

Newsletter

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

Latest News



Curriculum Evenings

Thank you to everyone who came to the curriculum evenings this week to see school, meet the team and find out a bit more about what life will be like this year across the school. Expectations, long term plans, timetables, potential trips and a brief overview of programme of study were all covered and we hope parents went away just as excited as the children have been about what lays ahead this year! Below, as promised, are links to all year group pages on the web-site, where you can find the slides from the evenings and other useful relevant information for each year group.

[Year 3](#)
[Year 4](#)
[Year 5](#)
[Year 6](#)

House Elections

Well done to ALL the Year 6 children who put themselves forward, many stepping outside their comfort zone, in an attempt to persuade their peers to vote for them to become their House Leaders for the coming year. The standard of speeches and the quality of the oracy demonstrated was astounding! This made the decision for their fellow 'housemates' extremely difficult. The children spoke with confidence, clarity, expression, composure, gave eye contact and with great posture. It was like watching Prime Minister's Questions in the Houses of Parliament...only better!

Congratulations to our 2025-26 House Leaders:

Jupiter—House Captain: **Ella**, Vice Captain: **Daniel**

Mars—House Captain: **Freddie**, Vice Captain: **Ruby**

Neptune—House Captain: **Benjamin**, Vice Captain: **Lotta**

Saturn—House Captain: **George**, Vice Captain: **Lily**

Our VALUE in focus is: RESILIENCE

This year we will 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.

This term, fittingly with children experiencing much change, our first 'in focus' value is **RESILIENCE**. All staff will 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.** Please feel free to have 'home talks' on our values and maybe even 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!

Mobile Phones and Smart Devices

If you feel it is necessary for your child to have a mobile phone in school, a request form must be completed and sent to the Headteacher. If accepted, the phone/device must be handed into the school office when your child arrives at school in the morning and collected at the end of the school day. This year we will not be accepting smart devices as we are now a Smart Phone Free school.

Medical Forms

Please ensure that any necessary regular medication, including inhalers, are given into the office, along with a new form for this academic year.

Parking at Pick Up Time

We kindly ask that all parents refrain from using our car park for school drop offs (including for Breakfast Club) and pick ups, and consider using alternative parking/pick up options as we value our relationship with neighbouring residents and businesses, especially Majestic, who allow us to use the car park for our coaches on school trip days.

Governor Vacancies

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

RESILIENCE



House Points

Saturn	45455
Mars	44151
Neptune	42627
Jupiter	40798



**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

Year 3 Welcome BBQ

The Year 3 Welcome Evening - Bar and BBQ food is TONIGHT - 5.30pm to 7.30pm - we're looking forward to seeing you there! This event has been hugely enjoyable in the past; a great way to socialise at the start of school.

Also we are pleased to announce we have a new Chair, Ellen (Year 6 parent) and new treasurer, Ollie (Year 3 parent) who will be coordinating events this year. Please say hello and reach out to get involved in PTA school events.

Upcoming Events:

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

Autumn Disco—Wednesday 22nd October

Christmas Fair—Friday 12th December

School Achievement

Writing TRANSFORMERS—Summer

3AR — DYLAN

3EC — SKYE

4JS — JONAH

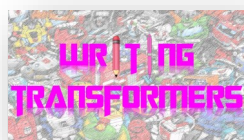
4NS — KAYDEN

5NM — BENJAMIN

5KW — BERTIE

6EM — ELENA

6SD — LULU



CREATIVITY Values Champions

3AR — Isabella

3EC — ARCHIE

4JS — Pru

4NS — Theo

5KW — Samuel C

5NM — SOLOMON

6EM — Khali



Sports News

Football Trials at GJS

Getting well underway are the football trials, 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. Today Year 4 and Year 6 boys took part in trials and there are further dates below for other year groups to get involved, all are welcome. **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 19th September—Year 3 and Year 4 girls football trials

Friday 3rd October—Year 5 and Year 6 girls football trials AND Year 5 boys football trials

Friday 10th October—Year 3 boys football trials

Children will need to come into school on these days in their PE kits

Diary Dates

Autumn 2025

September

15th—19th:

16th:

26th:

29th—3rd:

October

2nd:

6th—10th:

10th:

16th:

22nd:

23rd:

27th—31st:

November

3rd:

8th:

10th—14th:

10th:

Y6 Trip to UKSA

VR Day

Inter-House 'Chippie Chase' Fun Run

10R—Poetry Week

Y4 & Y6 Boys Football Tournament @ Tillingbourne—pm

10R—Healthy Week

Young Minds 'Hello Yellow' Mufti Day

Girls Football Tournament @ Tillingbourne—pm

PTA Disco

Y3 & Y5 Boys Football Tournament @ Tillingbourne—pm

HALF TERM

INSET DAY

Prospective Parent Tour (1) @ 10.00am

10R—Remembrance Week

Prospective Parent Tour (2) @ 10.45am

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