



Newsletter

This year, we are supporting:



'Friendship means being caring, supportive and having a connection between two people' Anais—Year 4

Latest News



Hero Week



10R—Hero Week

It was great to see so much 'heroic' work across the school this week. Year 3 looked at 'heroes' from the LGBTQ+ community, Year 4 studied heroic women, Year 5 delved into heroes of colour and Year 6 focused on local heroes. This involved Dr John Warren, our very own Chair of Governors and teacher at Charterhouse, sharing archived materials, including medals, of local war heroes who attended Charterhouse School. Mr Samson also ran an assembly on Martin Luther King Jnr on Monday and carried out his annual 'Imagine' activity with Year 6 who responded with wonderful maturity. They were asked what world issues John Lennon would include in a 2026 version of Imagine if he was alive today. Social media, pollution, mental health, crime and hate speech were all suggested. Their new amazing and thought provoking verses to the famous song will be displayed in the school hall next week.

NSPCC Speak Up and Stay Safe PSHE Lessons

Following the NSPCC Speak Up and Stay Safe assembly last week, Mrs Balchin delivered the 'follow up' PSHE lessons this week across the school. Once again, the children showed superb maturity during the sessions and were able to share thoughts and ideas on how we can all stay safe in school and the importance of speaking up to the trusted adults regarding ANY worries they have.

Anti-Bullying Pupil Survey Summary

We are proud to add the summary findings and actions from our anti-bullying survey, which was carried out across the school last term, to our dedicated page on the school website [here](#). You can also find other survey summaries [here](#) to find out more about the views and thoughts of our stakeholders. We continue to urge parents to click on the Ofsted Parent View logo to add parental perspectives, and we are in the process of asking staff for their views this term as we continue to strive for further improvement at GJS!

Second-Hand School Uniform

As well as brand new uniform, which can be ordered via Arbor, the school holds second-hand stock of all green logoed items, house t-shirts and summer dresses. Parents are welcome to come in to look at items, or we can send items home for children to try for suitability. Second hand items are £5 for knitwear, £3 for sweatshirts and £2 for t-shirts. If you require any second-hand items please just email the office, and we aim to get it out to you the same week. We also welcome donations of good-condition logoed items (clean and no holes or marks) - please just drop them into the office.

Our VALUE in focus is: FRIENDSHIP

Friendship continues to be our 'in focus' value at GJS and continues to be the theme of our weekly assemblies. We focus on this value at this time of year as children have settled into their new classes and are encouraged to be more aware of what they do and say to others, and ensure they are always trying to be the best *friend* possible—not easy. A new feature in our weekly newsletter includes the thoughts of the children on the 'in-focus' value and *what it means to them*. Last week, Henry in Year 6 had his interpretation shared in the newsletter. This week, Anais in Year 4 shares her definition of *friendship*. These will be found towards the banner at the top of the newsletter each week. We continue to urge *Home Talks* to take place, when adults spend time with their children, either on car journeys, at meal-times, at bed-times or on walks; to discuss the importance of *friendship*, what it means to you, what you value in the friends you have and whether any friendships have been tested.

Initial Teacher Training with the GLP and Winchester University

The window is now open for enrolling onto the Godalming Learning Partnership's successful year-long teacher training programme, in partnership with Winchester University, to start in September 2026. We are welcoming applicants keen to pursue a career in teaching to join our next cohort of trainees. We have a 100% pass rate and offer a genuinely holistic and innovative programme leading to teachers entering the profession with resilience, confidence and creativity. Further information about the GLP teacher training course can be found [here](#), or you can email Rachel Dunnage via: coordinator@godalminglearning.org with any questions.

And Finally...

Yesterday PCSO Seth Sheppard dropped into school to monitor the traffic and parking around the school at the end of the school day. After making contact with the school office, he plans to carry out further random checks at the two 'pinch points' of the day.

House Points

Saturn	1184
Neptune	992
Mars	923
Jupiter	814



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

Upcoming events:

School Spring Disco—Wednesday 11th March
Parent's Quiz Night—Friday 20th March

As you may be aware, we will soon be in need of a new Chair as Ellen, our current chair, has a child in Year 6 so will no longer be a parent at the school next year. Without a Chair we can't function as a charity. It could be a shared role between two or three people. If you are interested please reach to ellenrinttila@gmail.com who can give you an overview of what is involved.

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School Achievement

Pupils of the Week

3EC — Tom W
3JA — Elio
4AL — Bobbie
4AR — Ella K
5KR — Arianne
5KW — Isobel
6RH — Freddie
6SC — Sam G



AB Star Positive Play Award



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Forgiveness Values Champions

3JA — Sienna
3EC — Reggie-Jay
4AR — Ella
4AL — Emily
5KW — Jessica
5KR — Violet
6RH — Ruby
6SC — Harry



Sports News

Sports Hall Athletics

Today, some Y5 and Y6 children were invited to take part in a second round of trials for the Upper School Sports Hall Athletics event, so that the team could be considered as a whole. The final team will be informed via email.

Inter-House Football Tournament—Friday 30th January

Sign up for the upcoming football tournament has now closed. We had over 140 children sign up from across the school, teams have been pulled together, team names have been chosen and we are ready to play ball on the 30th! Special 'shout out' goes to Neptune being the house that MOST children signed up from! We now want to remind the children that there is an 'entry fee' this year to take part so please remember to bring in the donation on the day of the tournament. Children must remember to wear appropriate clothing—no boots and they will need their **House T-Shirt**, which are available from the school office.

Diary Dates

Spring 2026

January
26th–30th: Y6 Mock SATs Week
30th: Inter-House Football Tournament

February
11th: Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics @ Woolmer Hill
13th: **INSET DAY**
16th–20th: Half Term

March
2nd–6th: 10R—Book Week
3rd: Parent–Teacher Meetings—Late
5th: Parent–Teacher Meetings—Early

6th: GJS Book Day—'Little People, BIG Dreams' theme
7th: Inter School Swimming Gala @ Charterhouse
9th–13th: 10R—STEM Week
9th: Y3/4 Bench Ball @ Rodborough
11th: Y5 STEM Workshop @ Frensham Heights
11th: PTA Discos

16th–20th: 10R—Earth Week
16th: Y5/6 Hockey Tournament @ Charterhouse
19th and 26th: Y5 Fire Safety Visits
20th: PTA Quiz Night

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