



Newsletter

"Life is about your growth, not your trophies" - Bear Grylls

Latest News



VR Day

The excitement was tangible when the children in Years 3,4 and 5 enjoyed a VR workshop on Tuesday. Each year group had the opportunity to step into their History topic this term, having a look around a Viking longship, a Greek temple and a Stone Age cave. Through the headsets, each child could experience being inside each scene. It is our hope that this immersion has created a curiosity to find out more about their history topics in the weeks to come. Please ask your child what they saw! Many thanks to the PTA for helping to fund this day!

Our VALUE in focus is: RESILIENCE

This year we will continue to immerse the children during school assemblies, circle times and PSHE lessons in our school values. Each half term we learn about, promote, reflect and consider one of 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 we 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.

This term, fittingly with children experiencing much change, our first 'in focus' value is **RESILIENCE**. All staff will be on 'high alert' looking for children displaying *resilience* in lessons, on the playground and even during their residential trip away from home! **The more this can be further reinforced at home, the better.** Please feel free to have 'home talks' on our values and maybe even share examples when YOU have had to show *resilience*, face your fears and generally share YOUR views on the value and the importance of being *resilient* in life!

Mobile Phones and Smart Devices

If you feel it is necessary for your child to have a mobile phone in school, a request form must be completed and sent to the Headteacher. If accepted, the phone/device must be handed into the school office when your child arrives at school in the morning and collected at the end of the school day. This year we will not be accepting smart devices as we are now a Smart Phone Free school.

Earrings

In line with our school uniform policy [here](#), please ensure that only stud earrings are worn to school. **Children need to be able to remove them for PE**, or if they are unable to do them themselves they should not wear them on their PE day. Staff are not permitted to remove them for children.

Medical Forms

Please ensure that any necessary regular medication, including inhalers, are given into the office, along with a new form for this academic year.

Parking at Pick Up Time

We kindly ask that all parents refrain from using our car park for school drop offs (including for Breakfast Club) and pick ups, and consider using alternative parking/pick up options as we value our relationship with neighbouring residents and businesses, especially Majestic, who allow us to use the car park for our coaches on school trip days.

Flu Vaccinations and Y6 Height & Weight Checks

Please see emails sent this week to sign up to flu vaccinations and the Year 6 height and weight check.

Governor Vacancies

With a number of governors reaching the end of their service terms, we have vacancies on the governing body. If you are interested in becoming a school governor, please arrange to speak to our headteacher, Adam Samson via the school office or to the Clerk of the Governing Body, Shannon Hall via clerk@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk.

Wellbeing Support That's Out There

At GJS, we know that at any point people might be facing challenges or difficulties in their personal life, within their family or at work. We also know that it can be really hard to reach out and find the support that's out there. With that in mind, we've made a range of information padlets that can be accessed by anyone, at any time and completely anonymously. Within them is a range of guidance, strategies, and agencies that might be of use so please do save the link and spend some time seeing what support is out there, just in case it's ever needed.

Support and guidance for helping children with their mental health

Additional support agencies

If you have any questions then please don't hesitate to contact Miss Coleman, the Wellbeing Lead.

RESILIENCE



House Points

Saturn	45455
Mars	44151
Neptune	42627
Jupiter	40798



**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

Year 3 Welcome BBQ—A massive thank you to all those who attended the Year 3 Welcome BBQ. It was a lovely to welcome new faces to the school and thank you to those who helped with set up, running the bar and BBQ.

I will be taking over from Phil as Chair of the PTA for this coming year. Phil has done an incredible job and I'm sure the whole school community joins me in thanking him for his time and effort to make the PTA events in the last few years so successful. I have had the privilege of having had two children at GJS over the past 6 years (my youngest is now in Year 6) and have seen the school go from strength to strength. I hope in this final year for me I can offer some contribution back.
Ellen

Upcoming Events:

PTA AGM—Thursday 16th October (NOTE DATE CHANGE) 8pm Cricketers pub

Autumn Disco—Wednesday 22nd October

Christmas Fair—Friday 12th December

School Achievement

Pupils of the Week

3EC— Esme
3JA — JJ
4AL — Ella
4AR — Isobel
5KR — Noah
5KW— Alisa



CREATIVITY Values Champions

3AR — Isabella
3EC — **ARCHIE**
4JS — Pru
4NS — Theo
5KW — Samuel C
5NM — **SOLOMON**
6EM — Khali



Sports News

Football Trials at GJS

Getting well underway are the football trials, in an attempt to select a number of teams that will represent GJS over the coming weeks at the numerous football events that Tillingbourne School will be hosting. Today Year 3 and 4 girls took part in trials. The team will be notified over the coming days.

There are further dates below for other year groups to get involved, all are welcome. **Class teachers are taking names of those interested.** Trials and practice sessions throughout the year, will primarily take place during our 'Fit Fridays' when Bill Bingham works with us:

Friday 3rd October—Year 5 and Year 6 girls football trials AND Year 5 boys football trials

Friday 10th October—Year 3 boys football trials

Children will need to come into school on these days in their PE kits.

Diary Dates

Autumn 2025

September

26th:

29th—3rd:

October

2nd:

6th—10th:

10th:

16th:

22nd:

23rd:

27th—31st:

November

3rd:

8th:

10th—14th:

10th:

11th:

12th:

Inter-House 'Chippie Chase' Fun Run

10R—Poetry Week

Y4 & Y6 Boys Football Tournament @ Tillingbourne—pm

10R—Healthy Week

Young Minds 'Hello Yellow' Mufti Day

Girls Football Tournament @ Tillingbourne—pm

PTA Disco

Y3 & Y5 Boys Football Tournament @ Tillingbourne—pm

HALF TERM

INSET DAY

Prospective Parent Tour (1) @ 10.00am

10R—Remembrance Week

Prospective Parent Tour (2) @ 10.45am

Prospective Parent Tour (3) @ 9.00am

Prospective Parent Tour (4) @ 6.00pm

Inset Days 2025-26

~~Wednesday 3rd September 2025~~

Monday 3rd November 2025

Friday 13th February 2026

Monday 13th April 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026