



Newsletter

This year, we are supporting:



Shooting Star
Children's Hospices

"Life is about your growth, not your trophies" - Bear Grylls

Latest News



GJS Values Champions

Congratulations to ALL our recipients of the first Values Champion Awards of the year. These are children who have upheld the value of **RESILIENCE** these first 8 weeks and have made great strides in ALL areas of school life. Always a difficult task for teachers as there are so many children who have started the year so well at GJS. Whether it has been Year 6 doing so brilliantly at UKSA, Year 5 entering the upper school, expectations cranking up in Year 4 and Year 3 beginning their GJS journey so excellently, there is so much to be proud of!

Wet Play Activity Donation

As we enter the colder, wetter and darker time of year, there is a likelihood children will spend some time indoors during break and lunchtimes. We are seeking to support the PTA donation towards 'wet play games' by asking parents for donations such as card games, small (good condition) board games or Top Trump packs or packs of UNO. We will endeavour to get outside when we can and we do ask ALL children have coats in school at ALL times from next half term.

School Surveys

We have recently updated our survey section of the school website and you are able to see the latest findings from the surveys [here](#). These include our staff wellbeing survey, our anti-bullying survey, our latest pupil survey findings and the link for parents to access the Ofsted Parent View site, or click on the Ofsted logo . Please find time over the half term break to register with the Parent View site and complete the short survey.

End of the Day Arrangements

From next half term, we will be trialing a new arrangement at the end of the day, to ensure children are coming out more efficiently to meet adults or leave independently. Children who are attending ANY club or KOOSA will remain behind in class, supervised by a member of staff, whilst the class teacher will bring the children out ready to be picked up or go home independently AT 3.05pm every day. Children attending clubs will then be handed over to the club adults by our members of staff straight after. We do ask that ANY changes of arrangements to end of day pick up arrangements are communicated to the school office, not the class teacher, as soon possible and that every effort is made to avoid changes beyond 2.00pm. We also ask that if the change affects the child attending a club that the club is notified as well. It is not the role of the school office staff to do this.

Multiplication Check/SATs

Information on the Year 4 Multiplication Check and Year 6 Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) has been sent through to schools via the DfE. These documents can now be found on the year group pages on the website by clicking [here](#) for Year 4 and [here](#) for Year 6.

Our VALUE in focus is: FORGIVENESS

As we celebrate one value we begin to look ahead to next half term to the next 'in focus' value, **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 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.

Governor Vacancies

With a number of governors reaching the end of their service terms, we still have vacancies on the governing body. If you are interested in becoming a school governor, please arrange to speak to our headteacher, Adam Samson via the school office or to the Clerk of the Governing Body, Shannon Hall via clerk@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk.

wet
breaktime
activities



House Points

<u>Mars</u>	<u>8893</u>
Neptune	8480
Saturn	7289
Jupiter	6189



**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

Autumn Disco—Wednesday 22nd October—Thank you to everyone who came along to our PTA School Disco this week and helped raise a massive £510 for the school. These funds will help improve the school, and it has been great to see some PTA funds put to use already this year. They helped fund the coach costs for Year 6 to attend UKSA, they also funded the wonderful Virtual Reality workshop for Years 3, 4 and 5 whilst Year 6 were away, they helped fund the Year 5 trip to Tilford Mosque. The funds have also helped achieve the first School Council priority by providing graphic novels for class libraries!

Our attention now starts to look towards the Christmas Fair, our big ticket event of the year!

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.

Upcoming Events:

Christmas Fair—Friday 12th December

School Achievement

Pupils of the Week

3EC — Reggie
3JA — Ellie—Le
4AL — Ottilie Sp
4AR — Sam
5KR — Marcell
5KW — Lily
6RH — Jacob
6SC — Theo

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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

Tillingbourne Football Tournament: Round 3—Y3 and Y5 Boys—POSTPONED

Sadly the final round of football tournaments, due to be held yesterday, was postponed. We will of course update those involved of the new date when we receive it!

Cross Country @ Glebelands School—Saturday 15th November 1.00—3.00pm

There is still time to sign up to take part in the annual cross country event around Glebelands School, Cranleigh. There are 8 races, 1 for each junior school age category and these are split between a boys and girls race. The distance is approximately twice the distance of our own inter-house Chippie Chase races so not for the faint hearted! Those who finished in the top 4 of the Chippie Chase races are encouraged to sign up and take part! Children just need to speak to their class teacher to sign up!

Diary Dates

Autumn 2025

October
27th—31st:
November

HALF TERM

3rd:

INSET DAY

4th: 6SC Science @ Charterhouse
4th: Y5 Swimming Begins (6 weeks)
8th: Prospective Parent Tour (1) @ 10.00am
10th—14th: 10R—Remembrance Week (3)
10th: Prospective Parent Tour (2) @ 10.45am
11th: Prospective Parent Tour (3) @ 9.00am
11th: 6SC Science @ Charterhouse
12th: Prospective Parent Tour (4) @ 6.00pm
14th: Y3 Visit to Charterhouse School
17th—20th: Y4 Bikeability
18th: 6RH Science @ Charterhouse
18th: Parent-Teacher Meetings (Late)
20th: Parent-Teacher Meetings (Early)
25th: 6RH Science @ Charterhouse
28th: Y4 Sportshall Athletics @ Broadwater

December

1st: Autumn Attendance Letters sent out
2nd: 6RH Science @ Charterhouse
10th—12th: 10R—Human Rights Week (4)

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