



Newsletter

We are proudly Supporting



'True friends are never apart, maybe in distance but never in heart' - Helen Keller

Latest News

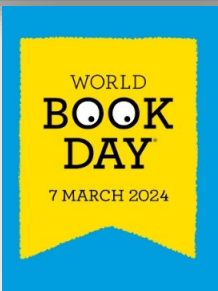


10R—Hero Week

What a fantastic first 10richment week of 2024 we have had! Year 3 learnt about role models from the LGBTQ+ community, Year 4 studied **Heroic Women**, Year 5 learnt about **Heroic People of Colour** and Year 6 explored **Local Heroes!** School staff shared their role models and people they looked up to when growing up. Year 6 spent some time with Mr Samson studying the life and works of John Lennon and 'reimagined' one of his songs considering what he would make of the world today if he was alive!

10R—Book Week & World Book Day

Our next 10richment event is **Book Week**. During this week we celebrate World book Day and at GJS we have prided ourselves on our 'unique' themes for dressing up on this day and this year is no different. On **Thursday 7th March**, we are asking children to come to school dressed up as a character from any book linked to the theme '**Creatures**'. This could be an Oompa-Loompa from 'Charlie And The Chocolate Factory', Max from 'Where The Wild Things Are' or Mr Tumnus from 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'. Our book day theme this year is inspired by the hit new book '*Impossible Creatures*' by Katherine Rundell. Please see the attached poster for more information. The children can come to school dressed as a creature or as a character from a book that contains creatures, the choice is theirs!



Value—Spring 1—FRIENDSHIP

Our focus on the value of **FRIENDSHIP** continues up to half term. PSHE lessons, Circle Times and weekly assemblies continue to centre around the value, what are the ingredients of a good friend? When have friendships been tested? And how do you know if you are a good friend? - Are just some of the questions that will be discussed. Once again, we appreciate any 'home talks' on the value you can facilitate with the children to give a wider perspective.

Year 6 Godalming Visit

On Wednesday, Year 6 had a brilliant morning visiting the Jack Philips Memorial where they met a volunteer from Godalming Museum, who taught them all about our local hero Jack Philips and his time on the RMS Titanic. The students learnt all about his life growing up in Farncombe how he came to be working on the Titanic. We learnt the story of how he saved many people's lives whilst showing courage and love. As well as this, the children took time to draw elements of his memorial and experiment with a Morse code machine.

Online Parent Support

Mindworks Surrey, in conjunction with the Community Wellbeing Team, are providing a series of free online courses on supporting your children with worries, emotional management and transition to secondary school. Please click [here](#) to see more information and booking requirements.

Staff Vacancy—Clerk to the Governors

We are still looking for a Clerk to the Governors to work at the school. This is a flexible role for four hours per week, term time only. You will be required to attend three Governor meetings per term. For more information please click [here](#).

Attendance

Thank you to everyone who is arriving at school earlier this term. A further reminder to encourage children to be in school for **8.35am** when registers are opened. Gates continue to be open at **8.25am** and the more we have children settled into classes for 8.35am the less time is wasted at the beginning of the day.

House Points

Mars	993
Jupiter	989
Saturn	915
Neptune	910



Our Designated Safeguard Lead and Operation Encompass Key Adult 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

School Disco - Wednesday 7th February

It's that time to get your dancing shoes on for the February School Disco. Tickets are £5 and include refreshments. Please see the flyer accompanying the newsletter for full details.

Future Events

Friday 22nd March—Parent's Quiz
Friday 14th June—Parent's Casino Night
Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th July—Year 6 Play
Friday 12th July—Summer Fair

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week

3AR – Bodhi
3EC – Marnie
4JA – Abigail
4RH – Senna
5SD – Elena
5NM – Henry Ch
6EM – Toby S
6TA – Tilly



Attendance Winners: 3AR – 98%



FORGIVENESS Values Champions

3AR – Dylan
3EC – Louis
4JA – Evie
4RH – Theo
5SD – Beth
5NM – Lulu
6EM – William
6TA – Jemima



Autumn Anti Bullying Stars Champions: 5SD

Sports News

Inter House Football Tournament—2024

House Captains will be busy next week planning the IH Football Tournament on Friday 26th January. All children who have signed up need to come to school in their PE kit with house t-shirt, available from the school office if needed. They need to wear trainers and preferably shin guards!

Number of children who have represented their house: 60%
Number of children who have represented the school: 30%



Diary Dates

Spring 2024

January	
26 th :	IH Football Tournament
29 th -2 nd :	TT Rockstars Week
February	
7 th :	PTA Disco
8 th :	Basketball Tournament @ Rodborough
9 th :	INSET DAY
12 th –16 th :	Half Term
March	
4 th –8 th :	10R–Book Week
7 th :	World Book Day
8 th :	Dance Festival @ Broadwater
9 th :	Swimming Gala @ Charterhouse
11 th –15 th :	10R–Science Week
12 th :	Parent-Teacher Meetings (Late) TBC
13 th :	GLP Board Meeting
14 th :	Parent-Teacher Meetings (Early) TBC
18 th –22 nd :	10R–Earth Week
20 th :	Y5 River Trip
22 nd :	PTA Quiz Night
28 th :	End of Tern @ 1.15pm



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