

Newsletter

This year, we are supporting:
 **Shooting Star**
Children's Hospices

"If we really want to love, we must learn how to forgive" - Mother Theresa

Latest News

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2025!



Anti-Bullying Week

During Monday's assembly our Anti-Bullying St★rs helped Miss Coleman spread the 'Power of Good' - the theme of this year's Anti-Bullying Week. We revisited the definition of bullying, discussed what it is, what it isn't and the importance of others not standing by allowing bullying behaviours to take root at GJS. Over the course of the week the children took part in the annual anti-bullying survey, participate in their '5 finger check' trusted adult activity and our annual anti-bullying poster competition was launched. Children have until **next Friday (28th)** if they wish to take part to design a 'Power for Good' anti-bullying poster. The winning design will see it published and put on display around the school, on the school website and in our newsletter over the coming weeks. Last year's winning entry can be found on the website [here](#), if children want inspiration!

Parent-
Teacher
Meetings

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Once again, it was lovely to see so many parents in the school hall this week attending Parent-Teacher Meetings, finding out how children have settled into their new year, what is going well and what are the initial areas identified to work on. Thank you to everyone who attended and engaged. Evidence suggests that the key performance indicators for children to be successful learners are parents engaging in school life, children working hard and children attending school regularly!

Year 4 Bikeability

Two thirds of Year 4 have been learning how to stay safe on a bike this week, earning their Level 1 Bikeability badge. On Wednesday, some children had the extraordinary experience of learning how slippery it gets when cycling in snow! As the weather made it unsafe to continue, this group will complete their training on Monday 1st of December. All cyclists came back into the classroom with cold fingers, rosy cheeks and big smiles!

Ofsted Parent View

Thank you to everyone who has already registered and completed the Parent View survey and for those who took some time out during our Parent-Teacher Meetings this week to complete it on the work stations we had available. If you have yet still to complete it, it only takes a few minutes and can be accessed by clicking on the Ofsted Parent View logo .

Poetry Competition

After a thorough and extremely difficult judging process, we finally announced the winner of the Poetry Competition today in our Celebration Assembly. Because the standard was soooooo good once again, we have made 2 poems into 'poem plaques'. Otilie in Year 3 will have her fantastic Love, Live, Learn entry join Eden's in the entrance hall and Amelia's stunning 'Life's Maze' entry will join Sam's in the school hall. Well done and thank you to ALL the children who took part this year and to our winners this year, Otilie and Amelia!

Christmas Lunch Orders

On Wednesday 17th December we will be holding our Christmas Lunch, with a festive menu, crackers, music and some special guest kitchen staff! Please ensure the form that was emailed on Monday is completed for all children, regardless of their usual lunch arrangements and what arrangements they are having on the day.

Our VALUE in focus is: FORGIVENESS

Our 'in focus' value for this half term is **FORGIVENESS**. We will continue to immerse the children during school assemblies, circle times and PSHE lessons in our school values. We ALL continue to learn about, promote, reflect and consider 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 will continue to be on 'high alert' looking for children demonstrating **forgiveness** in lessons by forgiving themselves and moving on if they get something wrong. Importantly, on the playground if they fall out with a peer, a group or make a wrong choice; we want the children to be reflective enough and gracious enough to accept an apology or offer one. **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 **forgiveness**, how hard it can be to **forgive** and generally share YOUR views on the value and the importance of being **forgiving** in life!

Free Reading App

'Libby' is a free reading app that lets you and your children borrow eBooks and audiobooks from your local library using a phone, tablet or computer. It's like having a library in your pocket - you can read or listen anywhere, anytime! To get started, all you need is your library card number and your PIN, which can be given to you by library staff.

House Points

Mars	942
Neptune	820
Saturn	781
Jupiter	677




**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

Christmas Fair—Friday 12th December—4.30-7.00pm

Planning now begins for the Christmas Fair later this term. In preparation for this, we once again would love your support by contributing goods on the following Friday mufti days:

Friday 28th November—Hamper Goods

Friday 5th December—Jolly Jam Jars

Friday 12th December—Bottles for Tombola

For our Christmas Hampers, as previous years, these will be themed by colour, broken down by year group:

Year 3—red Year 4—green Year 5—White/Silver Year 6—Gold

More information on the hampers is attached to the newsletter.

With Black Friday deals already live in many places, **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.

School Achievement

Pupils of the Week

3EC — Max
3JA — Alice
4AL — Maebelle
4AR — Thomas
5KR — Sadie
5KW — Kayden
6RH — Frank
6SC — Sam Y



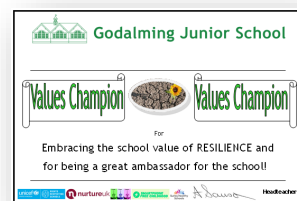
AB St★r Positive Pl★ry Award



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Resilience Values Champions

3JA — JJ
3EC — Aarlo
4AR — Luke
4AL — Ella
5KW — George
5KR — Hope
6RH — Theo C-P
6SD — Joseph



Sports News

Cross Country @ Glebelands School

Well done to the 17 children who took part in the annual cross country event at Glebelands last Saturday and represented the school so brilliantly. There were some highlights on the day, which saw Storm Claudia keep her distance and allow for 'pleasant' cross country conditions! Out of the 11 schools taking part, GJS enjoyed yet another podium finish coming 2nd overall narrowly missing out to winners Park Mead. Both Mr Samson and Miss Holcombe were proud of all participants and hope they take part next year!

Year 4 Sports Hall Athletics @ Broadwater

Good luck to the Year 4 'sportshallers' next week! We will be sure to share how they get on in next week's newsletter!



Diary Dates

Autumn 2025

November

24th: 'Shooting Star' Assembly
25th: Y4 Greek Day
25th: 6RH Science @ Charterhouse
28th: Y4 Sportshall Athletics @ Broadwater

December

1st: Autumn Attendance Letters sent out
1st: Rescheduled Y4 Bikeability
2nd: 6RH Science @ Charterhouse
3rd: Y6 'Born Free' Exhibition
4th: Y3 & Y5 Boys Football @ Tillingbourne
10th—12th: 10R—Human Rights Week (4)
12th: PTA Christmas Fair
15th: Y3 Carols By Candlelight @ 9.15am
16th: Y4 Carols By Candlelight @ 9.15am
17th: Y5 Carols By Candlelight @ 9.15am
17th: Christmas Lunch
18th: Y6 Carols By Candlelight @ 9.15am
19th: Christmas Attire Day—in aid of Shooting Star Children's Hospices
19th: END OF TERM : 1.15pm

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