



Newsletter

"Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none" - William Shakespeare

Latest News

This year we are supporting:

SAMARITANS



80th Anniversary of VE Day 1945–2025 'Letters of Peace' theme—Thursday 8th May

Well done to all the children who fully embraced the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day yesterday by writing letters, sharing family stories, holding discussions about the importance of *peace* and reflecting on life 80 years ago as World War Two came to an end. Mr Samson also shared entries from the school log books during our special VE Day assembly, reminding the children of the 15 evacuees who came to GJS, when school was closed for the day when war was declared and equally, the day the school closed to celebrate Victory Day in 1945. We held the next best thing... a **red**, **white** or/and **blue** mufti day! Mayor and Consort Rivers also visited the school to help plant our VE Day 'Peace Tree', kindly donated by Van Arnham Nursery, in our Peace Garden along with our Tolerance Values Champions!

Guildford and Godalming Croquet Club

On Wednesday, members of our local croquet club visited the school in an effort to promote their club in the hope that an after school club may be provided for the upper school. There are 2 FREE taster sessions after school on Tuesday 13th and Tuesday 20th May for any Year 5 or 6 interested at the club on Meadow, between 3.30 and 4.30pm. Fliers, registration forms and contact details of the club will be sent to Year 5 and 6 and if there are spaces, we will then open it up to Year 4 and so on. This is a wonderful opportunity to try something new so why not give it a go!

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.

Attendance

Once again, we continue to enjoy high levels of attendance (97%) and very low levels of persistent absence (5%). Thank you to all the families who continue to keep school attendance an area of strength at GJS. We would like to take this time to remind families that ALL gates are closed at **8.35am**, as this is the time children should be in class as registers are being taken at this time.

House T-Shirts

With Sports Days approaching, please ensure that your child has a house-coloured t-shirt ready. They are priced at £2.50 and can be ordered via Arbor.

Asthma Support for Parents/Carers

The Surrey Heartlands children and young people's team are hosting a half hour session for parents and carers enabling them to understand and take better control of their child's asthma. This will take place online on Wednesday 18th June, 7.30-8pm. Please [click here to book](#).

Summer Uniform

You can find the school uniform policy [here](#). Please note that though winter uniform is still an option, the children are required to wear a tie IF they are wearing the 'winter' shirt. Please can you inform the school office or your child's teacher if for any reason you are experiencing any uniform issues and ensure all uniform is named. **Please also note that children must be dressed in full winter uniform on 5th June when their class photographs will be taken.** Please email the office if you require any second hand uniform, and new uniform can be ordered through Arbor.

Lunch Menus

School lunch menus can be found [here](#) on the school website. Polite reminder that children can either have school dinners or packed lunch every day, or, if they wish, children having packed lunch can opt into school dinners, but they must **only** do this on a Wednesday and/or Friday.

Our 'in focus' value: TRUST

This half term, we continue to focus on the value of **TRUST**, 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 building and maintaining **TRUST** and that it needs nurturing to avoid it being broken. Once again, any 'home talks' you can have with the children on the value is always much appreciated.

Finally...

It has been great to see so many children with water bottles, hats and being sensible at lunch time taking their own 'time-outs' from games to stay cool. Should there be further warmer weather this term we may shorten lunchtimes **OUTSIDE** in order to give the children a 'cool down' period before afternoon sessions. Please also ensure that children have a water bottle in school every day, regardless of the temperature!



House Points

Jupiter	1206
Neptune	1145
Mars	1111
Saturn	763



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

URGENT

We are in urgent need of a new Chair and Treasurer to help with the running of the PTA (these roles could be shared between two or three people). Without a Chair or Treasurer we can't function as a charity. If you are interested in getting involved with the PTA, or want to know more details, please reach out to Phil (philipdcurtis@hotmail.com) or Rhian (Rhianhooper@hotmail.com) who can give you an overview of what is required.

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week

3AR – Bobbie
3EC – Thomas
4JS – Hope & Rosie
4NS – Douglas & Lily
5NM – Sadie & Sam Y
5KW – Alfie & Emily
6EM – Ethan
6SD – Steren



98%

TOLERANCE Values Champions

3AR – Annabel
3EC – Finn
4JS – Milly
4NS – Ella
5KW – Henry
5NM – Sam
6EM – Ollie
6SD – Henry Cu



Sports News

Watch this space for upcoming sports news!

Diary Dates

Summer 2025

May
12th–16th: SATs Week
13th: Croquet Club–Taster Session @ Guildford & Godalming Croquet Club
20th: Sports Day (1) - Year 3 am–Year 5 pm
20th: Croquet Club–Taster Session (2) - As above
21st: Sports Day (2) - Year 4 am–Year 6 pm
23rd: **INSET DAY**

June
3rd: Y5 Kwik Cricket Tournament @ FCC 1.00–5.00pm
5th: School Photos (Winter uniform)
9th–13th: **10R**–International Week–Asia
9th: Y5/6 Kwik Cricket Tournament @ FCC 1.00-5.00pm
14th: Choir Blast
16th–18th: Y4 @ Sayers Croft

Inset Days 2024-25

~~Monday 2nd September 2024~~
~~Friday 25th October 2024~~
~~Friday 14th February 2025~~
~~Tuesday 22nd April 2025~~
Friday 23rd May 2025