



# Newsletter

*"You can't use up creativity: The more you use, the more you have" - Maya Angelou*

## Latest News

This year we are supporting:

**SAMARITANS**

## GODALMING MUSEUM



### Y5 Godalming Museum

On Tuesday and Wednesday the two Year 5 classes had fantastic mornings as we were hosted by Godalming Museum. This linked perfectly with our History unit on Godalming. We were treated to an expert-led tour of some fascinating local points of interest and then we had a workshop in the museum, which focused on Roman Godalming and the Titanic and our famous link to the doomed ship. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and are in a great position to complete our local history unit with an even greater understanding of the area in which they go to school.

### Junior Citizen Day

On Thursday, Year 6 went to Guildford Spectrum for the Junior Citizens event. They took part in different talks about wildfires, water safety, healthy eating and railway safety, and consolidated their knowledge of CPR. The children were all very respectful and learnt lots about being safe and responsible as they start to become more independent. A massive thank you to the PTA for funding this event.

### Future Female Engineers Event

On Thursday, Prior's Field hosted a Future Female Engineers day for four Year 5 girls. They had a brilliant time working in a team against other schools in subjects across the STEM curriculum. Particular highlights were the chance to create an earthquake-resistant tower in Science and the opportunity to create a safety mechanism for a toy car that would protect an egg in a collision. In the latter activity, our girls managed to create the safest car not only for this year but also, according to our Prior's Field hosts, the safest car they had ever seen. Very well done to Nyah, Thea, Molly and Ella.

### School Access 2025-26

Following a recent safeguarding review of the school site, the school welfare team has taken the decision to disable the Meadow school gate at the end of the school day from September. This will only be used next year in the case of emergencies. At the beginning and end of each day, both the Marshall Road and Hallam Road gate will continue to be used and there will be a staff presence at the end of each day, like there has been at the beginning of the day, at the Marshall Road gate as this is where most children leave the school site independently. We are informing parents now so appropriate measures and changes can be arranged before **Thursday 4th September**, the first day of next term.

### Walking Home Policy Change 2025-26

We will also be changing our Walking Home Policy from September 2025, which will see ONLY those in the upper school leave the school at the end of the day independently. The only children who will be able to leave the school site at the end of the day in the lower school are those with older siblings in the upper phase of the school, who they leave with each day. Once again, we are informing parents now so any arrangements can be made as early as possible in preparation for September. We thank you for your understanding that making these changes will make routines and practices at GJS even safer for the children here.

### Attendance

We would like to remind parents that where a child is taken out of school for 10 sessions or more and the 'leave of absence' is without the authority of the Headteacher, each parent is liable to receive a penalty notice for each child who is absent. If a parent/carer has not incurred a penalty notice relating to the relevant child/children since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court. Further information is given within our [Attendance Policy](#).

### Wellbeing Support That's Out There

At GJS, we know that at any point people might be facing challenges or difficulties in their personal life, within their family or at work. We also know that it can be really hard to reach out and find the support that's out there. With that in mind, we've made a range of information padlets that can be accessed by anyone, at any time and completely anonymously. Within them is a range of guidance, strategies, and agencies that might be of use so please do save the link and spend some time seeing what support is out there, just in case it's ever needed.

### Support and guidance for helping children with their mental health

#### Additional support agencies

If you have any questions then please don't hesitate to contact Miss Coleman, the Wellbeing Lead.

### Our 'in focus' value: CREATIVITY

This term, we continue to focus on the value of **CREATIVITY**, when the children will learn the importance of this value, what it 'looks like' at GJS, how we try and engender a culture of this value at school and the importance of learning a new skill, language or instrument in order to be more creative! We focus on this value during a time when we will be considering roles for the Year 6 production, holding auditions for our inaugural 'G-Fest' event and inviting Music Works back to GJS for their musical showcase! Once again, any 'home talks' you can have with the children on the value is always much appreciated.

