



# NEWSLETTER

This year we have supported:



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

## Latest News



### Celebrate Good Times...

Well done to all the children who celebrated their achievements this last week. We admired our most recent Writing **TRANSFORMERS**, Values Champions, Pupils of the Week, Attendance Winners, AB Star Playground Winners, Reading Passport **Gold** Winners and our final Pen Licence recipients for the year! To top off the celebrations, baby Florence came into the world recently and both baby and Miss Holcombe are doing very well.

### Governor Impact—From Michael Guest—Chair of Governors

The Governing Body has been joined by some new members this school year who have further added to its skills and knowledge for effectively governing the school. This continues to result in Governors ensuring that the school works toward its strategic objectives, including in particular good pupil achievement and behavior, safeguarding and using the school's resources to their maximum benefit. The Senior Leadership Team has been held to account on these matters, including via assurance gained at Governor meetings, school visits and by external validation.

If you are interested in the work of the Governors, have a question or wish to make a comment, please contact the Chair of Governors, Michael Guest, either via the school or on [mguest@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:mguest@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk).

### Attendance

You will have received a letter from the school attendance team outlining the DfE's position and the issuing of penalty notices from September 2024. This letter follows the standing item in the school newsletter this last half term and gives clear expectations from both the school and the DfE when it comes to unauthorised absences. 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

Well done to all our Values Champions who were awarded with their cards and badges last week for showing such **PERSEVERANCE**, not just over the last term but over the course of the whole year. The names of the Values Champions can be found on the reverse of the newsletter.

### Piercings

We always ask that if children are to get their ears pierced, we request this happens during the summer holidays. Children are unable to access the PE curriculum if they are unable to remove earrings themselves and we do not allow covering them with tape or plasters to be adequate to safely participate in lessons. If they are going to be getting their ears pierced, please do this as early in the summer holidays as possible.

### Building Work

We are very exciting to be installing 'Teaching Walls' in all classes over the summer holiday to both free up space in classrooms and further ensure the spaces are calm and conducive to the best possible learning. They will also be decorated and acoustic panels will also be installed to further engender the healthy learning environment and culture synonymous at GJS. You will be able to see the wonderful new look classes in September at our Curriculum Evenings!

### PE Days Next Term

Please note that PE days next year will be as follows:

Monday-Year 3

Tuesday-Year 5

Wednesday-Year 6

Thursday-Year 4

### Farewell

Today we say thank you and farewell to both Mrs Abbott and Mrs Squires who have worked with us this year in Year 4 and we wish them all the best. After 30 years of loyal service at GJS, we also say a very sad farewell to Mrs Nash. Whether it has been helping our children, assisting on school trips or putting up the wonderful displays in the school, Mrs Nash has been a tireless, loyal and dedicated member of the GJS family for all these years who has simply been one of a kind. We will be sure to miss Mrs Nash but we are also secure in the knowledge that if there is anyone who deserves to enjoy their retirement, it is her. I am sure you will all join us in saying a huge THANK YOU! We also say goodbye to Year 6. They leave us as mature, **respectful** and kind individuals who are ready for the next phase in their journey. Those who leave are always welcome back at GJS and we are sure to see many of them return for future fairs, events, work experience or even employment!

### And Finally...

Thank you to every member of our school community for their support and engagement this year. We want to wish everyone a wonderful, restful and safe summer break and for those returning, see you on Tuesday 3rd September following our inset on the Monday.



### House Points

Saturn	45455
Mars	44151
Neptune	42627
Jupiter	40798



**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

A massive thanks to all those who attended the annual summer fair last Friday. An even bigger thanks to everyone who helped out to set up, run the stalls, BBQ and bar. It was a fantastic evening as we raised our best ever sum of £2,354 !!! This will go towards replacing the existing Playground furniture and a number of other initiatives. So a huge thank you from the PTA.

## Welcome BBQ

Friday 13th September—As the school year ends we look forward to welcoming the new Year 3 and parents to the GJS family. If you have a child joining Year 3 then please come along to meet teachers and other families.

# School Achievement

## Writing TRANSFORMERS

- 3AR —Hope
- 3EC —George
- 4JA—Lewis
- 4RH—Thea
- 5NM—Henry
- 5SD—Ethan
- 6EM—Eddie
- 6TA—Tilly



## PERSEVERANCE Values Champions

- 3AR — Julia
- 3EC — Lily
- 4JA — Khushi
- 4RH — Rhys
- 5SD — Kira
- 5NM — Mia
- 6EM — Amelia
- 6TA — Ted



## Pupil of the Week

- 3AR — 3AR
- 3EC — 3EC
- 4JA— Samuel C
- 4RH— Kris
- 5NM— Oscar
- 5SD— William
- 6EM— Eva
- 6TA— Jemima



Attendance Winners: 4RH — 99%



Summer AB Stars Champions: 4JA

# Sports News

## Sport Review of the Year

Well done to ALL the children who represented their house and the school this year as we enjoyed a bumper year of sport at GJS. EVERY child has represented their house through either entering the 'Chippie Chase' Cross Country Run in September, our Football Tournament in January, our Sports Day in May or our Cricket Tournament in June. Over 200 children, 92% of the school, represented the school in either football, benchball, basketball, swimming, cross-country, netball, sports-hall athletics, district sports or cricket! Phew! Not only have we enjoyed these wonderful inclusive figures of children representing the school, but enjoyed success too. Our Cross Country runners won the Glebelands event back in November, we were benchball winners in December, Godalming Schools Swimming Gala silver medallists in March and both our Y4 and upper school girls Kwik Cricket teams were champions in June! We are very proud of our sports provision at GJS and feel we strike the right balance between inclusivity and competing at a higher level. Next year we will be introducing our 'Triple Crown' house award...Watch this space!

# Diary Dates

## Summer 2024

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

