

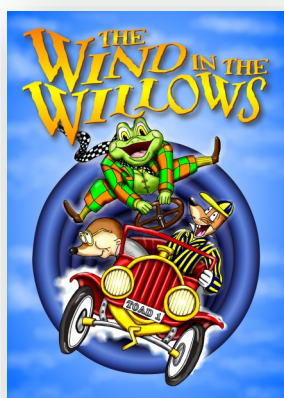
Newsletter

This year, we raised: £1,819.25 for



'Perseverance means to always give your best and always push through to succeed' Kayden –Year 5

Latest News



Y6 Production of 'Wind in the Willows'

This week, Year 6 delivered two 'toad-ally' and 'otter-ly' 'mole-velous' performances of the famous Kenneth Grahame story to parents, carers and family members, and what excellent performances they were. They had everything; superb-singing, scintillating-solos, amazing-acting, cracking-comedy and even, an amazing (impromptu) acapella! In one of the final times when Year 6 will be in the same room together, it was lovely to reflect on their time here and the journey they have completed at GJS; perfectly summed up in the song from the show 'Friends Together'. We ALL at GJS certainly hope they have ALL had 'the happiest days of their lives'.

Water safety Assembly

Last week we were visited by Farnham Leisure Centre Lifeguards to deliver an assembly about water safety. Given the recent tragedies up and down the country during the hot weather and open water swimming and with the summer holidays around the corner, we felt it was important to educate the children on the risks of swimming in places that are unknown to them. We have sent the slides home along with the newsletter.

Final Shooting Star Total

On Friday we welcomed Bea Welch from Shooting Star who brought her 'big cheque' to share with the school the wonderful amount we have raised this year. Through the sale of our 'knitted novelties', the entrance fees for our inter house events and our Christmas Mufti Day, we have raised a superb £1,819.25. It has been great to hear of children raise their own funds for Shooting Star; such as our Year 5 girls who took part in a swim-a-thon and raised a further £700!

Autumn Half Term 2027 Consultation

Thank you to everyone who participated in the consultation recently regarding the school term times for 2027-28. The feedback was unanimous with nearly 70% of the respondents choosing to align with Surrey and revert back to a one week half term break in the autumn of 2027, which is what we will do. We do know that this decision will align with Broadwater and Moss Lane too.

Governor Impact Statement 2025-26

The GJS Governing Body has been working hard this year to support Mr Samson and the team at GJS. During our visits and meetings, we are always impressed by the way in which the children are working and the pride that they show in being a GJS pupil. If you would like to read about what have spent our time focusing on this year, please take a look at the Governors Impact Statement on the GJS website [here](#).

Great British Summer Savings

Last month, the Chancellor announced the *Great British Summer Savings* scheme. From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, outside the classroom. Click [here](#) for the attraction finder.

Ear piercings

At this time of year we would like to remind parents and carers that should you be considering getting your child's ears pierced, the summer holidays is the time to do it. Children are not permitted to play an active role in PE lessons at GJS if they have earrings in and if they cannot remove them independently.

And Finally...

As we draw a close to another year, we would like to thank all stakeholders at GJS for their hard work and support. There have been many challenges but many successes too, and it is clear from the recent Ofsted inspection that GJS continues to go from strength to strength. We would like to thank Ms Blacklidge, HLTA, who will be leaving us after nearly 10 years' service here and we also wish Mrs Cronje and 'bump' all the best as she goes on maternity leave. We will be sure to keep you updated on them both next term. We also say goodbye to Year 6 as they begin the next exciting chapter in their education. We are sure they will continue to try their best, take their intrinsic work ethic with them to their new schools, be the 'finest of friends' and continue to *love, live and learn*. We would like to wish ALL families, staff, governors and friends a very safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer break and we look forward to see you, along with our new families, next term. Happy Holidays!



 **Shooting Star**
Children's Hospices

House Points Termly Total

Neptune	12781
Mars	12018
Jupiter	10515
Saturn	10233




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

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

*'Safeguarding is everyone's
business'*

PTA News

Thank you to Ellen Rinttila for her hard work as Chair of the PTA this year and for everyone who has helped run any of the events that took place this year and raised vital funds for the school.

We are still on the lookout for a chair of the PTA from September and hope there is someone willing to take on this role to avoid the events not going ahead next year. If there is anyone who is interested, please do reach out to the school via the school office: info@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk. We would love to hear from you!

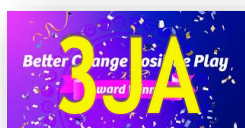
School Achievement

Pupils of the Week

3EC – Whole Class
3JA – Flora
4AL – Emily
4AR – Luke
5KR – Arthur
5KW – Jess
6RH – Emily
6SC – Amelia



AB St★r Positive Pl★y Award



Summer 2 2026

Perseverance Values Champions

3EC – Logan
3JA – Anastasia
4AL – Toby
4AR – Eden
5KR – Freddie
5KW – Tilly
6RH – Eddie
6SC – Toby



Sports News

Participation at GJS

As we draw a close to this year, we wanted to thank everyone who has represented their house and/or the school this year. EVERY participant at a house event has earned points for their house and EVERY child who has represented the school has proven to be a wonderful ambassador for GJS. This is what we value most; not the winning or losing but how we conduct ourselves off site, how respectfully we take part, how supportive we are of one another, how humble we are in victory and how gracious we are in defeat. We have tried to enter as many events as possible across the year and attempted to involve as many children as possible. Running trials for EVERY event enables ALL children to have a go and learn valuable lessons at the same time. Whilst there is always more to do, we are proud that over 170 children (75%) have represented this school this year and 209 (87%) represented their house. This does not include Sports Day either! We hope to increase these numbers next year and continue to strike the balance when entering festivals and competitions.



Diary Dates

Autumn 2026

September

1st: INSET Day—School Closed
4th: House Elections
8th: Y4 Curriculum Evening @ 6.00pm
8th: Y3 Curriculum Evening @ 7.00pm
9th: Y5 Curriculum Evening @ 6.00pm
9th: Y6 Curriculum Evening @ 7.00pm
14th–18th: Y6 Residential to UKSA
25th: Inter House 'Chippie Chase' Cross Country Run
28th–2nd: 10R—Poetry Week

October

5th: 10R—Healthy Week
9th: Hello Yellow Mufti—in aid of Young Minds
15th: PTA Disco
19th–30th: Half Term

November

2nd: INSET Day—School Closed
7th: Prospective Parent Tour @ 10.00am
9th–13th: 10R—Remembrance Week
9th: Prospective Parent Tour @ 10.45am
10th: Prospective Parent Tour @ 9.00am
11th: Prospective Parent Tour @ 6.00pm
12th: Prospective Parent Tour @ 9.00am

Inset Days 2026-27

Tuesday 1st September 2026
Monday 2nd November 2026
Friday 12th February 2027
Monday 12th April 2027
Friday 28th May 2027

Godalming Junior School