



# Newsletter

*"Success is going from failure to failure without losing enthusiasm" - Winston Churchill*

## Latest News



### 10R—Arts Week

What a bumper week celebrating the arts we have enjoyed at GJS this week!

On Tuesday the school enjoyed a Music Works Showcase, celebrating the work they do with budding musicians in the school this year!

On Wednesday and Thursday evening we were treated to the Y6 production of Hoodwinked—A Robin Hood Musical. EVERY member of Year 6 did themselves, the staff and their parents proud with fantastic acting, singing, sound mixing, cheering and BOOING! A wonderful end to the year group's time at the school, which left everyone thoroughly entertained. They certainly hit the target!

Finally, today was the 'GJS Talent Show event, which saw singers, dancers and musicians from across the school performing with such confidence to put on a fantastic show. ALL were terrific and brave to perform to the rest of the school. Perseverance was clearly evident this morning as well as a true sense of community with ALL children supporting each other! The overall winners of the show were the Year 6 band of William, Ted, Toby and Noah with their amazing performance of White Stripes' Seven Nation Army. Huge congratulations to them, to all performers and thank you to Mrs Johnson for organizing the whole event once again!

### Attendance

You will be receiving a letter shortly outlining the DfE's position and the issuing of penalty notices from September 2024. All schools are being advised to inform parents of the DfE position during the last few weeks of term to avoid any ambiguity during the next academic year. In the meantime, please feel free to see our most recent attendance data for the summer [here](#), which maintains our very high rate of attendance of 97%, our extremely low persistent absence rate of just 3% AND the fantastic number of 100%ers' for the term at 42%, which equates to over 100 children at GJS!

### KOOSA Breakfast Club

We are pleased to announce that KOOSA Kids will be providing a breakfast club for GJS children from September. This will be open from 7.45am and will be run by GJS staff. A breakfast of cereal, toast and fresh fruit will be provided daily.

### Value in Focus: PERSEVERANCE

At a time of year when we start to look ahead, consider next steps in our journey and consider the thought of moving schools, PERSEVERANCE is the perfect value to be 'in focus' for the final few weeks of term. At this stage of the year, we expect ALL children to embrace and uphold this value and begin to look ahead to beginning a new year and ensuring ALL are equipped to deal with the greater expectations on them, whether that is here or whether that is moving on to their new school. Staff will be looking out to see examples of the children 'living' this value, showing initiative and confidently facing challenges they encounter during our busiest term of the year. We are asking EVERYONE for the final push, final steps in improving areas of their work and also holding 'home talks' about the value of PERSEVERANCE. Children are also invited to research people from history who showed a 'never say die' attitude, pushed boundaries, changed minds and stood up for what they believed in. Mr Samson would welcome 'Perseverance Projects' either handed to him directly or sent via [head@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:head@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk) to share in assemblies this term, put on the school website or even display around the school!

### Godalming Learning Partnership's GET Teaching Programme

Why not GET Teaching with the Godalming Learning Partnership and Winchester University, an OUTSTANDING teacher training provider?

The Godalming Learning Partnership is a group of schools serving the children and families of the Godalming area. We are a strong collaborative group with a long history of working closely together to achieve more for our young people, schools and community.

We run an exciting opportunity to train as a teacher in partnership with Winchester University and are inviting applications to start in Sept 2024.

The one year school-led GET Teaching school based PGCE programme provides the perfect combination of immersive classroom experience in our local schools and academic study at Winchester University. Our current trainees are teaching and training across all our schools ensuring they gain invaluable experience of a wide range of settings.

If you are interested and want to know more, speak to Mr Samson who has led the programme since its inception or alternatively you can e-mail Rachel Dunnage: [coordinator@godalminglearning.org.uk](mailto:coordinator@godalminglearning.org.uk)

We have recently been made aware that the 5 members of this year's cohort have passed the course, maintaining the GLP's 100% pass rate of the School Based Teacher Training PGCE programme for the 5 years we have been running the course! This is a fantastic achievement and one we are ALL very proud of.

### And Finally...

Good luck to Gareth's pride of lions as they play Spain in the final of Euro 2024. IF they were happen to be victorious, we would love to see the children in Red, White, Blue mufti on Monday...



### House Points

Jupiter	771
Saturn	694
Neptune	671
Mars	527



### PERSEVERANCE



**Our Designated Safeguard Lead and Operation Encompass Key Adult 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—TONIGHT 6.00—8.30pm

A huge thank you for all the book donations today.

Those who have ordered tokens should have received them, and cash payment can be made on all stalls. We look forward to seeing you this evening!

The choir will be performing at 6.20pm just under the Y3 windows on the front playground.

# School Achievement

## Pupil of the Week

3AR – 3AR!  
3EC – Isobel  
4JA – Bertie  
4RH – Evie  
5SD – Juno  
5NM – Mimi  
6EM – Marlowe  
6TA – Amberley



Attendance Winners: 6TA – 99%



Spring AB Stars Champions: 5NM

## INDEPENDENCE Values Champions

3AR – Arthur  
3EC – Dotty  
4JA – Flynn  
4RH – Albert  
5SD – William  
5NM – Adam  
6EM – Alfie  
6TA – Sebby



# Sports News

## District Sports

Well done to all the children who performed with great **resilience, perseverance** and **honesty** on Monday at The Spectrum. Everyone performed to their maximum and were a true credit to the school coming 4th overall.

# Diary Dates

## Summer 2024

July	
15th:	Mad Hatter 'Thank You' Tea Party
23rd:	End of Term @ 1.15pm
September	
2nd:	<b>Inset Day</b>
3rd:	<b>Start of Term</b>
10th:	Y3 Curriculum Evening @ 6.00pm
10th:	Y4 Curriculum Evening @ 7.00pm
11th:	Y5 Curriculum Evening @ 6.00pm
11th:	Y6 Curriculum Evening @ 7.00pm
16th–20th:	Y6 Trip to UKSA
30th–4th:	10R–Poetry Week
October	
7th–11th:	10R–Healthy Week
7th–18th:	Y6 Bikeability
11th:	Young Minds 'Hello Yellow' Mufti Day
22nd:	Individual Photos
25th:	<b>Inset Day</b>
28th–1st:	Half Term
November	

## Inset Days 2024/25

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

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