



# Newsletter

*"Tolerance and compassion are qualities of fearless people" - Paolo Coelho*

## Latest News

This year we are supporting:

**SAMARITANS**



### Parent-Teacher Consultations

Thank you to everyone who attended the parent-teacher meetings this week at the half way point of the year. The turn out was great and the sense of collaboration and community was clearly visible. It has been truly delightful seeing the children return after half term with that extra level of maturity and confidence that will undoubtedly stand them in good stead for the remainder of the year. You may have seen the recent attendance 'Every Day Counts' data for this term on display in the hall over the 2 evenings. Attendance rates continue to be outstanding at GJS and this is the single biggest contributor to children's success at school. You can find out more on the school website [here](#).

### World Book Day

WOW. There were some truly original, imaginative and unique costumes on display today as we celebrated GJS Book Day! Thank you to everyone who embraced the day and further emphasise our commitment to reading as an 'Opening Doors' school.

### Digital Parenting Workshop

St James School in Elstead is hosting an in-person and live streamed talk with the Lucy Faithfull Foundation on 'Positive Parenting in a Digital World' on **Wednesday 12th March**, 6-7.30pm. For those wishing to use the live stream on Microsoft Teams, please use the Meeting ID 399 645 716 098 and Passcode Qd7sP7M5.



### Our 'in focus' Value: TOLERANCE

This half term, our attention turns to the value of TOLERANCE, 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 dangers of intolerance in society. Once again, any 'home talks' you can have with the children on the value is always much appreciated.



### KOOSA News

Watch this space for more information on the holiday club that KOOSA will be running at GJS, due to start in the Easter holidays. We also continue to provide our Breakfast Club for GJS children in partnership with KOOSA. This is open from **7.45am** and is run by GJS staff. A breakfast of cereal, toast and fresh fruit will be provided daily!

### And Finally...Operation: Waste Buster

Efforts to reduce school lunch waste is well underway, with data being collected each day over the coming weeks in an attempt to raise the profile of waste with the children and any subtle changes we can make as a school too. This week our total waste was **30.3kg**, an improvement to last week. Last week the total waste of **38.8kg** was recorded and is our benchmark figure. Please do all you can to reinforce this message at home as we attempt to see a decline in the level of waste in the coming weeks.

### House Points

Saturn	1427
Arsenal	1320
Jupiter	1040
Neptune	921



### SAFEGUARDING

**Our Designated Safeguard Lead,  
Operation Encompass Key Adult and Attendance Lead is:  
Mr Samson—HT**

**Our Deputy Designated Safeguard Leads are:  
Mr Maclver—Deputy HT  
Mrs Wilkinson—SENCo  
Mrs Munz—Bursar  
Mrs Kirby—HSLW**

*'It's everyone's business'*

## PTA News

**Upcoming Events**—please see attached flyers  
Wednesday 26th March—School Spring Disco  
Friday 28th March—Parent’s Quiz Night

**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

### Pupils of the Week

3AR – Lola  
3EC – Eden  
4JS – Flora  
4NS – Lily  
5NM – Jonathan  
5KW – Sam G  
6EM – Gracie  
6SD – Henry Cu



98%

### HONESTY Values Champions

3AR – Kane  
3EC – Rowan  
4JS – Wilbur  
4NS – Maria  
5KW – Ella  
5NM – Isobel  
6EM – Syd  
6SD – George



## Sports News

With 2 football tournaments in the coming weeks at Rodborough School’s 3G pitch, we have been holding trials for the children wishing to take part. Next Friday, 14th March, Year 5 and 6 are invited to try out. Those interested need to come in to school on this day in their PE kits and Bill Bingham will be helping Mr Samson run the trials. Once they have been completed, those chosen will be invited to take part. Those who are not successful may have other opportunities in future and we do ask that they keep putting themselves forward.

## Diary Dates

### Spring 2025

March	
10th–14th:	10R—Science
15th:	Godalming Schools Swimming Gala @ Charterhouse
17th–21st:	10R—Earth
24th–28th:	Scholastic Book Fair
26th:	PTA Discos
27th:	Y5 & Y6 Netball Tournament @ Rodborough
28th:	GJS Maths Day
28th:	Parent’s Quiz Night
April	
3rd:	Easter RE Day
4th:	End of Term @ 1.15pm
22nd:	<b>INSET DAY</b>
23rd:	Start of Summer Term
24th:	Year 4 Football Tournament @ Rodborough

