



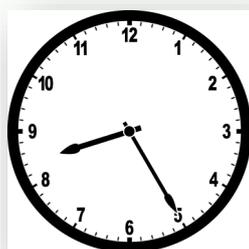
# Newsletter

This year, we are supporting:



'Respect means being non-judgemental, showing consideration towards others, and treating people how you wish to be treated' Jonah—Year 5

## Latest News



### Year 6 Parents SATs Information Evening

Thank you to all the Year 6 parents who joined Mr Samson, Mrs Reed and the Year 6 Team to find out more about SATs the children will taking part in next term. All slides from the evening are available on the school website [here](#) and the Year 6 team are more than happy to talk about SATs further if you would like to get in touch.

### Punctuality @ GJS

As we reach the half-way point of the year, we are still seeing a number of children arrive at school after the gates have closed at 8.35am. This is when the morning registers are taken across the school and the children are engaged in some 'early morning work' to help with their times-table practice, handwriting, reading, responding to feedback or spelling/phonics. These pockets of time are crucial in helping the children with their understanding and competence in these areas. If children are arriving later, they are missing this important input and practice time

### GJS Book Day 2026—Friday 6th March

A reminder that OUR Book Day will be taking place next Friday (6th) and we are looking forward to children embracing the theme of Little People, Big Dreams for their costumes!

### Our VALUE in focus is: RESPECT

*Respect* is our 'in focus' value at GJS until Easter and will be the theme of our weekly assemblies. This is arguably our most treasured value as 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 will 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. This week, Jonah in Year 5 had his interpretation shared in the newsletter. 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.

### Initial Teacher Training with the GLP and Winchester University

The window is still open for enrolling onto the Godalming Learning Partnership's successful year-long teacher training programme, in partnership with Winchester University, to start in September 2026. We are welcoming applicants keen to pursue a career in teaching to join our next cohort of trainees. We have a 100% pass rate and offer a genuinely holistic and innovative programme leading to teachers entering the profession with resilience, confidence and creativity. Further information about the GLP teacher training course can be found [here](#), or you can email Rachel Dunnage via: [coordinator@godalminglearning.org](mailto:coordinator@godalminglearning.org) with any questions.

### Royal Academy of Art Competition

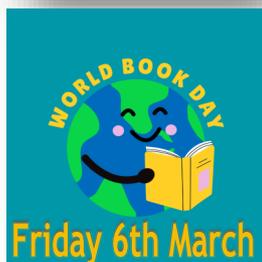
We have registered with the Royal Academy of Art competition—The Young Artist Summer Show, children can enter any art piece with any medium for a chance to win prizes and a chance to win an opportunity to appear on their online gallery. To enter, please follow the link below and send your child's work directly to the Royal Academy of Art. When submitting their work, it will ask for the title and a bit of formation about the pieces. Last entry is 4th March 2026. <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>

### The Royal Mint Museum Short Story Competition 2026

We would also like to draw your attention to the 6th Royal Mint Museum short story competition open now for children aged 7-11. Stories are to contain no more than 500 words and must be based on the theme of 'GOLD'. Prizes include a gold coin, £5,000 of books for the school and most excitingly, their story to be illustrated by an artist! More information can be found on the RMM website [here](#). Children have until Friday 17th April to enter!

### Choir Club—Next Week—Thurs 5th March

Due to the parent-teacher meetings next week, choir club will not take place and will resume on 12th March. All other after school clubs will still go ahead as usual.



### House Points

Neptune	1880
Jupiter	1582
Mars	1504
Saturn	1482



**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—Wednesday 11th March

Years 3 and 4: 6-7pm

Years 5 and 6: 7.15-8.15pm

Tickets are £5 by bank transfer to Godalming Junior School Parent Teacher Association, Account Number 65867168, Sort Code 30-99-50. Please put your child's name and class as the reference. Alternatively, please pay £5 in cash to the school office in a named envelope. Ticket includes drinks and snack.



## Coming up—Parent's Quiz Night—Friday 20th March

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 to ellenrinttila@gmail.com who can give you an overview of what is involved.

## School Achievement

### Pupils of the Week

- 3EC — Isaac
- 3JA — Evelyn
- 4AL — Annabel
- 4AR — Rowan
- 5KR — Elvey
- 5KW — Amy
- 6RH — Lewis
- 6SC — Leo



### AB St★r Positive Pl★y Aw★rd



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### Friendship Values Champions

- 3JA — Preston
- 3EC — Sylvie
- 4AR — Isobel
- 4AL — Bobbie
- 5KW — Isobel
- 5KR — Noah
- 6RH — Sam G
- 6SC — Freddie



## Sports News

### Lower School Bench Ball Trials

Today, Year 3 and 4 children tried out for the Bench-Ball Tournament at Rodborough on **Monday 9th March**. Those children who are successful in making the team will be emailed.

## Diary Dates

### Spring 2026

#### March

2nd–6th:

2nd:

3rd:

5th:

6th:

7th:

9th–13th:

9th:

11th:

16th–20th:

16th:

19th:

20th:

26th:

10R—Book Week

UNICEF: World Thinking Day/Founders' Day

Parent—Teacher Meetings—Late

Parent—Teacher Meetings—Early

GJS Book Day—'Little People, BIG Dreams' theme

Inter School Swimming Gala @ Charterhouse

10R—STEM Week

Y3/4 Bench Ball @ Rodborough

PTA Discos

10R—Earth Week

Y5/6 Hockey Tournament @ Charterhouse

Y5 Fire Safety Visits

PTA Quiz Night

Y5 River Wey Walk

### Inset Days 2025-26

~~Wednesday 2nd September 2025~~

~~Monday 2nd November 2025~~

~~Friday 13th February 2026~~

Monday 13th April 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026