



# Newsletter



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

## Latest News

This year we are supporting:

**SAMARITANS**

### Welcome Back

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and are ready for a full summer calendar! Watch this space for upcoming enrichment and sporting events taking place this term!

### Our 'in focus' value: TRUST

This half term, we 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.

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

This year to coincide with the 80th Anniversary of VE Day, GJS will be focusing on the theme of 'peace' rather than the message of victory at a time when much of the world could do with more peace in people's lives! We will be running activities on this day; asking members of the community to write letters advocating the importance of peace. This could be in the form of a formal letter, an email or even a post-it note! They could also be written to people in history, prominent leaders in the world, friends or members of the family! We will be hoping parents, staff, governors as well as the children take part and send their peace letters into Mr Samson who will be collating all 'entries' and displaying examples around the school. We will also be holding a **red, white** or/and **blue** mufti day on the 8th and even the school lunches will have a peace theme that day!

### 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.

### Train to Teach in Godalming

Just a reminder that there will be a Train to Teach in Godalming information webinar on **Wednesday 30th April**, 7-8pm. If you are interested and would like tickets, please click [here](#).

### Workshop "Supporting Your Anxious Child"

On Monday at 7pm, a free virtual workshop for parents of children of any age, dealing with any type of anxiety, is taking place, run by Katrina Batey from Parenting Anxious Children. In this workshop they'll be talking about crucial things that parents need to understand about anxiety, and some really impactful things that you can do to genuinely help your child to overcome their anxiety. Register for the workshop [here](#).

### 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.

### Summer Uniform

As we move into the summer term children may choose to wear their smart 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.** Second-hand summer dresses will be available in the office for the first week back, priced at £3 (card payment preferred). Please email in advance if you require any other second hand uniform, and new uniform can be ordered through Arbor.

### Lunch Menus

New 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.

### Finally...

There is expected to be a 'mini heat wave' next week and we would like to ensure parents and children take appropriate precautions. This could mean applying sun-cream before school. Please check that your sun-cream does not contain almond oil (previously some Nivea products did). Children may consider bringing a cap to school, and GJS ones are available to purchase via Arbor for £6. Finally, children **MUST** have a water bottle. We will be monitoring temperatures at school too, as we do anyway at this time of year, and this may inform the time children spend outside. With the pollen count rising, we do ask that parents give children a 'once a day' antihistamine to reduce medication being administered at school.



### House Points

Saturn	1101
Neptune	993
Mars	809
Jupiter	739



**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 (philipcurtis@hotmail.com) or Rhian (Rhianhooper@hotmail.com) who can give you an overview of what is required.

# School Achievement

## Pupil of the Week

- 3AR – Soban
- 3EC – Freddie
- 4JS – Flora
- 4NS – Maria
- 5NM – Isobel
- 5KW – Leighton
- 6EM – Harry
- 6SD – Sam



98%

## TOLERANCE Values Champions

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



# Sports News

## Y5 & 6 Netball Tournament @ Rodborough

After a quick warm up we started our group games, winning the first three 2-1, 6-1 and 1-0. Our final group game was a tough one, with Womersley winning 7-0. With only one loss, we made it through to the semis, playing Tillingbourne A, but we lost and thought that was the end. However, then came the play-offs against Park Mead. What a game! GJS 'threw' everything into it with fast pace, great interceptions, amazing defence and out of this world shooting. It was a very close and exciting game but we kept our cool and won 7-6! **Overall we secured 3rd place!!!** A fantastic performance from Remy, Jacob, Gracie, Emily, Lulu, Beth, Isobel, Molly and Ella. Great sportsmanship and, as always, a pleasure to have them represent the school.

## Y4 Football Tournament @ Rodborough

Yesterday, our Year 4 boys football team had a very successful tournament at Rodborough School, following in the netball team's footsteps! The team won six matches out of six, and in three of the matches scored six goals! They also kept a clean sheet throughout the event. Overall, a very dominant performance against local competition. They also handled themselves well in terms of representing the school and shaking hands with the referee. Well done to Archie, Dylan D, Marcell, Dylan L, Noah, Jonah and Chester.



# Diary Dates

## Summer 2025

- May**
- 1st: Y5 & Y6 Football Tournament @ Rodborough
- 6th: Y4 Roman Day
- 8th: 80th Anniversary – VE Day
- 12th–16th: SATs Week
- 13th: Croquet Club – Taster Session @ Guildford & Godalming Croquet Club
- 20th: Sports Day (1) - Year 3 am – Year 5 pm
- 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**