### And Finally...

Surrey School Term Dates are changing to extend the autumn half term break in 2026-27 to 2 weeks, to align more with some private schools and some multi-academy trusts. It is important to note that this is not an 'extra' week of school holidays, rather a 'shift' of dates, as the additional week for the half term break will be 'made up' by breaking up for the summer that year a week later than usual. We are welcoming any views parents have on this potential change, as GJS has always historically adopted the Surrey Term Dates and are keen to inform parents what our plans intend to be before the end of term. Incidentally, this will only affect those in our current year 3 and 4 year groups. Feel free to pass on your views to school leaders via the school office, by email or in person before or after school.

## House Points

Neptune	871
Jupiter	849
Mars	735
Saturn	687



  
**Our Designated Safeguard Lead,**  
**Operation Encompass Key Adult and Attendance Lead is:**  
**Mr Samson—HT**

**Our Deputy Designated Safeguard Leads are:**  
**Mr MacIver—Deputy HT**  
**Mrs Wilkinson—SENCo**  
**Mrs Munz—Bursar**  
**Mrs Kirby—HSLW**

*'It's everyone's business'*

# PTA News

**Summer Fair—Friday 11th July 6.00—8.30pm**

The plans for the summer fair are in full swing. We will have stalls with plenty of activities. More importantly, we will have the much needed bar and BBQ. To accompany the fair we have the usual MUFTI days to aid with donations to some of the stalls.

**Friday 4th July**—Bottle Tombola

**Friday 11th July**—Jolly Jam Jars & Book Donations

Bottle and Jam Jar donations to be dropped off in the Music Room as usual on arrival to school.

Any book donations for the book stall at the fair should be dropped to the school office.

Some good news—we have found a new PTA treasurer! However we are still in urgent need of a new Chair to help with the running of the PTA (this role could be shared between people). If you are interested in getting involved with the PTA, or want to know more details, please reach out to Phil (philipcurtis@hotmail.com) who can give an overview of what is required.

## School Achievement

### Pupil of the Week

3AR — William  
3EC — Rowan  
4JS — Whole class  
4NS — Whole class  
5NM — Molly  
5KW — Evander  
6EM — Emily  
6SD — Kayla



98%

### TRUST Values Champions

3AR — Dylan  
3EC — Anne-Marie  
4JS — Florrie  
4NS — Archie  
5KW — Maddie  
5NM — Warwick  
6EM — Harry  
6SD — Loretta



## Sports News

### Year 6 Kwik Cricket Tournament @ Farncombe CC

Last week was the Year 6 boys' turn to head up to Farncombe CC for their tournament. They got off to a great start, winning their first two games, before a couple of defeats. There was a three-way tie in the group stages so the number of runs decided which team progressed to the finals, but unfortunately this wasn't GJS's time. Despite the heat, the boys played amazingly, and showed great sportsmanship throughout. Thanks to Miss D for stepping in to lead the team.

### Year 4 Kwik Cricket Tournament @ Farncombe CC

It was yet more cricket success this week for GJS! Our Year 4 teams DEFENDED their Rising Stars Shield in fantastic fashion with our 'Godalming Brave' team finishing joint 2nd out of the 6 teams and our 'Godalming Invincibles' living up to their name by remaining undefeated all afternoon and finishing top!



## Diary Dates

### Summer 2025

July  
1st: 'Bump Up' Day  
2nd: Y5/6 Girls County Cricket Finals  
4th: Mufti—Bottles  
7th—11th: 10R—Arts Week  
8th: 'The Forest in Between' Y6 transition event  
9th and 10th: Y6 Production 'Oliver with a Twist' @ 7.00pm  
9th: The Music Works Showcase  
10th: District Sports @ The Spectrum  
11th: Mufti—Jolly Jam Jars/Book Donations & Summer Fair 6.00pm—8.30pm  
16th: G-Fest Talent Show  
22nd: End of Term @ 1.15pm

### Inset Days 2025-26

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026