



# Newsletter



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*"Life is about our growth, not our trophies" - Bear Grylls*

## Latest News



### School Registration

Thank you to everyone who has managed to adjust to the change of morning times with registration now being at **8.35am**. We would also like to remind parents that both the Marshall Road and Hallam Road gate will continue to be opened at **8.25am** and closed at **8.40am** (when all children should be in school). If you are running a little late, it is important to remember that the main Hallam Road gate entrance is the one you should head for as this gate has the doorbell to alert the school office.

### Dogs on Site

Whilst we welcome 'furry' friends on site we do politely remind parents of our protocols as we start a new year. If you are bringing dogs to pick up your child we do insist that either they are small enough to be carried or you wait with them by The Pod near the Meadow gate—away from the larger gathering of parents and children. If parents do not follow these protocols we may need to consider banning them altogether

### RESILIENCE Values Champions

We continue to immerse the children during school assemblies, circle times and PSHE lessons on our 'in focus' values. Each half term we learn about, promote, reflect and consider one of our 'Desirable Dozen' values and what these values 'look like' in others, in our behaviours, in society and consider ways we can develop these values in ourselves. At GJS we hold our values very dear to us and believe that during their time here, whilst becoming academically successful we want EVERY child to become more socially and emotionally aware. Our unique values education plays a significant part in achieving this and helps the behaviour at GJS continue to be a true strength.

This term, fittingly with children moving year groups and new children joining the school, our first 'in focus' value is **RESILIENCE**. All staff will be on the 'look out' for children displaying resilience in lessons, on the playground and even during their residential trip away from home! The more this can be further reinforced at home, the better. Please feel free to continue 'home talks' on our values and maybe even share examples YOU have had to show resilience and generally YOUR views on the value and the importance of being resilient in life!

### School Photographs

We have the school photographers, Imago, in school on **Wednesday 4th October** to take individual and sibling photographs. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in the correct autumn/winter uniform.

### Thank You

Thank you all for your patience whilst we attempt to fix out Hallam Road gate. Please call using the number on the sign for the school office 01483 421597 or the ring the door bell and we hope the issue is rectified as soon as possible



### House Points

Saturn	3802
Mars	3141
Neptune	2943
Jupiter	2787



**Our Designated Safeguard Lead is:**  
Mr Samson—HT

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

## PTA News

The PTA are pleased to announce that we have Class reps all confirmed for the school year. We do need plenty of volunteers for helping out at the events so please do get involved.

Thursday 12th October—PTA AGM—Cricketers Pub 8pm— Everyone is welcome to attend to find out about the PTA and review the activities from last year and the planned ones for this year. Please let us know if you plan to attend. (Philipdcurtis@hotmail.com)

Other Key Dates:

Wednesday 18th October— Autumn School Disco— Look out for emails and posters

Friday 8th December— School Christmas Fair

## School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

3AR — Johan  
3EC — Maria  
4JA — Maddie  
4RH — Isobel  
5SD — William  
5NM — Theo  
6EM — Alfie  
6TA — Scarlett



Attendance Winners: 6EM— 98.9%



Summer Anti Bullying Stars Champions: 5NM

CREATIVITY Values Champions

3CM—Oliver  
3EC — Eva  
4JL — Bobbie  
4GS — Ella  
5SD — Simona  
5NM — Ben  
6EM — Jess  
6RH — Sammy



## Sports News

Inter House Cross Country Run—'Chippie Chase' - Friday 29th September

Well done to all the children who took part in our first Inter House event of the year this afternoon. Nearly 60% of the school took part, across the school, in this one event—50 children from year 3 alone!

Once again, it was a test of endurance and RESILIENCE in a race of this nature with children learning the discipline of pacing themselves. ALL children scored valuable points for the their houses and the overall results were:

Year 3 Girls Winner: **Juliet**—Year 3 Boys Winner: **Noah**  
Year 4 Girls Winner: **Sadie**—Year 4 Boys Winner: **Jacob**  
Year 5 Girls Winner: **Khalia**—Year 5 Boys Winner: **George**  
Year 6 Girls Winner: **Indigo**—Year 6 Boys Winner: **Kai**



**Final Standings**  
1st: Neptune—290pts  
2nd: Jupiter—280pts  
3rd: Saturn—180pts  
4th: Mars—150pts



## Diary Dates

### Autumn 2023

October	
2nd-6th:	10R— <u>Poetry Week</u>
4th:	School Photos—Individual
5th:	Y4 & Y6 Girls Football Tournament @ Tillingbourne
9th-13th:	10R—Healthy Week
10th:	Y3 Stone Age Workshop
13th:	'Hello Yellow' <u>Young Minds</u> Mufti Day
16th-20th:	Y6 Bikeability
18th:	PTA Discos
19th:	Y5 Tilford Mosque Trip
23rd-27th:	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>30th:</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
31st:	Y6 Science @ Charterhouse
31st-3rd:	Y6 Bikeability
November	
6th—10th:	10R—Remembrance Week
7th:	Y6 Science @ Charterhouse
7th:	Y5 Swimming
14th:	Y6 Science @ Charterhouse
14th:	Parent-Teacher Meetings (late)
14th:	Y5 Swimming
16th:	Parent-Teacher Meetings (Early)
21st:	Y6 Science @ Charterhouse
21st:	Y5 Swimming



Inset Days 2023/24  
~~Friday 1st September 2023~~  
**Monday 30th October 2023**  
Friday 9th February 2024  
Monday 15th April 2024  
Friday 24th May 2024