



Newsletter

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

Latest News



School Surveys

We have recently updated our survey section of the school website and you are able to see the latest findings from the surveys [here](#). These include our staff wellbeing survey, our anti-bullying survey, our latest pupil survey findings and the link for parents to access the Ofsted Parent View site, or click on the Ofsted logo . We are expecting to be inspected later this academic year by Ofsted using their updated 'report card' framework following their last visit 4 years ago and part of their process is to analyse any Parent View data on GJS. We therefore would like parents to find time to access Parent View over the coming weeks. We will also have work stations set up in the school hall during our first round of Parent-Teacher Meetings in November to access Parent View.

10R—Poetry Week

Our first 10R enrichment week of the year got off to a flier this week coinciding with National Poetry Day yesterday. On Monday, Mr Samson launched Poetry Week during assembly and announced the theme of our annual poetry competition. Over the years we have seen amazing poems written by our children about all 12 of our school values, which can be found at 'Poets Corner' to the rear of the school. Last year's theme of **Love, Live, Learn** led to an amazing standard and it was Sam Penson's effort that now adorns the school hall. This year, our theme is **'Rights'**. Children are asked to write a poem about the school being a UNICEF Rights Respecting School. They could choose 'articles' to include in their poem, it could be about what being a Rights Respecting School means to them, why are rights important or appreciating the rights we uphold here that others in the world do not have. As with all forms of poetry, there are so many different directions the children could take! The children could get some ideas from our UNICEF page on the school website [here](#). The closing date for poems to be handed in to their teacher, to the office or Mr Samson directly is: **Friday 10th October**. Next week will be our 2nd 10R enrichment 'Wellness Week', which includes our **Hello Yellow** mufti day supporting Young Minds. Children are asked to bring in a voluntary contribution of £1 on the day to hand in to their class teacher.

Our VALUE in focus is: RESILIENCE

We 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.

All staff continue to 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.** We encourage 'home talks' on our values and hope parents 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!

Individual Photos

The school photographer will be in on **Tuesday 21st October**. Children should come to school in their smartest winter uniform, and Year 5 should bring PE kit in a named bag to change into.

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.

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. Consent must be submitted by 10th October.

Governor Vacancies

With a number of governors reaching the end of their service terms, we still 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.



House Points

Neptune	1084
Mars	1038
Saturn	824
Jupiter	700




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

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

'It's everyone's business'

PTA News

Thank you to those who have stepped forward as Class Reps this year. The PTA are looking for a class rep for 5KR. If you are able to help, please get in touch with the school office. The class rep is a really useful link between the parents of the class and the PTA so you know what events are coming up so your child doesn't miss out. The class rep helps to coordinate bits of help for things like the Christmas fair and Summer fair. Being the class rep doesn't mean you have to help yourself! The role could be shared across more than one person if preferred.

Easy fundraising is an easy way to raise additional funds for the school when you are doing your shopping online. We currently have a number of families signed up for this and it would be great if we can increase that. See sign up instructions attached.

Upcoming Events:

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

Autumn Disco—Wednesday 22nd October



School Achievement

Pupils of the Week

3EC— Hamish
3JA — Remi
4AL — Faye
4AR — Charlie
5KR — Pru
5KW — Maria
6RH — Eddie
6SC — Albert



CREATIVITY Values Champions

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



Sports News

Tillingbourne Football Tournament: Round 1—Year 4 Boys and Year 6 Boys

Well done to all the boys who took part in the first round of Tillingbourne football tournaments yesterday. Coming 3rd was the habit all round with all 3 teams coming 3rd in their groups overall and narrowly missing out on the finals. A great effort all round though! Thank you to all the parents who helped with transport, helped out and generally cheered the children on!

Football Trials at GJS

These continue next week, 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. **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 10th October—Year 3 boys football trials—Children will need to come in mufti appropriate to take part in the trial.

Diary Dates

Autumn 2025

October

6th—10th: 10R—Wellness Week (2)
8th: Y5 UKSA 2026 Webinar @ 6pm
9th: Y4 Sayers Croft 2026 Webinar @ 6pm
10th: Young Minds 'Hello Yellow' Mufti Day
14th: Y5 Tilford Mosque Trip
16th: Girls Football Tournament @ Tillingbourne—pm
21st: Individual Photos
22nd: PTA Disco
23rd: Y3 & Y5 Boys Football Tournament @ Tillingbourne—pm
27th—31st: **HALF TERM**

November

3rd: **INSET DAY**
8th: Prospective Parent Tour (1) @ 10.00am
10th—14th: **10R—Remembrance Week (3)**
10th: Prospective Parent Tour (2) @ 10.45am
11th: Prospective Parent Tour (3) @ 9.00am
12th: Prospective Parent Tour (4) @ 6.00pm
17th—20th: Y4 Bikeability
18th: Parent-Teacher Meetings (Late)
20th: Parent-Teacher Meetings (Early)

December

1st: Autumn Attendance Letters sent out
10th—12th: 10R—Human Rights Week (4)

Inset Days 2025-26
~~Wednesday 3rd September 2025~~
Monday 3rd November 2025
Friday 13th February 2026
Monday 13th April 2026
Friday 22nd May 2026