



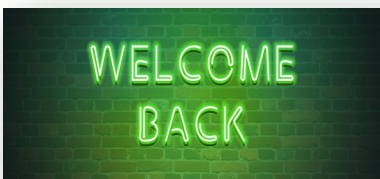
Newsletter

We are proudly Supporting



'I am no bird: and no net ensnares me: I am a free human being with an independent will' - Charlotte Bronte

Latest News



Welcome Back

There is so much going on this term as we head into the final phase of the year. We see Year 4 visit Sayers Croft, we begin planning for Sports Day, Year 3 visit Haslemere Museum as part of their Ancient Egypt topic, we have our final 10 enrichment weeks starting with International Week and then our Arts Week with the climax of this week being our GJS Talent Show...and much more!

Value in Focus: Independence

Again, as we enter the final term of the year, **INDEPENDENCE** is now the value 'in focus'. At this stage of the year, we expect ALL children to embrace and uphold this value and begin to look ahead to beginning a new year and ensuring ALL are equipped to deal with the greater expectations on them, whether that is here or whether that is moving on to their new school. Staff will be looking out to see examples of the children 'living' this value, showing initiative and confidently facing challenges they encounter during our busiest term of the year.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor to join our active and supportive Governing Body. This is a voluntary role, and you will be required to attend three committee meetings per year and three Full Governing Body Meetings. Should you be interested in applying, please contact our Clerk, Tracy-Anne Chapman on clerk@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk. More details can be found [here](#) on our website.

Change to Going Home Arrangements

Whilst we understand that people are leading busy lives and situations change, we do insist that you try and prioritize the arrangement that is in place for picking up your child. If there is a change to this arrangement please would you alert the office at the earliest possible time and **before 1.00pm each day**. We do ask that you **telephone** the school office to change any arrangements and rather than leave a message, speak to a person from the school office to be sure the message is received and passed on. There is a growing number of requests coming in very late in the day and this is putting significant pressure on the office staff to ensure these messages are passed on, which can be avoided if the school has as much notice as possible and parents are not leaving voicemails or simply emailing the school. Thank you.

Summer Uniform

As we move into the summer term children *may* return to school in their smart summer uniform. You can find the school uniform policy [here](#). Please note that though winter uniform is still an option, the children are required to wear a tie IF they are wearing the 'winter' shirt. Please can you inform the school office or your child's teacher if for any reason you are experiencing any uniform issues and ensure all uniform is named. Should you require any additional 'nearly new' uniform, including summer dresses and shorts, please contact the school office as we have stock available in our second hand shop. **Please also note that children must be dressed in full winter uniform on 20th May when their class photographs will be taken.**

Medical/Dietary Changes

Please ensure that you inform the school office should there be any changes to your child's medical information or dietary requirements.

Godalming Learning Partnership's GET Teaching Programme

Why not GET Teaching with the Godalming Learning Partnership and Winchester University? The Godalming Learning Partnership is a large group of schools serving the children and families of the Godalming area. We are a strong collaborative group with a long history of working closely together to achieve more for our young people, schools and community.


We run an exciting opportunity to train as a teacher in partnership with Winchester University and are inviting applications to start in Sept 2024.


The one year school-led GET Teaching PGCE programme provides the perfect combination of immersive classroom experience in our local schools and academic study at Winchester University. Our current trainees are teaching and training across all our schools ensuring they gain invaluable experience of a wide range of settings.

If you are interested and want to know more e-mail Rachel Dunning: coordinator@godalminglearning.org.



<u>House Points</u>	
Neptune	1488
Saturn	776
Jupiter	702
Mars	660





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

Our Deputy Designated Safeguard Leads are:
Mr MacIver—Deputy HT
Mrs Wilkinson—SEnCo
Mrs Munz—Bursar
Mrs Kirby—HSLW

'It's everyone's business'

PTA News

Watch this space in coming weeks for more information about the new PTA event – Parent’s Casino Night on Friday 14th June.

Future Events

Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th July – Year 6 Play
Friday 12th July – Summer Fair

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week

3AR – Chester
3EC – Isabella
4JA – Khushi
4RH – Jonathan
5SD – Archie
5NM – Cassie
6EM – Christie
6TA – Chloe



Attendance Winners: 3AR – 98%



Spring AB Stars Champions: 6TA

RESPECT Values Champions

3AR – Bodhi
3EC – Lily S
4JA – Lotta
4RH – Thea
5SD – Emily
5NM – Millie
6EM – Isla
6TA – Elly



Sports News

District Sports Trials – Friday 26th April

Following the Kwik Cricket trials this week, we now begin to look ahead to the annual District Sports event. This year the event will be at The Spectrum Athletics Track, Guildford on **Monday 8th July**. Over the next few weeks, we will be holding trials and practice sessions to pull together a squad to compete on the day. We begin next Friday (26th) with the **Upper School** trials for anyone wishing to take part. They need to come to school in their PE kit and **sign up with their class teacher**. The trials will consist of a cricket ball throw, a sprint (80m), a middle distance race (200m) and a long distance race (600m). Children signing up can try out for all events or a select number. Bill Bingham and Mr Samson will be leading the trials and we hope to run the **Lower School** trials the following week (3rd May). The trials are open to ALL children as we at GJS believe this is the fairest way to build a squad. ALL children are welcome to take part but they **MUST** sign up with their teacher first before next Friday (26th) as an excellent example of them modelling **INDPENDENCE**, our ‘in focus’ value.

Diary Dates

Summer 2024

May	
6th:	School Closed – Bank Holiday
10th:	Y5 Kwik Cricket Tournament @ Farncombe CC
13th–16th:	SATs Week
15th:	5SD Science Workshop @ Rodborough
20th:	Class Photos – Winter Uniform Day
21st:	Lower School Sports Day – Y3 am / Y4 pm
22nd:	Upper School Sports Day – Y5 am / Y6 pm
23rd:	Y5/6 Girls Kwik Cricket Tournament @ Farncombe CC
24th:	INSET DAY
27th–31st:	Half Term
June	
3rd:	Y3 visit to Haslemere Museum
5th:	5SD Science Workshop @ Rodborough
10th–14th:	10R – International Week – The Americas
14th:	Inter House Cricket Day ‘The G-Ashes’ @ Farncombe CC
17th–19th:	Y4 visit to Sayers Croft
25th:	Y6 Kwik Cricket Tournament @ Farncombe CC
26th:	Y4 Kwik Cricket Tournament @ Farncombe CC
July	
8th–12th:	10R – Arts Week

<p>Inset Days 2023/24</p> <p>Friday 1st September 2023</p> <p>Monday 30th October 2023</p> <p>Friday 9th February 2024</p> <p>Monday 15th April 2024</p> <p>Friday 24th May 2024</p>
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<p>Inset Days 2024/25</p> <p>Monday 2nd September 2024</p> <p>Friday 25th October 2024</p> <p>Friday 14th February 2025</p> <p>Tuesday 22nd April 2025</p> <p>Friday 23rd May 2025</p>
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