



Newsletter

"You can't use up creativity: The more you use, the more you have" - Maya Angelou

Latest News

This year we are supporting:

SAMARITANS



Year 4 trip to Sayers Croft

Well done to ALL of Year 4 who spent two nights at Sayers Croft this week and had the most wonderful of times! Blessed with amazing weather, EVERY child embraced each and every activity and threw themselves into everything on offer. As Year 4 approach the half way stage of their time at GJS, this is always a fitting test to see how much they have matured during their time here by spending some time away from parents, with their peers and showing how INDEPENDENT and RESILIENT they can be. And they smashed it! They followed instructions, were organised, helped each other and showed how great ambassadors for the school they are by being **respectful**, polite and grateful to the Sayers Croft staff. We simply could not have asked any more from them! We would also like to say a massive thank you to the GJS team, Mrs Johnson, Miss Shim, Ms Blacklidge, Mrs Sanders, Mrs Williams, Mrs Bradford and Mrs Smith, for giving up their time to attend the trip and help it run so seamlessly

Year 3 trip to Haslemere Museum

On Wednesday, both Year 3 classes visited Haslemere Museum and their mummy! Thanks to the Victorian explorers in the area, we could experience primary sources to learn more about Ancient Egypt and appreciate the richness of a culture from such a long time ago. All children enjoyed mummifying their teddies using the correct vocabulary! The museum staff were duly impressed with the depth of knowledge, the clever questions asked and the good behaviour on show.

Choir Blast

If you ever needed proof of how amazing the GJS community is then ChoirBlast on Saturday was it! Our wonderful choir did an absolutely sensational job of performing on the Field (Pyramid!) Stage to an absolutely enormous audience that was made up of families, friends and the majority of our wonderful staff! The children sang beautifully and with such confidence and to say Miss Coleman was proud would be an understatement! Each and every member of our brilliant GJS Choir should be immensely impressed with how well they sang and how enthusiastically they performed! We'd also like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who came to support us and sing along! Our wonderful audience brought the positivity and energy that the children needed to enjoy every moment!

Lost Property

The Lost Property was emptied at the end of the last half term, and is now overflowing again! If your child is missing anything please ask them to check for it in Lost Property, and please ensure ALL items are named so we can return to the owner.

School Access 2025-26

Following a recent safeguarding review of the school site, the school welfare team has taken the decision to disable the Meadow school gate at the end of the school day from September. This will only be used next year in the case of emergencies. At the beginning and end of each day both the Marshall Road and Hallam Road gate will continue to be used and there will be a staff presence at the end of each day, like there has been at the beginning of the day, at the Marshall Road gate as this is where most children leave the school site independently. We are informing parents now so appropriate measures and changes can be arranged before **Thursday 4th September**, the first day of next term.

Walking Home Policy Change 2025-26

We will also be changing our Walking Home Policy from September 2025, which will see ONLY those in the upper school leave the school at the end of the day independently. The only children who will be able to leave the school site at the end of the day in the lower school are those with older siblings in the upper phase of the school, who they leave with each day. Once again, we are informing parents now so any arrangements can be made as early as possible in preparation for September. We thank you for your understanding that making these changes will make routines and practices at GJS even safer for the children here.

Attendance

We would like to remind parents that where a child is taken out of school for 10 sessions or more and the 'leave of absence' is without the authority of the Headteacher, each parent is liable to receive a penalty notice for each child who is absent. If a parent/carer has not incurred a penalty notice relating to the relevant child/children since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court. Further information is given within our [Attendance Policy](#).

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.

Our 'in focus' value: CREATIVITY

This term, we turn our attention to the value of **CREATIVITY**, when the children will learn the importance of this value, what it 'looks like' at GJS, how we try and engender a culture of this value at school and the importance of learning a new skill, language or instrument in order to be more creative! We focus on this value during a time when we will be considering roles for the Year 6 production, holding auditions for our inaugural 'G-Fest' event and inviting Music Works back to GJS for their musical showcase! Once again, any 'home talks' you can have with the children on the value is always much appreciated.

