



Newsletter

This year, we are supporting:



'Respect means showing kindness, understanding, showing acceptance of others' and their thoughts and opinions' Benjamin—Year 5

Latest News

Founders Day

Thank you to all the children who came in on Monday wearing their Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Rainbows, Brownies or Guides uniforms! It was lovely to hear their reasons for joining the groups, what activities they took part in and what they got out of going to their groups each week!

Parent-Teacher Consultations

It was great to see so many parents this week meeting with our teachers and finding out how their child was getting on. There was a great 'buzz' in the hall and both evenings felt very collaborative. Thank you to those who took some time out to complete the Ofsted Parent View questionnaire!

Book Week

Wow! There were so many 'Little People' costumes on show today and it was also super to see a number of children learn some interesting facts about the person they came dressed as! It was another successful GJS Book Day. Thank you all for helping with the children's costumes yet again! Attached are recommended books that have been enjoyed by our staff over the last year!

Readathon

From today until **Thursday 26th March**, GJS is holding a **READATHON!** This is a sponsored read that encourages children to enjoy reading for fun, while also raising money to buy books and fund storyteller visits for children in hospital. If your child would like to take part, all they need to do is choose what they want to read, find some sponsors (with a little help from parents), and then get reading! All information can be found on the attached poster and letter, and as always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Miss Coleman.

Shooting Stars Donation Station

This week we took delivery of a Donation Station for any 'good quality clean or new clothing, shoes, boots and bags'. The Donation Station can be found in the entrance hall and will be taken to the Shooting Stars shop on Godalming High Street over the Easter holidays. If you have any of the items in bold, then feel free to drop them in! Easter 'Knitted Novelties' will also be available from Monday in the office, priced at £2 each for a crème egg version and £5 for the chocolate orange one (correct cash only please).

Our VALUE in focus is: RESPECT

Respect is our 'in focus' value at GJS until Easter and will continue to be the theme of our weekly assemblies. Arguably our most treasured value, it underpins so much of life at school and requires every member of the community to uphold the value in order for the school to thrive. We continue to share the perspectives and thoughts of the children across the school in our weekly newsletter in the shape of the 'what it means to me' value statements. Last week, Jonah in Year 5 had his interpretation shared in the newsletter. This week, it is Benjamin's turn in Year 6. 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 *respect*, what it means to you, the behaviours that engender the value and those which do not.

Initial Teacher Training with the GLP and Winchester University

The window is still 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.

The Royal Mint Museum Short Story Competition 2026

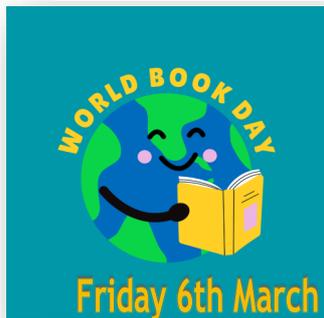
We would also like to draw your attention to the 6th Royal Mint Museum short story competition open now for children aged 7-11. Stories are to contain no more than 500 words and must be based on the theme of 'GOLD'. Prizes include a gold coin, £5,000 of books for the school and most excitingly, their story to be illustrated by an artist! More information can be found on the RMM website [here](#). Children have until Friday 17th April to enter!

Inset Dates 2026-27

You will see on the reverse of the newsletter that the inset days for next year have been confirmed. These follow a similar time frame to this year's and also align with our Godalming Learning Partnership (GLP) schools.

And Finally...

Craig Hudson, dad to Isobel in Year 6, will be running in the London Marathon in April. He is fundraising for the Multiple Sclerosis Trust, after his older sister was diagnosed with MS a year ago. He would be very grateful for your support—lots of positive thoughts and, if you are able to, a donation, however small, would be appreciated. Donations can be made [here](#). Thank you!



House Points

Neptune	1422
Jupiter	1197
Mars	1174
Saturn	1074



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 Spring Disco—Wednesday 11th March

Years 3 and 4: 6-7pm

Years 5 and 6: 7.15-8.15pm

Tickets are £5 by bank transfer to Godalming Junior School Parent Teacher Association, Account Number 65867168, Sort Code 30-99-50. Please put your child's name and class as the reference. Alternatively, please pay £5 in cash to the school office in a named envelope. Ticket includes drinks and snack.



Parent's Quiz Night—Friday 20th March

The PTA is hosting the annual quiz night on Friday 20th March. Bar opens at 19:15 with quizzing starting at 20:00. Tickets are £12 by bank transfer to Godalming Junior School Parent Teacher Association, Account Number 65867168, Sort Code 30-99-50. Please fill in [this form](#) either as a team or if you're not in a team, as an individual and we can try to find you one!

School Achievement

Pupils of the Week

- 3EC — Dylan
- 3JA — George M
- 4AL — Toby
- 4AR — Freddie
- 5KR — Violet
- 5KW — Archie
- 6RH — Lotta
- 6SC — Thea



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Friendship Values Champions

- 3JA — Preston
- 3EC — Sylvie
- 4AR — Isobel
- 4AL — Bobbie
- 5KW — Isobel
- 5KR — Noah
- 6RH — Sam G
- 6SC — Freddie



Sports News

Junior Schools Swimming Gala, Lower School Benchball Tournament and Years 3 and 5 Football Tournaments

The GJS Swimming Team will be in the pool at Charterhouse tomorrow for the Junior Schools Swimming Gala, Year 4 children will be taking part in the Benchball Tournament at Rodborough on Monday, and the Years 3 and 5 boys football teams will be hoping that the weather is kind to them on Thursday, to allow their twice-postponed Football Tournament to take place at Tillingbourne! Good luck to all the teams, and we will share how they get on in next week's newsletter.

Upper School Benchball Trials

Next, we look ahead to the Year 5 and 6 Benchball Tournament at Rodborough on Friday 17th April. Trials will be held on Friday 13th March. Children will be asked to sign up in class, and those that have signed up should come to school on 13th March in PE kit. To encourage independence, children will only be able to try out if they have signed up and are wearing PE kit.

Diary Dates

Spring 2026

March

- 7th: Inter School Swimming Gala @ Charterhouse
- 9th—13th: 10R—STEM Week
- 9th: Y3/4 Bench-Ball @ Rodborough
- 11th: PTA Discos
- 12th: Y3/5 Boys Football @ Tillingbourne
- 16th—20th: 10R—Earth Week
- 19th: Y5 Fire Safety Visits
- 20th: PTA Quiz Night
- 26th: Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics County Final @ Spectrum
- 27th: End of Term @ 1.15pm

April

- 13th: Inset Day
- 14th: Start of summer term
- 17th: Y5/6 Bench-Ball @ Rodborough

Inset Days 2025-26

- Wednesday 2nd September 2025
- Monday 2nd November 2025
- Friday 13th 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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