



Godalming Junior School

Newsletter

Autumn 3
21st September 2026

School Dates

Autumn 2026	
September	
25th:	Inter House 'Chippie Chase'
28th-2nd:	10R-Poetry Week
October	
5th:	10R-Healthy Week
7th:	Y5 Tilford Mosque Trip
9th:	Hello Yellow Mufti-in aid of Young Minds
15th:	PTA Disco - TBC
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
17th:	Parent-Teacher Meetings (Late)
19th:	Parent-Teacher Meetings (Early)
23rd - 26th:	Y4 Bikeability (Level 1)
December	
7th - 11th:	10R - Human Rights Week
11th:	PTA Christmas Fair - TBC
14th:	Y3 Carols by Candlelight @ 9.15am
15th:	Y4 Carols by Candlelight @ 9.15am
16th:	Y5 Carols by Candlelight @ 9.15am
17th:	Y6 Carols by Candlelight @ 9.15am
18th:	Charity Christmas Clothes Mufti Day
18th:	End of Term @ 1.30pm

Inset Days 2026-27

- Monday 2nd November 2026
- Friday 12th February 2027
- Monday 12th April 2027
- Friday 28th May 2027

Latest News

VR Workshop

Last week, children spent time experiencing 'Virtual Reality' time travel, using VR headsets! Y3 experienced the **Stone Age**, Y4 made a bird's-eye visit to **Ancient Greek** temples and Y5 investigated the **habitats** of a number of wild animals. The experience will be used to broaden the learning in all of these areas. Thank you to the PTA for funding the experience - the children loved it!

Data Collection

We kindly ask that you log in to your Arbor Parent Portal and check that all the information we hold for your child is current and accurate.

Flu Immunisations and Year 6 Height & Weight Checks

Please look out for the email sent on 3rd September regarding the flu immunisations and Year 6 Height & Weight checks.

Our in focus value is: **CONFIDENCE**

As we begin a new term and for some, begin a new school, it is a fitting start to the 2026-27 academic year that our in focus value is **CONFIDENCE**. We will spend time in assemblies, PSHE lessons and Circle Times throughout this term learning about the importance of this value, how we can show confidence, grow in confidence and learn to overcome challenges when our confidence takes a knock! We continue to encourage 'Home Talks' around the 'in focus' value to further reinforce the school messages. These may occur around the dinner table, on the way to and from school or at weekends. We also encourage parents to praise when children demonstrate examples of confidence outside school!

Your PTA STILL Needs You

We are still in desperate need of a PTA chair and we really hope someone comes forward in the next couple of weeks to take this on; a shared role if need be. As you know, the PTA do a superb job running events and raising vital funds for the school, to fund events such as the coach for the UKSA trip, and it would be shame if these events are not able to go ahead this year and thus, leads to a shortfall in income for the school. Please contact the school if you are interested and to find out more.

PTA AGM (all welcome) - 7pm on Wed 7th October @ The Cricketers Pub, Farncombe.

Y6 @ UKSA

Last week Year 6 spent time on the Isle of Wight a UKSA for their annual residential visit. Once again, the children from GJS were superb ambassadors, embraced ALL the activities on offer and showed great Confidence away from home! They 'sailed' through the week, having a 'splashing' time. Water' way to start their final year here! The children were treated to the 'UKSA Movie' in assembly this morning. It is now available to be viewed on the GJS website [here!](#)

House Points

Saturn	1,874
Mars	1,870
Jupiter	1,643
Neptune	1,639



Sport News

Following the Y3 and Y5 boys football trials last week, there have been changes to the dates of the football competitions as the pitches at Tillingbourne need time to recover from our hot summer. Teams have now been selected and will be shared with children in due course. The date for all football tournaments are yet to be finalised, but we will share details as soon as we know.

Our next round of football trials will involve the Y4 and Y6 boys. These will take place on **Friday 2nd October**. There is no need to sign up for the trials, but children must be in PE kit in order to take part.

25th Sep - Inter House Chippie Chase
2nd Oct - Y4/6 Boys Football Trials

GJS Pupil of the Week

3EC	Arlo
3JA	Ernesto
4AR	Hamish
4KW	Henry
5BM	Alana
5KR	Ella
6RH	Dotty
6MS	Pru