And Finally...

Surrey School Term Dates are changing to extend the autumn half term break in 2026-27 to 2 weeks, to align more with some private schools and some multi-academy trusts. It is important to note that this is not an 'extra' week of school holidays, rather a 'shift' of dates, as the additional week for the half term break will be 'made up' by breaking up for the summer that year a week later than usual. We are welcoming any views parents have on this potential change, as GJS has always historically adopted the Surrey Term Dates and are keen to inform parents what our plans intend to be before the end of term. Incidentally, this will only affect those in our current year 3 and 4 year groups. Feel free to pass on your views to school leaders via the school office, by email or in person before or after school.



House Points

Saturn	583
Neptune	552
Jupiter	455
Mars	349



Our Designated Safeguard Lead,
Operation Encompass Key Adult and Attendance Lead 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

Summer Fair—Friday 11th July 6.00—8.30pm
MUFTI days for stalls

Friday 4th July—Bottle Tombola

Friday 11th July—Jolly Jam Jars and Book Donations

All donations to be dropped off in the Music Room as usual on arrival to school.

Some good news, we have found a new PTA treasurer! However we are still in urgent need of a new Chair to help with the running of the PTA (this role could be shared between people). If you are interested in getting involved with the PTA, or want to know more details, please reach out to Phil (philipcurtis@hotmail.com) who can give an overview of what is required.

Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th July—Year 6 Play

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week

3AR — Dylan
3EC — Joey
4JS — Juliet
4NS — Ella
5NM — Theo
5KW — Farley
6EM — Archie
6SD — Oscar



98%

TRUST Values Champions

3AR — Dylan
3EC — Anne-Marie
4JS — Florrie
4NS — Archie
5KW — Maddie
5NM — Warwick
6EM — Harry
6SD — Loretta



Sports News

Cricket Mania @ GJS!

GJS got caught up in cricket mania this week with BOTH our boys and girls winning their respective Waverley Schools Kwik Cricket Competitions!

On Monday it was the turn of the upper school girls to RETAIN the shield they won last year by beating Loseley Fields, Womersley and Tillingbourne on the way to beating Womersley AGAIN in a close fought rematch final!

Then it was the turn of the Year 5 boys on Tuesday to attempt to get their names on their shield for the first time! The boys beat Womersley and Loseley Fields in their group before facing off against Busbridge in the semi-final and then beating St James in a close fought match in the final!

Both teams now go through to county finals in the coming weeks, Year 6 boys have their event next Tuesday and Year 4 have their event the following week. We finish off our season of cricket at GJS with our G-Ashes events, starting on the 27th for the upper school at Farncombe Cricket Club before the lower school events the following week at school.

A great effort by all children who did the school and themselves super-proud!



Diary Dates

Summer 2025

June	
24th:	5KW Trip to Godalming Museum
25th:	Y5 Boys County Cricket Finals
25th:	5NM Trip to Godalming Museum
25th:	Y4 Kwik Cricket Tournament @ FCC 1.00—4.30pm
26th:	Y6 Junior Citizens Event @ Guildford Spectrum
27th:	Y5/6 'G-Ashes' @ FCC 9.00pm—2.00pm
July	
1st:	'Bump Up' Day
2nd:	Y5/6 Girls County Cricket Finals
4th:	Mufti—Bottles
7th—11th:	10R—Arts Week
8th:	'The Forest in Between' Y6 transition event
9th and 10th:	Y6 Production 'Oliver with a Twist' @ 7.00pm
9th:	Music Works Showcase
10th:	District Sports @ The Spectrum
11th:	Mufti—Jolly Jam Jars/Book Donations & Summer Fair 6.00pm—8.30pm

Inset Days 2025-26

Wednesday 3rd September 2025
Monday 3rd November 2025
Friday 13th February 2026
Monday 13th April 2026
Friday 22nd May 2026