



Newsletter

This year, we are supporting:



'Respect is being inclusive, not talking over others, being a good listener and treating people fairly' George –Year 3

Latest News



Change in Sports Day Dates

Due to a clash with the Waverley Schools Cricket Tournament, Sports Days will now take place as follows:

Tuesday 9th June: Year 3–am, Year 5–pm

Thursday 11th June: Year 4–am, Year 6–pm

Data Collection Updates

We kindly ask that you take a few minutes to log in to Arbor and check that the information we hold for your child is correct and up to date. Please review all sections of your child's profile, including: **home address, emergency contact details, medical history (including dietary requirements and doctor/GP details), languages spoken, religious and ethnicity information.** You can update any information directly in Arbor. Maintaining these details accurately is important, particularly in case of emergencies. Please contact the school office if you require help making any changes. Thank you for your support.

British Science Week Poster Competition

We would like to make you aware of a poster competition for British Science Week. To take part, children will be asked to create an A3 or A4 poster that answers the questions: 'What makes children's lives positive? What will a positive childhood look like in the future for children your age?' Children can compete individually or in a team. A range of STEM themed prizes are available. This gives your child the fantastic opportunity to explore STEM and be part of real research. For more details, please click [here](#) or see the poster in class rooms. If you wish to compete, please hand in your poster to your class teacher or Miss Warner by Friday 10th April.

Readathon

Until **Thursday 26th March**, GJS is holding a **READATHON!** This is a sponsored read that encourages children to enjoy reading for fun, while also raising money to buy books and fund storyteller visits for children in hospital. If your child would like to take part, all they need to do is choose what they want to read, find some sponsors (with a little help from parents), and then get reading! All information can be found on the attached poster and letter, and as always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Miss Coleman.

Shooting Stars Donation Station

Last week we took delivery of a Donation Station for any 'good quality clean or new clothing, shoes, boots and bags'. The Donation Station can be found in the entrance hall and will be taken to the Shooting Stars shop on Godalming High Street over the Easter holidays. If you have any of the items in bold, then feel free to drop them in! Our Easter themed 'knitted novelties' have **SOLD OUT** after just one week! Thank you to everyone who made a purchase raising valuable funds for our chosen charity!

GJS is an NARF Allergy School

This week, following a self assessment process and our commitment to be allergy and anaphylaxis aware, GJS is now a NARF (Natasha Allergy Research Foundation) Allergy School. ALL schools are required to have statutory training by September and GJS are once again, ahead of the curve and are ready for any changes. You can see the logo that has been added to our footer of accreditations!

Parent Governor Elections

We are seeking applications for parents/carers to stand for election as a Parent Governor of Godalming Junior School. There is **one** Parent Governor vacancy on the Governing Body and applications will be welcomed from parents/carers of pupils registered at the school. Parent Governors serve for a term of four years, irrespective of how long their child remains as a registered pupil of the school. A letter dated 13th March has been sent to parents/carers with more information, and includes the nomination and personal statement form which should be completed and returned to the Clerk to the Governors by **Monday 23rd March** via the School Office or at clerk@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk.

Our VALUE in focus is: RESPECT

Respect is our 'in focus' value at GJS until Easter and will continue to be the theme of our weekly assemblies. Arguably our most treasured value, it underpins so much of life at school and requires every member of the community to uphold the value in order for the school to thrive. We continue to share the 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. Last week, Benjamin in Year 6 had his interpretation shared in the newsletter. This week, it is George's turn in Year 3. 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 **respect**, what it means to you, the behaviours that engender the value and those which do not.

House Points

Jupiter	1524
Neptune	1508
Mars	1220
India	1193



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 Spring Disco

Thank you to all the children who came and showed off their dance moves on Wednesday, and to the adults who helped (and also showed off their dance moves!).

Parent's Quiz Night—Friday 20th March

The PTA is hosting the annual quiz night on Friday 20th March. Bar opens at 19:15 for shandy and other drinks, with quizzing starting at 20:00. Tickets are £12 by bank transfer to Godalming Junior School Parent Teacher Association, Account Number 65867168, Sort Code 30-99-50. Please fill in [this form](#) either as a team or if you're not in a team, as an individual and we can try to find you one!

Keep an eye out in the newsletter this week and next week for answers to some questions. There will be 5 in total to be found this week and next week so get reading!

School Achievement

Pupils of the Week

3EC – Divine
3JA – Sylvie
4AL – Amelie
4AR – Lase
5KR – Oliver P
5KW – Harrison
6RH – Khushi
6SC – George



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Friendship Values Champions

3JA – Preston
3EC – Sylvie
4AR – Isobel
4AL – Bobbie
5KW – Isobel
5KR – Charlie
6RH – Sam G
6SC – Freddie



Sports News

During the 2012 London Olympics there was 'Super Saturday'—well at GJS it has been a 'Wonderful Week' of sport! First up was the **Godalming Schools Swimming Gala** at Charterhouse last Saturday. Our squad from across the school did brilliantly in all events and all strokes, coming a brilliant 2nd overall! Then it was off to the **Year 4 Bench-Ball Tournament** at Rodborough on Monday. Once again, the children were amazing ambassadors for the school coming back to GJS as winners! Finally, it was the **Year 3 and Year 5 Football Tournament** at Tillingbourne yesterday. This had already been postponed twice and we were hoping it was 3rd time lucky...and it was! Both teams did superbly well with great attacking, passing, goalkeeping and defending in equal measure on show with other very talented local teams. Year 3, in their first outing at GJS as a team, came a very credible 4th with some outstanding performances throughout the afternoon. As for Year 5, there was the additional pressure of trying to defend their title from last year...and they did, winning against St Bart's in the final. What. A. Week. HUGE thanks go to 'Team Holcombe' (Miss C and Miss R Holcombe), Mrs Williams (for attending ALL events) and Mr Leverton for helping out at the football tournament. Thank you to all parents and carers who came to support the various events in the week and help with any transport needs, it is always much appreciated! ALL these events also helped us reach the impressive number of 135 children who have now represented the school at different events this year, this is over 55% of the school!

Upper School Bench-Ball Trials

Well done to all children who signed up for today's Year 5 and 6 Bench-Ball trials! The team will be announced next week.

Diary Dates

Spring 2026

March
16th–20th: 10R—Earth Week
19th: Y5 Fire Safety Visits
20th: PTA Quiz Night
26th: Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics County Final @ Spectrum
27th: End of Term @ 1.15pm

April
13th: INSET DAY
14th: Start of summer term
14th: Y5 Catch-up Swimming
17th: Y5/6 Benchball @ Rodborough
21st: Y5 Catch-up Swimming
22nd: Y5 Netball @ Park Mead

Inset Days 2025-26
~~Wednesday 2nd September 2025~~
~~Monday 2nd November 2025~~
~~Friday 13th February 2026~~
Monday 13th April 2026
Friday 22nd May 2026

Inset Days 2026-27
Tuesday 1st September 2026
Monday 2nd November 2026
Friday 12th February 2027
Monday 12th April 2027
Friday 28th May 2027

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