

Newsletter

This year, we are supporting:



Shooting Star
Children's Hospices

"If we really want to love, we must learn how to forgive" - Mother Theresa

Latest News

ANTI-BULLYING
WEEK 2025!



Anti-Bullying Week—'Power of Good' Poster Competition

Thank you to all the entries for our 'Power for Good' anti-bullying poster competition, as we continue to raise awareness across the school about bullying and ensure the children are as well educated in this area as possible. This includes **confidently** knowing what bullying is, what it is not, the difference between falling out with others and bullying behaviours, how to call it out, who to go to if you **hear** or see **bullying** behaviours or language and for the older children, what might this look like **online**. The children have also completed their '5 Finger Check' activity these last past weeks as they identify those in school they can and must go to if there is anything worrying them or they have concerns about others. The children also completed their anti-bullying survey and we will share the outcomes in the coming weeks, once all the data has been collected. Following the judging by the AB Stars, the winner of our 2025 AB Poster Competition will be announced next Friday!

Shooting Star Assembly

On Monday, Bea Welch from Shooting Star Children's Hospices visited the children of GJS to thank them for choosing them as their adopted charity for the year and share some information on the work they do and families they support. She also brought in a collection of the 'Knitted Novelties' that went down very well with the children! These are knitted Christmas collectables which contain a Terry's Chocolate Orange, which would make a lovely and original Christmas gift! They will be available from the school office from Monday at £5 each or you can purchase 2 for £9, with ALL proceeds going to the charity. At our reception desk you will also find a collection pot for any additional donations on the further information on the charity itself. Remember, we will be collecting for this charity on our Carols by Candlelight events and our Christmas Attire Day, on the last day of term, will be in aid of Shooting Star. Mr Samson will meet with the School Council early next term to discuss what our spring and summer fundraising events could be...

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Year 4 Greek Day

Several scary Medusas, a number of gods, a scattering of soldiers and TWO Minotaurs! Year 4 went all in for Greek Day, enjoying the flavours of food that the Ancient Greeks would have served, as well as making and baking some of them! The children also tried looking at stars and constellations and writing their names in Greek letters. At the end, we read the myth of the battle of Troy, discussing what could be reality and what was added to the story to make it even better...

Ofsted Parent View

Thank you to everyone who has already registered and completed the Parent View survey, and to those who took some time out during our Parent-Teacher Meetings last week to complete it on the work stations we had available. If you have yet to complete it, it only takes a few minutes and can be accessed by clicking on the Ofsted Parent View logo ➡.

House Points

<u>Mars</u>	<u>1022</u>
<u>Neptune</u>	<u>1022</u>
Saturn	922
Jupiter	755



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](#), on the attached poster, or you are more than welcome to email Rachel Dinnage on coordinator@godalminglearning.org with any questions.

Our VALUE in focus is: FORGIVENESS

Our 'in focus' value for this half term is **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!


**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

Christmas Fair—Friday 12th December—4.30-7.00pm

Thank you for your generous hamper donations today. Further mufti dates:

Friday 5th December—Jolly Jam Jars

Friday 12th December—Bottles for Tombola

We will be running the token scheme to pay for the games and stalls. The value of each token is 50p and the stalls will cost either 50p or £1, so either 1 token or 2. The tokens can be purchased on the night, from a dedicated stall, but to avoid possible long queues, they can be pre-purchased either by making a bank transfer to the Godalming Junior School Association, Sort Code 30-99-50, account number 65867168 (Please add child's name and class in payment reference), or we will be selling them in the playground after school on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th December. Cash will also be taken on the night and card at the bar and BBQ.

The school choir will be performing at 5pm. We are requesting that children attending with adults do not bring phones to the fair. Please ensure children do not access any play equipment or the trim trail and entrance will only be via the Hallam Road gate.

We look forward to seeing you there and getting into the Christmas Spirit!

School Achievement

Pupils of the Week

3EC — Jake

3JA — Henry

4AL — Adelyn

4AR — Orla

5KR — Freddie

5KW — Tilly

6RH — Ethan

6SC — Harry



AB St★r Positive Pl★ry Award



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Resilience Values Champions

3JA — JJ

3EC — Aarlo

4AR — Luke

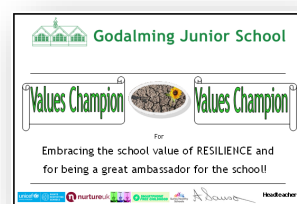
4AL — Ella

5KW — George

5KR — Hope

6RH — Theo C-P

6SD — Joseph



Sports News

Year 3 & 5 Football @ Tillingbourne

Good luck to the Year 3 & 5 boys football teams next week! We will be sure to share how they get on in next week's newsletter, along with the Year 4 'Sportshallers' who are competing at Broadwater this afternoon!

Diary Dates

Autumn 2025

December

1st: Autumn Attendance Letters sent out
1st: Rescheduled Y4 Bikeability
2nd: 6RH Science @ Charterhouse
3rd: Y6 'Born Free' Exhibition
4th: Y3 & Y5 Boys Football @ Tillingbourne
10th–12th: 10R—Human Rights Week (4)
12th: PTA Christmas Fair
15th: Y3 Carols By Candlelight @ 9.15am
16th: Y4 Carols By Candlelight @ 9.15am
17th: Y5 Carols By Candlelight @ 9.15am
17th: Christmas Lunch
18th: Y6 Carols By Candlelight @ 9.15am
19th: Christmas Attire Day—in aid of Shooting Star Children's Hospices
19th: **END OF TERM : 1.15pm**

January

5th: **Start of Term**

