

Newsletter

This year, we are supporting:



'Friendship means being kind, helping others when they need it and playing with those who have nobody to play with' Isabel—Year 3

Latest News



10R—Hero Week—Imagine

We now have in our hall our wonderful Year 6 verses of 'Imagine 2026'. These are verses that Year 6 wrote inspired by the John Lennon 1971 song as part of Hero Week last month. They 'imagined' what John would write about if he was alive today. Sadly, there are themes such as conflict and inequality that are still global issues today but there were some other very modern ones that they wrote about. Year 6 had a great, mature and thoughtful discussion with Mr Samson on the topic, and the results speak for themselves. When you are in school next, please do stop by the Hero Week display in the school hall and have a read of their work

NSPCC Speak Up and Stay Safe—C-SPA Poster and Contact

Following our focus on the NSPCC Speak up and Stay Safe campaign and encouraging CHILDREN to do exactly this, speak up if they feel unsafe, we also wanted to ensure we signpost PARENTS to the contact details of the Children's Single Point of Access, or C-SPA, contact details [here](#) if you are concerned about a child's safety and wellbeing during evenings, weekends or holidays when they are not at school. They can be contacted by calling 0300 470 9100 or via cspa@surreycc.gov.uk.

Nurture @ GJS

GJS is on a journey, in partnership with the charity Nurture UK, to become a 'Nurture' accredited school in order to ensure that the pastoral support that children receive at GJS is excellent. Part of this journey has been introducing all staff and children to the '6 Principles of Nurture' that underpin what we do and why we do it. Sadly, these principles are not the most child friendly so Mrs Farrow and Miss Coleman have launched a Nurture Competition that all children are free to participate in, should they want to. Children have been tasked with choosing a principle, thinking of an animal that matches it, designing that animal and then explaining why they chose that animal for that principle! Submissions then need to be delivered to Miss Coleman by **Thursday 12th February**. Attached is a poster with all the information and the 6 principles! If you have any questions, please feel free to email Miss Coleman or catch her on the gate.

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, Wilbur in Year 5 had his interpretation shared in the newsletter. This week, Isabel in Year 3 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.



House Points

Saturn	1209
Mars	1204
Neptune	1167
Jupiter	795




**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

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.



School Achievement

Pupils of the Week

3EC — Oliver
3JA — Everley
4AL — Lewis
4AR — Mila
5KR — Rosie
5KW — Josie
6RH — Noah
6SC — Joseph



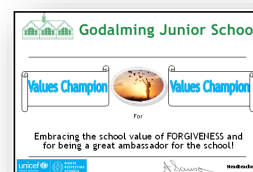
AB St★r Positive Pl★y Award



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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

Inter-House Football Tournament

What a tournament. Over 150 children signed up (over half the school), we had 23 teams across the 4 tournaments. There were some tense match ups, great goalkeeping, super shooting, dramatic dribbling and poetic passing?!? There was some lamenting losses, dramatic draws and wonderful wins. In Year 3 it was **Inter Neptune** who won overall, beating the late challenge from **Saturn United** and **Real Mars**. In Year 4 it was **Neptune Wanderers** who left the other teams wondering, pipping **Saturn Athletic** and **Jupiter Rangers** to the title. In Year 5 **Borussia Mars** were too hot to handle with **Saturn Hotspurs** being left red faced and **Racing Jupiter** not able to keep up! And in the final tournament in Year 6, it was **AFC Saturn** who ran rings round their opponents; soundly beating **Jupiter Sounders** and leaving **Mars Rovers** to lick their wounds! This meant that with Saturn coming 2nd in 3 of the tournaments and winning the Year 6 event, it was **Saturn** who were the overall winners of the Inter House Football Cup 2026. Well done to ALL the children who participated and played all the games in such a great GJS spirit! We also raised over £400 for Shooting Stars thanks to the 'entry fees' and amazing sponsors. Henry in Year 3 getting a special mention for raising £80 alone! What a wonderful achievement! We hope those in Year 3, 4 and 5 all take part next year!

Sports-Hall Athletics

Good luck to the sports hall athletes next week at Woolmer Hill. We will find out how they do in next week's newsletter!

Diary Dates

Spring 2026

February

11th:

13th:

16th—20th:

March

2nd—6th:

3rd:

5th:

6th:

7th:

9th—13th:

9th:

11th:

16th—20th:

16th:

19th and 26th:

20th:

Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics @ Woolmer Hill

INSET DAY

Half Term

10R—Book Week

Parent—Teacher Meetings—Late

Parent—Teacher Meetings—Early

GJS Book Day—'Little People, BIG Dreams' theme

Inter School Swimming Gala @ Charterhouse

10R—STEM Week

Y3/4 Bench Ball @ Rodborough

PTA Discos

10R—Earth Week

Y5/6 Hockey Tournament @ Charterhouse

Y5 Fire Safety Visits

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