



Newsletter

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

Latest News

This year we are supporting:

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Inter House Kwik Cricket 'G-Ashes' 2025

As the curtain falls on another sensational season of cricket at GJS, we ran our 8th 'G-Ashes' event at Farncombe Cricket Club last Friday. A fantastic event saw the **Neptune Brave** narrowly beat the **Mars Invincibles** in the final to claim the medals! This week, at school, saw Year 3 battle it out on Monday with **Saturn** pipping **Mars** to the win. In Year 4 yesterday it was **Saturn** again pipping **Mars**. This meant that overall, it was **Mars** who retained the urn following their better average over the 3 events. Well done to all the children who took part. Over 200 children have entered our 3 house events this year with 40 children taking part in all 3 and becoming 'Triple Crown' winners who will be awarded certificates during our final Celebration Assemblies of the year!

Lunch Accounts

Please check Arbor and ensure your child's lunch account is cleared by the end of term. If you'd like to top up to cover the rest of term the total is £33.60.

School Access 2025-26

Following a recent safeguarding review of the school site, the school welfare team has taken the decision to disable the Meadowrow 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

Saturn	1153
Neptune	933
Mars	862
Jupiter	562



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

A huge thank you for all the bottle donations today.

Friday 11th July— Jolly Jam Jars & Book Donations (good quality children's books) All donations to be dropped off in the Music Room as usual on arrival to school.

As with the Winter Fair, we will be running the token scheme again for people to pay for the games and stalls. The value of each token is 50p and the stalls will cost either 50p, £1 or £2, so either 1, 2 or 4 tokens. The tokens can be purchased on the night from the bar, but to avoid possible long queues, they can be pre bought, either by making a bank transfer to: Godalming Junior Parent Teacher Association, (Sort code 30-99-50, account number 65867168, please add child's name and class in payment reference), or we will also be selling them in the playground after school on the 10th July. If you have any old tokens at home these can still be used.

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week

3AR — Daniel & Emily
3EC — Orla & Leona
4JS — Chester & Violet
4NS — Alisa & Louis
5NM — Molly
5KW— Eddie & Arthur
6EM — Betty & Amelie
6SD — Ella & Thea



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TRUST Values Champions

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



Sports News

Year 5 Kwik Cricket County Finals @ Sunbury CC

Over the past 2 weeks our cricket teams have attended events at Sunbury Cricket Club to compete in county finals, following their Waverley victories, and how well they ALL performed! First up, it was the Year 5 boys who finished in the 3rd place pool and returned to GJS with the **bronze** trophy.

This week it was the turn of the upper school girls, who after winning 2 of their opening 3 games went into the **Gold** group, and after beating Esher Primary School narrowly lost to Claygate Primary School by just 2 runs in the 'final-final'. A fantastic effort leaving the upper school girls as officially the 2nd best girls under 11 school team in the county! What an achievement.

Once again, ALL children were a real credit and wonderful ambassadors for GJS.



Diary Dates

Summer 2025

July	Mayor of Waverley Civic Service
6th:	10R—Arts Week
7th—11th:	'The Forest in Between' Y6 transition event
8th:	Y6 Production 'Oliver with a Twist' @ 7.00pm
9th and 10th:	The Music Works Showcase
9th:	District Sports @ The Spectrum
10th:	Mufti—Jolly Jam Jars/Book Donations & Summer Fair 6.00pm—8.30pm
11th:	G-Fest Talent Show
16th:	End of Term @ 1.15pm
22nd:	

Inset Days 2025-26

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