



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



10R-Remembrance Week (3)

It was all things Remembrance at GJS this week as we all engaged in our 3rd 10Richment week of the year! Firstly, we had our 'Ground Force' team led by Ellen Rinttila planting 'peace' bulbs with ALL the children over the course of the week, brightening up our back playground 'Remembrance Garden'. Will from Chicken Wired also returned this week to make wire sculptures with children from across the school (please click [here](#) for more information) and we also had the privilege of Mayor of Waverley Penny Rivers and 'Consort' Paul Rivers visit the school on Tuesday and join us in our 2 minutes silence at 11.00am. It has been a wonderful week of **creativity, mindfulness and reflection** and ALL funded by our wonderful PTA!

Outstanding Attendance @ GJS

This week, we were contacted by the Department of Education who recognised our extremely high levels of attendance at the school. Out of nearly 2000 schools across the country, we are in the top percentile (top 10% nationally) of all schools thanks to our **consistently** high levels of attendance and consistently low levels of persistent absences. This is a great achievement and one that all stakeholders should be proud of - school leaders for putting such an emphasis and importance on attendance, parents for supporting the school and their children and knowing the importance of high attendance and of course the children **WANTING** to come to school so readily each day! The DfE went on to state that by highlighting our levels on their records, we may be contacted by other schools to help them raise their levels of attendance, which of course, we would be happy to do as the outward looking school we are!

Prospective Parent Tours

It was that time again this week when we were visited by Year 2 parents as the process begins for them to consider their junior school applications. This year we were visited by nearly 150 parents, from 10 different infant settings over the 4 tours. Thanks to the staff and the children themselves, the school looked extremely well cared for. The children who met the parents on Monday and Tuesday were amazing ambassadors for the school as they talked about what it is like to come to GJS, about their learning and what makes us different!

School Surveys

We have recently updated our survey section of the school website and you are able to see the latest findings from the surveys [here](#). These include our staff wellbeing survey, our anti-bullying survey, our latest pupil survey findings and the link for parents to access the Ofsted Parent View site, or click on the Ofsted logo . Please find time to register with the Parent View site and complete the short survey. We will have workstations available during our parent-teacher meetings in 2 weeks when you will be able to log on and complete the survey, should you wish.

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 we 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!

Free Reading App

'Libby' is a free reading app that lets you and your children borrow eBooks and audiobooks from your local library using a phone, tablet or computer. It's like having a library in your pocket - you can read or listen anywhere, anytime! To get started, all you need is your library card number and your PIN, which can be given to you by library staff.

Governor Vacancies

We still have vacancies on the governing body and our chair, John Warren, will be reaching out over the coming weeks to see if anyone is interested in becoming a governor at GJS or want to find out more. If you are interested in becoming a school governor, you could also arrange to speak to our headteacher, Adam Samson via the school office or to the Clerk of the Governing Body, Shannon Hall via clerk@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk.



House Points

Mars	860
Saturn	797
Neptune	480
Jupiter	441



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

Planning now begins for the Christmas Fair later this term. In preparation for this, we once again would love your support by contributing goods on the following Friday mufti days:

Friday 28th November—Hamper Goods

Friday 5th December—Jolly Jam Jars

Friday 12th December—Bottles for Tombola

For our Christmas Hampers, as previous years, these will be themed by colour, broken down by year group:

Year 3—red Year 4—green Year 5—white/silver Year 6—Gold

More information on the hampers is attached to the newsletter.

With Black Friday round the corner, **Easy Fundraising** is an easy way to raise additional funds for the school when you are doing your shopping online. We currently have a number of families signed up for this and it would be great if we can increase that. See sign up instructions attached.

School Achievement

Pupils of the Week

3EC — Thomas

3JA — Ottilie

4AL — Daniel

4AR — Leona

5KR — Julia

5KW — Lily-Rose

6RH — Bertie

6SC — Benjamin



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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

Dodgeball @ Glebelands School

Well done to our Year 4 and Year 5 children who took part in the DodgeBall event at Glebelands this week. Both Mr Samson and Mrs Williams amazed by the level of sporting behaviour and how well the children represented the school, coming Runners Up overall to Womersley and Shamley Green Primary School.

Cross Country @ Glebelands

Mr Samson returns to Glebelands tomorrow, this time with Miss Holcombe and our cross country team taking part in the annual cross country event. Parents have been contacted and the children must wear appropriate footwear as it is likely to be VERY soggy under-foot! We wish them all the best and look forward to hearing how they get on next week!



Diary Dates

Autumn 2025

November

15th:

17th—20th:

18th:

18th:

20th:

24th:

25th:

25th:

28th:

December

1st:

2nd:

3rd:

4th:

10th—12th:

12th:

15th:

16th:

17th:

17th:

18th:

19th:

19th:

Glebelands Cross Country Event

Y4 Bikeability

6RH Science @ Charterhouse

Parent-Teacher Meetings (Late)

Parent-Teacher Meetings (Early)

'Shooting Star' Assembly

Y4 Greek Day

6RH Science @ Charterhouse

Y4 Sportshall Athletics @ Broadwater

Autumn Attendance Letters sent out

6RH Science @ Charterhouse

Y6 'Born Free' Exhibition

Y3 & Y5 Boys Football @ Tillingbourne

10R—Human Rights Week (4)

PTA Christmas Fair

Y3 Carols By Candlelight @ 9.15am

Y4 Carols By Candlelight @ 9.15am

Y5 Carols By Candlelight @ 9.15am

Christmas Lunch

Y6 Carols By Candlelight @ 9.15am

Christmas Attire Day—in aid of Shooting Star Children's Hospices

END OF TERM : 1.15pm

Inset Days 2025-26
 Wednesday 3rd September 2025
 Monday 3rd November 2025
 Friday 13th February 2026
 Monday 13th April 2026
 Friday 22nd May 2026