



Newsletter

"Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none" - William Shakespeare

Latest News

This year we are supporting:

SAMARITANS



**YOUR
PTA
NEEDS
YOU**

Your PTA Needs You

Following the standing item that has been in the newsletter the last few weeks, we are still in desperate need for both our PTA Chair and Treasurer roles to be filled from September and are asking for people to consider this over half term and step forward, as time is ticking. Each of the roles can be shared between 2 people and will help secure the wonderful events for the coming year raising crucial funds for the children at GJS. We do ask that those considering being involved to get in touch with Phil Curtis to discuss the role as it may be more manageable than you think! His email is: philipcurtis@hotmail.com or you can contact the school via info@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk

TRUST Values Champion Awards

Congratulations to all the recipients of our Trust Champions Awards this week. Once again, teachers had the considerable task trying to choose just one child who has embodied the value of **trust** these last few weeks from each class. The full 'Roll of Honour' can be found on the reverse of the newsletter!

Attendance

We would like to remind parents that where a child is taken out of school for 10 sessions or more and the 'leave of absence' is without the authority of the Headteacher, each parent is liable to receive a penalty notice for each child who is absent. If a parent/carer has not incurred a penalty notice relating to the relevant child/children since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court. Further information is given within our [Attendance Policy](#).

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.

Asthma Support for Parents/Carers

The Surrey Heartlands children and young people's team are hosting a half hour session for parents and carers enabling them to understand and take better control of their child's asthma. This will take place online on Wednesday 18th June, 7.30-8pm. Please [click here to book](#).

Summer Uniform

You can find the school uniform policy [here](#). Please note that though winter uniform is still an option, the children are required to wear a tie IF they are wearing the 'winter' shirt. Please can you inform the school office or your child's teacher if for any reason you are experiencing any uniform issues and ensure all uniform is named. **Please also note that children must be dressed in full winter uniform on 5th June when their class photographs will be taken.** Please email the office if you require any second hand uniform, and new uniform can be ordered through Arbor.

Lunch Menus

School lunch menus can be found [here](#) on the school website. Polite reminder that children can either have school dinners or packed lunch every day, or, if they wish, children having packed lunch can opt into school dinners, but they must **only** do this on a Wednesday and/or Friday.

Our 'in focus' value: CREATIVITY

NEXT half term, we turn our attention to the value of **CREATIVITY**, when the children will learn the importance of this value, what it 'looks like' at GJS, how we try and engender a culture of this value at school and the importance of learning a new skill, language or instrument in order to be more creative! We focus on this value during a time when we will be considering roles for the Year 6 production, holding auditions for our inaugural 'G-Fest' event and inviting Music Works back to GJS for their musical showcase! Once again, any 'home talks' you can have with the children on the value is always much appreciated.

Finally...

A reminder that tomorrow is the last Inset Day of the year and on the reverse we have shared the dates for NEXT year (2025-26). Each year, every effort is made to try and align our 5 Inset Days with neighbouring schools and schools where siblings attend. Whilst this is achieved for the majority of insets, each school may run their own training on days which fit their school or academy alone. You may be interested to know that Surrey dates for the FOLLOWING year (2026-27) are being more aligned to the private sector and many multi academy trusts by having a 2 week autumn half term in October with the extra week being removed from the summer holiday later that year e.g. breaking up a week later than usual in July.

We would like to wish everyone a very restful half term break and see you back on **Monday 2nd June**



**SMARTPHONE
FREE CHILDHOOD**

House Points

Neptune	1022
Mars	974
Saturn	966
Jupiter	811



**Our Designated
Safeguard Lead,
Operation Encompass Key
Adult and Attendance
Lead is:**

Mr Samson—HT

**Our Deputy Designated
Safeguard Leads are:**

**Mr MacIver—Deputy HT
Mrs Wilkinson—SENCo
Mrs Munz—Bursar
Mrs Kirby—HSLW**

'It's everyone's business'

PTA News

URGENT

We are in urgent need of a new Chair and Treasurer to help with the running of the PTA (these roles could be shared between two or three people). Without a Chair or Treasurer we can't function as a charity. If you are interested in getting involved with the PTA, or want to know more details, please reach out to Phil (philipdcurtis@hotmail.com) or Rhian (Rhianhooper@hotmail.com) who can give you an overview of what is required.

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week

- 3AR – Otilie Sh
- 3EC – Luke
- 4JS – Sophie
- 4NS – Josie
- 5NM – Warwick
- 5KW – Jacob
- 6EM – Bobbie
- 6SD – Remy



98%

TRUST Values Champions

- 3AR – Dylan
- 3EC – Anne-Marie
- 4JS – Florrie
- 4NS – Archie
- 5KW – Maddie
- 5NM – Warwick
- 6EM – Harry
- 6SD – Loretta



Sports News

Sports Days

What a week of sport we had this week!

Year 3 kicked off Sports Day Season in fine fashion in their first ever GJS sports day, setting an extremely high bar for other year groups to follow. Overall, it was **Saturn** who came out on top 'running rings' round their opponents!

Year 5 followed during Tuesday afternoon and it was the other houses left 'red faced' as **Mars** came away victorious!

On Wednesday, sadly, it was Year 4's turn but the conditions were considered too slippery so has been postponed to **Wednesday 4th June**.

On a 'brighter' note, the conditions improved into the afternoon and it was Year 6 who finished off the week in style with **Jupiter** demonstrating their 'power' and leaving the other houses 'green' with envy following some fantastic athletic skill and speed!

Well done to ALL the children who represented their house and school so superbly and competed in the wonderful spirit that has become synonymous with Godalming Junior School. We look forward to Year 4 completing the GJS 'set' and finding out who will receive the cup as overall Sports Day Champions!



Diary Dates

Summer 2025

June

- 2nd: 'G-Fest' Launch Assembly
- 3rd: Y5 Kwik Cricket Tournament @ FCC 1.00–5.00pm
- 4th: Y4 Rescheduled Sports Day
- 5th: School Photos (Winter uniform)
- 9th–13th: 10R–International Week–Asia
- 9th: Y5/6 Girls Kwik Cricket Tournament @ FCC 1.00-5.00pm
- 14th: Choir Blast
- 16th–18th: Y4 @ Sayers Croft
- 17th: Y6 Kwik Cricket Tournament @ FCC 1.00–5.00pm
- 18th: Y3 Trip to Haslemere Museum
- 25th: Y4 Kwik Cricket Tournament @ FCC 1.00–5.00pm
- 27th: Y5/6 'G-Ashes' @ FCC 9.00–1.15pm

July

- 1st: 'Bump Up' Day
- 7th–11th: 10R–Arts Week
- 8th: 'The Forest in Between' Y6 transition event
- 9th and 10th: Y6 Production 'Oliver with a Twist' @ 7.00pm
- 9th: Music Works Showcase
- 10th: District Sports @ The Spectrum

Inset Days 2025-26

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