


# Newsletter

*"Life is about your growth, not your trophies" - Bear Grylls*

## Latest News



### 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 . We are expecting to be inspected later this academic year by Ofsted using their updated 'report card' framework following their last visit 4 years ago and part of their process is to analyse any Parent View data on GJS. We therefore would like parents to find time to access Parent View over the coming weeks. We will also have work stations set up in the school hall during our first round of Parent-Teacher Meetings in November to access Parent View.

### 10R-Wellness Week

Our 2nd 10R-richment week of the year was all about 'Wellness' this week. Year 3 focused on diet and nutrition, Year 4 were looking at physical fitness, Year 5 had the task of focusing on mental healthy diets and Year 6 learnt about healthy and unhealthy relationships. It was great to see so many come in yellow attire today to celebrate the work of Young Minds, who we have supported at this time of year for 10 years and raised over £2,000

### Young Carers

This week, Mrs Crook and Mrs Wilkinson delivered an assembly all about Young Carers. They spoke about what a young carer is, how they sometimes help at home, and what makes them so special. There are currently around 800,000 young carers in England, which equates to an average of 2 young carers per classroom. If you think that your child may be a young carer, or you'd like to learn more, please click [here](#) for support and information. You can also find contact details for Mrs Crook and Mrs Wilkinson on our school website by clicking [here](#).

### Our VALUE in focus is: RESILIENCE

We continue to immerse the children during school assemblies, circle times and PSHE lessons in our school values. Each half term we learn about, promote, reflect and consider one of 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 continue to be on 'high alert' looking for children displaying **resilience** in lessons, on the playground and even during their residential trip away from home! **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 **resilience**, face your fears and generally share YOUR views on the value and the importance of being **resilient** in life!

### Residential Trip 2026 Webinars

Thank you to those who logged onto the UKSA 2026 Introduction or the Sayers Croft 2026 Introduction this week. We hope you found them informative. The UKSA presentation can be found [here](#) and the Sayers Croft presentation [here](#). Please contact the school office if you would like further information.

### Individual Photos

The school photographer will be in on **Tuesday 21st October**. Children should come to school in their smartest winter uniform, and Year 5 should bring PE kit in a named bag to change into.

### Earrings

In line with our school uniform policy [here](#), please ensure that only stud earrings are worn to school. **Children need to be able to remove them for PE**, or if they are unable to do them themselves they should not wear them on their PE day. Staff are not permitted to remove them for children.

### Governor Vacancies

With a number of governors reaching the end of their service terms, we still have vacancies on the governing body. If you are interested in becoming a school governor, please 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](mailto:clerk@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk).

### 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.

YOUNGMINDS

**Hello  
Yellow**  
FRIDAY 10 OCT



### House Points

Saturn	2109
Mars	1508
Neptune	1508
Jupiter	1188



**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

**Autumn Disco—Wednesday 22nd October**—Show off your dance moves at our PTA Autumn Disco. Years 3 & 4 from 6-7pm and Years 5 & 6 from 7.15-8.15pm. Tickets are £5 via bank transfer to the PTA account (Acc no 65867168 SC 30-99-50 Godalming Junior School Parent Teacher Association and please put your child's name and class as the reference) or £5 to the school office in a named envelope. Your child's name will then be on a list and checked on the door (main entrance) - tickets will not be issued. Please complete the google form [here](#) if you have not volunteered to stay and boogie along with your children!

**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.

## Upcoming Events:

PTA AGM—Thursday 16th October (NOTE DATE CHANGE) 8pm Cricketers pub

Christmas Fair—Friday 12th December



## School Achievement

### Pupils of the Week

3EC — Isla  
3JA — Oliver  
4AL — Kane  
4AR — Ella  
5KR — Hope  
5KW — Theo  
6RH — Arthur  
6SC — Senna



### CREATIVITY Values Champions

3AR — Isabella  
3EC — **ARCHIE**  
4JS — Pru  
4NS — Theo  
5KW — Samuel C  
5NM — **SOLOMON**  
6EM — Khali



## Sports News

### Tillingbourne Football Tournament: Round 2—GJS Girls—Thursday 16th October

Good luck to all the girls teams who will be descending on Tillingbourne next Thursday for part 2 of the annual football events there.

### Football Trials at GJS

Today concludes the football trials for the autumn events as Year 3 boys were put through their paces! Children will find out next Monday the outcome.

## Diary Dates

### Autumn 2025

#### October

14th: Y5 Tilford Mosque Trip  
16th: Girls Football Tournament @ Tillingbourne—pm  
21st: Individual Photos  
22nd: PTA Disco  
23rd: Y3 & Y5 Boys Football Tournament @ Tillingbourne—pm  
27th—31st: **HALF TERM**

#### November

3rd: **INSET DAY**  
8th: Prospective Parent Tour (1) @ 10.00am  
10th—14th: **10R—Remembrance Week (3)**  
10th: Prospective Parent Tour (2) @ 10.45am  
11th: Prospective Parent Tour (3) @ 9.00am  
12th: Prospective Parent Tour (4) @ 6.00pm  
14th: Y3 Visit to Charterhouse School  
17th—20th: Y4 Bikeability  
18th: Parent-Teacher Meetings (Late)  
20th: Parent-Teacher Meetings (Early)

#### December

1st: Autumn Attendance Letters sent out  
10th—12th: **10R—Human Rights Week (4)**

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