try to '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'.

### Autumn Term Dates 2026

We continue this week to share 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! Following our most recent attendance meeting with the local authority it was recommended that we finished each term a little later than we currently do to ensure there is greater educational value during the shorter afternoon sessions. From NEXT term our finish time will be pushed back to 1.30pm on **Friday 18th December**. This will also be the finish time for the last day of both the spring (25th March 2027) and summer (28th July 2027) terms.

### Children's Commissioner Survey

Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner for England, is asking children to reflect on their experiences of the academic year, share what matters most to them, and tell her about their hopes and ambitions for the future in their own words. The findings will help shape the conversations and decisions being made about children's lives and futures for years to come. So far, only one GJS child has completed the survey, and we would love for more children to take part! To access the survey, click [here](#).

### And finally...

Thank you to everyone who has made adjustments due to the amber weather warning and are sending their children into school well equipped to cope as best as possible. Whether this is having a water bottle each day, a hat, pre-applied sun cream and possibly, a (quiet) personal fan! There continues to be changes to our school day to manage the heat, particularly the afternoons and particularly those in the south facing classrooms. Additional class fans are being installed as we speak and there are more long term plans underway to install more air-conditioning units in areas of the school once an assessment of the school electricity grid infrastructure has been carried out. We are aware that as an Edwardian built school, careful adjustments are needed as it is highly likely we will experience more challenging weather in future years. Rest assured, action is being taken and leaders are taking a long-term view on how GJS can be more 'climate resilient'.



### House Points

Neptune	1032
Mars	981
Jupiter	557
Mars	507



**Our Designated Safeguard Lead and Operation Encompass Key Adult is:**  
**Mr Samson—HT**

**Our Deputy Designated Safeguard Leads are:**  
Miss Coleman—Deputy HT  
Mrs Munz—Bursar  
Mrs Crook—HSLW

*'Safeguarding is everyone's business'*

# PTA News

**GJS Summer Fair—TONIGHT—5.00-7.00pm**

Thank you for all your donations over the past two weeks.

Entrance will only be via the Hallam Road gate, then head round to the front playground.

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.

We look forward to seeing you there!

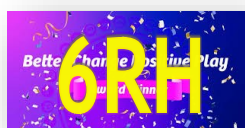
## School Achievement

### Pupils of the Week

- 3EC – Whole Class!
- 3JA – Flora
- 4AL – Emily
- 4AR – Luke
- 5KR – Arthur
- 5KW – Jess
- 6RH – Emily
- 6SC – Amelia



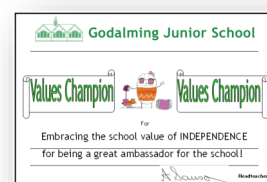
### AB Star Positive Play Award



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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

### District Sports

Sadly due to the amber weather warning, another school sports event has had to be postponed. Again, school leaders in the area are trying to find an alternative date which has been made more difficult due to the longevity of this current hot weather and the limited time to run the event being so close to the end of the school year. We will of course keep you posted but will not compromise the safety and well-being of both children, staff and parents.



## Diary Dates

### Summer 2026

- July
- 10th: Summer Fair
- 15th: G-Fest
- 20th: Y6 Production @ 7.00pm
- 21st: Y6 Production @ 9.15am
- 22nd: Leavers Assembly
- 22nd: School's Out @ 1.15pm

### Autumn 2026

- 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
- 9th: Y6 Curriculum Evening @ 7.00pm
- 14th–18th: Y6 Residential to UKSA
- 25th: Inter House 'Chippie Chase' Cross Country Run
- 28th–2nd: 10R—Poetry Week
- October
- 5th: 10R—Healthy Week
- 9th: Hello Yellow Mufti—in aid of Young Minds
- 15th: PTA Disco—TBC
- 19th–30th: Half Term

