

Newsletter

This year, we are supporting:



'Independence means to trust your own beliefs, choices and be a maverick' Sadie –Year 6

Latest News



INDEPENDENCE Values Champions

Congratulations to ALL children who have been recognised for their levels of independence as we approach the final half term of the year and showing their 'readiness' for next year; whether this is moving year groups at GJS or moving on to their new school. As role models for **INDEPENDENCE** and maturity, this sets them up superbly for next year. Whether it is our recipients in Year 5 becoming Buddies to our new Year 3 intake, Year 4 becoming upper school students and Year 3 children preparing for their second year here and their first residential trip in Year 4.

AB Positive Play Award

To celebrate the excellent behaviour at GJS, we continue to reward the class each term who have had the fewest recorded behaviour or friendship related incidents. Since returning to school after the Easter holidays, there have been only 19 incidents recorded across the school. This equates to **0.6** incidents a day so far this term; further illustrating how unique the children are at GJS and the **respectful, values centered and nurturing** culture that underpins school life here. It gives us great pride to celebrate that the fewest incidents recorded are in Year 6, who brilliantly role-model to their younger peers and buddies how we conduct ourselves. In **6RH**, there have been 0 incidents recorded! Well done to them, recipients of the AB Star Award for the second time this year!

Attendance Ambassadors

Another significant strength at the school is our attendance and we continue to celebrate the classes who maintain the high levels expected at GJS. Well done to **3JA** who have achieved an attendance rate of **99.4%** since the Easter holidays!

Year 3 Trip to Haslemere Museum

On Monday, Year 3 travelled back in time to Ancient Egypt through a visit to Haslemere Museum. They were fortunate enough to handle a range of artefacts from over 3000 years ago, translate Ancient Egyptian writing (hieroglyphs) and took part in the process of mummification. They learned all the gruesome yet fascinating facts about what happened when an Ancient Egyptian died, and even got to see the museum's famous preserved mummy! To top it off, the children mummified their own teddies, wrote hieroglyphs on papyrus and created their own death masks to help identify the teddies beneath the bandages. The museum staff were so complimentary about the children's respectful behaviour and we have been so impressed with how much information they have been able to recall during our follow-up History lessons this week.

Year 5 Butterflies

Over this half term, Year 5 have had the pleasure of watching the fascinating life-cycle of butterflies to support our Animals Including Humans unit. We have been observing over time the caterpillars turn into chrysalises and emerge again as butterflies. The Year 5 children have greatly enjoyed their time with the butterflies and hope to release them into the wilds of Godalming!

House T-Shirts

With Sports Days approaching, please ensure that your child has a house-coloured t-shirt ready. They can be ordered via Arbor, priced at **£2.50**.

Our VALUE in focus will be: Perseverance

Tamsin in Year 3 summed it up nicely last week. Our final week of our *Values Vision* for Independence comes from Sadie in Year 6. We also 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 *Perseverance* (the 'in-focus' value next half term), what it means to you, the importance of *persevering* and sharing what you, as parents, have had to *persevere* with. Please also celebrate and praise your child when they have shown examples of *perseverance* like improving at something through practice, not giving up and seeing feedback as 'fuel' not 'criticism'.

Club Pick Up


We would like to remind parents that children must be picked up promptly following any after school club, as the school office is not staffed beyond 4.15pm. If this is not possible, we do ask that you consider sending your child to KOOSA after school club.

And Finally...

A reminder that tomorrow is our final Inset Day of the year. We would like to wish everyone a safe, enjoyable to relaxing half term break and we look forward to seeing you all on **Monday 1st June**.



House Points Total

 Neptune	6496
Mars	5985
Jupiter	5945
Saturn	5427



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

School Disco

Thanks to those who supported the disco on Tuesday evening, both by coming along to try something new and the volunteers who helped out. Kyle from the Music Works was impressed by some great dance moves! As all funds went to the school, we are thrilled to have raised £630!

Next PTA Event—GJS Summer Fair—Friday 10th July

School Achievement

Pupils of the Week

- 3EC – Arlo
- 3JA – George T
- 4AL – Maisie
- 4AR – Anais
- 5KR – Beth
- 5KW – Ella
- 6RH – Evie
- 6SC – Samuel K



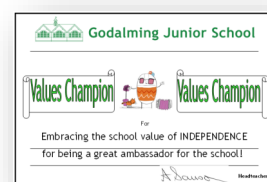
AB St★r Positive Pl★y Award



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Independence Values Champions

- 3EC – Jake
- 3JA – Alice
- 4AL – Amelie
- 4AR – Charlie
- 5KR – Freya
- 5KW – Oliver R
- 6RH – Alfie
- 6SC – Jonathan



Sports News

Y5/6 Inter House Cricket 'G-Ashes' Tournament—Friday 26th June

From Monday 1st June, children in the upper school will be able to sign up for our annual 'Celebration of Cricket Day' which takes place on Friday 26th June at Farncombe Cricket Club. This is the final cricket event of the summer, following the Year 4, 5 and 6 tournaments, the coaching sessions run by Graham Ekins during our PE lessons and the weekly after school cricket club. The event is open to ALL children in the upper school, with the lower school event taking place in school during their PE sessions a week later for children wishing to take part.

Upper school children need to sign up with their class teacher by Friday 13th June—children will not be able to take part if they are not signed up by this date, further promoting the value of *independence* in the children! We will also be asking for an 'entrance contribution' (suggested £1) towards the Shooting Star Children's Hospice.

83% of the school have represented their house so far this year after 2 events!

SCHOOL GAMES

AND... 68% of children have represented the school so far this year! That's over 164 children across GJS!

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Diary Dates

Summer 2026

May	
22nd:	INSET DAY
June	
1st–5th:	10R—International Week
2nd:	Y5 Boys Kwik Cricket Tournament @ FCC
4th:	Y4 Kwik Cricket Tournament @ FCC
4th:	Y6 Rounders Competition @ Broadwater School 3.00-4.30pm
5th:	Governor Day
9th:	Y3/5 Sports Day
10th:	Y5/6 Girls Cricket Tournament @ FCC
11th:	Y4/6 Sports Day
13th:	ChoirBlast
15th–17th:	Y4 @ Sayers Croft
15th–19th:	Y6 Bikeability
16th–17th:	Y3 Walking Training
18th:	Surrey Healthy Schools Quality Assurance Visit
18th:	Trinity Trust Team Transition Session with Year 6
22nd–25th:	Y6 Bikeability
23rd:	Y6 Boys Kwik Cricket Tournament @ FCC
26th:	Y5/6 'G-Ashes' @ FCC 9.00–1.15pm
30th:	Bump Up Day
30th:	New Parents Evening
July	
2nd:	Godalming Library Assembly: Summer Reading Challenge
2nd:	NEW Y3 Coffee Morning (Invite Only)
6th–10th:	10R—Arts Week

Inset Days 2025-26

Wednesday 2nd September 2025

Monday 2nd November 2025

Friday 12th February 2026

Monday 13th April 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026

Inset Days 2026-27

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Monday 2nd November 2026

Friday 12th February 2027

Monday 12th April 2027

Friday 28th May 2027

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