

Celebration 🎉 Newsletter

"You can't use up creativity: The more you use, the more you have" - Maya Angelou

Latest News

This year we have raised £1,687 for: **SAMARITANS**



Values Champions

Our final Values Champions were celebrated today and it was great to hear the different areas where children showcased their creativity this term. Whether it was in their writing, problem solving, artwork, tactical awareness in PE or just generally, the ability to think 'outside the box', it showed how important being Creative in life is! The Creativity Values Champions can be found the reverse of this newsletter!

Writing TRANSFORMERS

As we near the end of the 2nd year of our Writing **TRANSFORMER** initiative, we are seeing efforts to eradicate the 'COVID tail' pay off. As you know, writing was the biggest casualty following COVID enforced school closures 5 years ago, still reflected in national averages of key stage 2 leavers and the area improving by the smallest margins nationally each year. Congratulations to those who we recognised who have truly **TRANSFORMED** their writing and have made great progress this last term. The recipients can be found on the reverse of the newsletter

GJS Attendance

Well done to ALL the classes who have maintained really high levels of attendance once again this year at GJS. As you know, attendance is really important to us and it has been great to see the level of persistent absences on the decline and the average attendance remain at exceptional levels. Well done to **5NM** who are the Attendance Winners this term with an average of **98.2%**. Thank you to all parents and carers who value regular attendance too and play a pivotal role in enabling attendance at GJS to be so strong!

AB Stars Break-Time Champion Award

Following the analysis of our behaviour data from CPOMs, it was great to see that Negative Behaviour Incidents and Friendship Incidents continue to be low and another strength at GJS, averaging fewer than 1 incident a day across the school. There are so many reasons why incidents are so low here, ranging from our restorative systems, high levels of vigilance at all time, the consistently modelled behaviours of the adults the children come into contact with, our calm, purposeful and predictable culture and the wonderful level of pastoral care and sense of nurture that is reinforced in most homes. The class with the fewest incidents this term were **4JS** and should be rightly proud to receive and display the AB Star trophy for the next term! We have no doubt they will set the tone in September as new children arrive!

Reading Passports

It is great that 'reading for pleasure' is alive and kicking at GJS, which was clearly visible today during our final Celebration Assembly. Not only did we have a large number of children achieving **GOLD** by reading 8 books this term but we also had the largest number of 'Golden-Gold' recipients, **57** in total across the school, who have read 8 books **EVERY** term this year! With so many more distractions for children outside school, it is so reassuring that so many children are committing time to read as a way of relaxing, learning or informing their writing!

'G-Fest' 2025

It was great to see sooooo many children put themselves forward and participate in our inaugural 'G-Fest' musical showcase (our revamped GJS Got Talent). The whole school was treated to a morning of dancing, singing and performing! It was most impressive to see our youngest at GJS take to the stage and perform in front of the whole school. Very brave. The audience, as you would expect, were super **respectful**, making it easier for our performers to do their thing! By the end, it was the house leaders who unanimously voted for the 'Unoriginals' band as the overall winners and 'Star Performers'. We are sure they will go far. Look out for them headlining Glastonbury in the coming years!

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.

And Finally...

Well done to Winston in Year 3 who **created** the winning badge design for Farncombe Youth Football Club (above). This design was chosen and will adorn new kits from next season. Clearly a designer in the making, who knows, this could be start of something! Well done Winston!



House Points 2024-25

 Mars	42043
Saturn	38856
Jupiter	38814
Neptune	33319



PTA News

Summer Fair

A massive thanks to all those who attended the annual summer fair last Friday. An even bigger thanks to everyone who helped to set up, run the stalls, BBQ and bar. It was a fantastic evening as we raised an impressive sum of £1300.

After 3 and half years Chairing the PTA it's time to handover the reigns to someone new. A few thanks are needed. First to all the staff, especially Mr Samson, Mrs Munz, and Jackie & the 2 Rachels in the office. Big thanks to all the Class Reps over the years, the four and half guys BBQ crew, all those who've helped with events and most importantly our outgoing treasurer Rhian. We've raised a staggering £23,000 over the 3.5 years. This has paid for a vast array of items from experience days, laptops, playground equipment, first aid training, an interactive screen and even Christmas crackers! Finally, **thanks to you**, the school community, for making GJS such a wonderfully supported school. Thanks again, it's been emotional.

Phil Curtis (outgoing PTA Chair)

School Achievement

Writing TRANSFORMERS-Summer

3AR – DYLAN

3EC – SKYE

4JS – JONAH

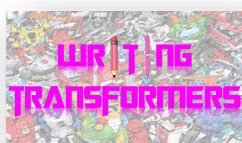
4NS – KAYDEN

5NM – BENJAMIN

5KW – BERTIE

6EM – ELENA

6SD – LULU



98%

CREATIVITY Values Champions

3AR – Isabella

3EC – ARCHIE

4JS – Pru

4NS – Theo

5KW – Samuel C

5NM – SOLOMON

6EM – Khali

6SD – Felicity



Sports News

Inter House Triple Crown Winners

Well done to all the children who have embraced the inter house sporting events this year. Whether it was taking part in our cross-country 'Chippie Chase', the spring football tournament or the summer 'G-Ashes' Kwik Cricket competition at Farncombe Cricket Club—there was something for everyone. Across the upper school there were 40 children who took part in all of the events and we hope this number grows year after year! Mr Samson will meet our NEW House Leaders next term to discuss the event calendar and whether there are to be any changes. As soon as the events have been decided we will be sure to inform the rest of the school.



Diary Dates

Summer/Autumn 2025

July
22nd:
September

3rd:

4th:

9th:

10th:

12th:

12th:

15th–19th:

16th:

29th–3rd:

October

6th–10th:

22nd:

27th–31st:

End of Term @ 1.15pm

INSET Day

Start of Term

Lower School Curriculum Evenings—Y3@6pm & Y4@7pm

Upper School Curriculum Evenings—Y5@6pm & Y6@7pm

House Leader Elections

Y3 PTA Welcome BBQ

Y6 trip to UKSA

VR Day

10R—Poetry Week

10R Healthy Week

PTA Disco

Half Term

Inset Days 2025-26

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

Friday 13th February 2026

Monday 13th April 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026

