

Newsletter

This year, we are supporting:



'Friendship is a bond or connection with someone who is caring, supportive, honest and trustworthy' Wilbur—Year 5

Latest News



10R—Book Week

Our next 10R-richment week will be Book Week, which coincides with our GJS Book Day on **Friday 6th March**. GJS prides itself on our own unique themes that we have adopted over the years. These have included fantasy characters, baddies-from-books, page-to-pictures (books that have been turned into movies) and even a Dickensian theme that aligned with an anniversary of Charles Dickens' life! This year, we will be shining a light on non-fiction texts with our 'Little People, Big Dreams' theme. There are over 150 books in the series, and plenty of variety of people for children to choose to come dressed up as. During assemblies over the last couple of weeks, the children have already been exposed to three of the books! Martin Luther King, John Lennon and Anne Frank were all shared. There is not an expectation that the children BUY the book of the person they will come dressed as, but it would be good to research the series here. Even better if the children can do some of their own research of the person they choose and share this information on the day!



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 csa@surreycc.gov.uk. A poster is also attached to the newsletter.

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.



House Points

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| Neptune | 1519 |
| Mars | 1137 |
| Jupiter | 1126 |
| Saturn | 1030 |



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, Anais in Year 4 had her interpretation shared in the newsletter. This week, Wilbur in Year 5 shares his 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.

And Finally...

PCSO Seth Sheppard dropped by again this week to monitor the traffic and parking around the school, at the BEGINNING of the school day this time. This was to see how children were safely travelling to school via the Marshall Road gate. More visits will continue...

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.



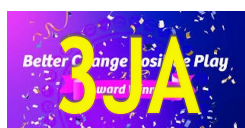
School Achievement

Pupils of the Week

3EC — Isabel
3JA — Birdy
4AL — Beatrix
4AR — Ray
5KR — Oli W
5KW — Darcy
6RH — Henry M
6SC — Henry A



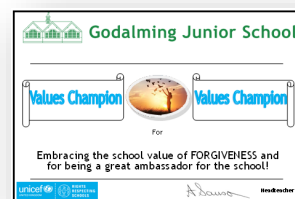
AB St★r Positive Pl★y Award



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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

Thank you to all those who turned up in their house kit to brave the showers today, and play some excellent football! Due to the number of teams involved, and the weather, we weren't quite able to complete the tournament today. Year 6 should come in their house PE kit next Friday, 6th February, ready to complete the tournament. Results will be announced after that, so watch this space...

Thank you also for the donations and sponsorship. These will be counted and totals announced next week as well!

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 2nd September 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

Friday 13th February 2026

Monday 13th April 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026