

Newsletter

This year, we are supporting:



'Independence means being different, having your own opinion and to not follow a crowd' George –Year 3

Latest News



Hats and Sun Cream

As the weather begins to become sunnier and warmer, it is recommended that children consider bringing a hat to school each day. GJS hats are available from the school office. We also recommend sun-cream being applied before children come to school to ensure we are all being as safe as we can in the sun.

Attendance @ GJS

Following on from the attendance letter sent this week, this is a reminder that the school does not authorise **any** holidays taken during term time and violating this policy may lead to a penalty notice being issued. More information can be found in the school Attendance Policy that can be found on the website [here](#).

Our VALUE in focus is: Independence

Sheffield Wednesday, The Cranberries and Fogglers; What do they all have in common? They all were mentioned in our Monday assembly this week! Mr Samson launched our 'in focus' value of **independence** on Monday and shared the Oliver Jeffers story of 'The Hueys in The New Jumper'. This led to a discussion on the underlying themes of the book, such as attempting to 'stand out from a crowd' and for Year 6 before they move on to secondary school, 'be comfortable in your own skin'. The children were then asked to share something about themselves that was 'uncommon' that others may not know but were happy to share. We then heard about teams that were supported and watched that others may not have heard of, musical interests and things that some children collect!

We continue to share 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. George in Year 3 sums it up nicely this week. We also 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 **independence**, what it means to you, the behaviours that engender the value and those which do not. Please also celebrate and praise your child when they have shown examples of independence like engaging in swimming in Year 5, signing up for trials, remembering equipment, preparing to go to Sayers Croft in Year 4 and generally becoming more and more ready for next year!

Jewellery

A reminder that children must remove jewellery, including Fit-Bits and watches, when taking part in PE lessons as this is school policy. Earrings must be removed too and the children must do this themselves as we do not use tape to cover them up. We do ask that piercing takes place during the summer holidays to ensure children do not miss PE lessons.

RSPB Bird Feeder Advice

You may have seen a news item over the last couple of weeks about a disease affecting a number of species of birds that can be spread by garden bird feeders in the summer months. More information can be found on the RSPB website [here](#). It is advised that bird feeders are regularly cleaned, and put away between the months of May and October when food sources for birds are more plentiful. Our Sensory Garden feeder will not be filled for the summer months and we urge members of our community to do the same.

Reading Book and Reading Records

We would like to remind parents that children must have their reading books and reading records in school each day.



House Points

Saturn	1251
Mars	1108
Neptune	1096
Jupiter	996



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

New PTA Chair Needed!

As you may be aware, we will soon be in need of a new Chair as Ellen, our current chair, has a child in Year 6 so will no longer be a parent at the school next year. Without a Chair we can't function as a charity. It could be a shared role between two or three people. If you are interested please reach out to ellenrinttila@gmail.com who can give you an overview of what is involved.

Save the Date

GJS Summer Fair—Friday 10th July



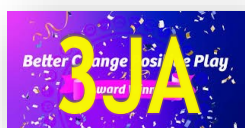
School Achievement

Pupils of the Week

3EC – Rome
3JA – Grace
4AL – Dylan
4AR – Skye
5KR – Bodhi
5KW – Oliver R
6RH – Samuel C
6SC – Warwick



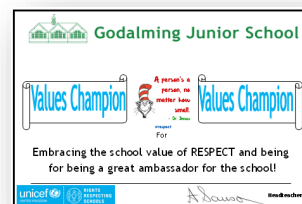
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Respect Values Champions

3JA – George
3EC – Alexander
4AR – Leona
4AL – Beatrix
5KW – Luna
5KR – Sophie
6RH – Joey
6SC – Lily



Sports News

Year 5 Netball Tournament

Huge congratulations to the Year 5 netball team, who made it to the final of their first ever tournament on Wednesday! They narrowly missed out on the top spot as they were defeated in a tough final by Tillingbourne (who they had already beaten in the first round!), but should be very proud of themselves. As always, Mrs Williams, Mrs Munz and Miss Holcombe felt they represented the school brilliantly.



Diary Dates

Summer 2026

April	
28th:	Y5 Swimming
29th:	Y6 Netball @ Rodborough
May	
5th:	Y5 Swimming
11th-14th:	Y6 SATs
12th:	Y5 Swimming
18th:	Y3 Visit to Haslemere Museum
19th:	Y5 Swimming
21st:	Class Photos (Winter Uniform)
22nd:	INSET DAY
June	
1st-5th:	10R—International Week
2nd:	Y5 Kwik Cricket Tournament @ FCC
4th:	Y4 Kwik Cricket Tournament @ FCC
4th:	Y6 Rounders Competition @ Broadwater
9th:	Y3/5 Sports Day
10th:	Y5/6 Girls Cricket Tournament @ FCC
11th:	Y4/6 Sports Day
13th:	ChoirBlast
16th-18th:	Y4 @ Sayers Croft

