



Newsletter



This year we are supporting



"Creativity is being imaginative, positive and having a growth mind-set" - Izzy Y4

Latest News



UNICEF RRS—Gold Award Presentation

Following a nervous wait after our assessment last term, GJS were finally awarded their Gold Mark, officially being recognised by UNICEF as a Gold standard Rights Respecting School and 1 of only 4 in all of Surrey to have achieved this accolade. We were honoured to have been presented our banner and certificate by Godalming Mayor, Penny Rivers. We are all extremely proud of the work we have done around the CRC and how the children are now able to articulate the importance of rights, their knowledge of the Articles and how this informs their behaviour in and around school. This all began in 2018 when the school achieved its bronze award. Following COVID in 2022 we achieved our silver and due to the wonderful work we were doing at GJS were encouraged to 'go for gold as soon as possible' by Helen Trivers at UNICEF. Only 12 months later, Gold has been achieved. You can find more information on our school website in our NEW UNICEF tab [here](#). We will be adding more content to this section each week!

Bump Up Day

As another year draws to a close, we began to look toward to next year when classes met their new teachers this week and we welcomed our new Year 3s for the afternoon on Wednesday! It was great to see so many smiling faces be met by their teachers and meet their buddies whilst the rest of school 'stepped up' and began to feel that little bit more experienced as GJS members! Year 6 also spent the day at their secondary schools and have come back looking forward to the transition after spending the day facing their fears, meeting their new teachers and form groups. All staff will continue for the last few weeks to ensure transition is as seamless as possible, whether they are moving classes or moving schools.

Registration Time Change—September 2023

You may be aware that the DfE (Department for Education) recently released guidance regarding the length of the school week, found [here](#). The expectation currently states that the minimum length of a school week is 32.5 hours from registration to the end of the day. Currently, the GJS day is 10minutes short of this expectation and we are planning on implementing a slight change to the START of the school day from September. From Monday 4th September (the first day of term) we are proposing that the start of the day, and therefore registration, is taken from 8.35am. The school gates at Marshall Road and Hallam Road will continue to be opened from 8.25am each morning. We feel this part of the day would be easier to manage for parents and staff alike than extending the end of the day (thus having a greater impact on pick up arrangements at our local feeder schools by parents or carers). Whilst this has yet to be confirmed, we would welcome views on this from our stakeholders in the hope that we can give a definitive response to these expectations in the coming weeks before the end of term and for any parental arrangements to be covered by the start of the autumn term. Please contact the school office via phone, in person or by email at: info@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk if you would like give your view on this proposal.

Sayers Croft Assembly

The children of Year 4 did tremendously well this week showcasing their time at Sayers Croft. They produced fantastic persuasive posters, sung a camp fire song beautifully with actions and wrote diary entries which painted a picture for the audience. As well as this, they acted out moments from their trip they enjoyed and which showed our school values of 'Love, Live and Learn'. All the parents and teachers who had the joy of watching the assembly would agree the children did brilliantly. Well done Year 4!

School Uniform Shop

We shall be opening the school uniform shop during the summer holidays to collect any orders placed during the summer break. These dates are **Wed 16th & Wed 23rd August between 9-11am**. In addition, orders can be collected on the INSET day (Fri 1st Sept) between 12-1pm. Orders can be made via Arbor and any early orders placed before the end of term can be collected or sent home with your child before the end of term on 21st July.

Godalming Leisure Centre—FREE Family Day—Sat 1st July

To celebrate Everyone Active coming to Godalming they are running a FREE family day tomorrow, where activities on the day will include free family swimming. There will also be an opportunity to meet Olympic silver medalist Colin Jackson. For a full list of timings and what's going on please [click here](#).

House Points

Jupiter	1811
Neptune	1795
Mars	1770
Saturn	1320



Our Designated Safeguard Lead is:
Mr Samson—HT

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

PTA News

Summer Fair—Friday 14th July 6.00—8.30pm

A huge thank you for all the bottle tombola donations today. As with the Winter Fair, we will be running the token scheme again for people to pay for the games and stalls. The value of each token is 50p and the stalls will cost either 50p or £1, so either 1 token or 2. The tokens can be purchased on the night from a dedicated stall, but to avoid possible long queues, they can be pre-bought either by making a bank transfer to (note, new Bank details) Godalming Junior Parent Teacher Association, Sort code 30-99-50, account number 65867168 (please add child's name and class in payment reference), or we will be selling them in the playground after school on the week of the fair. As we only have one card machine please do bring cash for certain stalls on the evening.



School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

3CM— Abigail
 3EC— Warwick
 4JL— Beth
 4GS— Kayla
 5SD— Etienne
 5NM— Matthew
 6EM— Elyse
 6RH— Barnaby



Attendance Winners: 6EM— 98.9%



Spring Anti Bullying Stars Champions: 5SD

TRUST Values Champions

3CM—Florence
 3EC—Evie
 4JL—Jacob
 4GS—Oscar
 5SD—Indigo
 5NM—Jess
 6EM—Evie
 6RH—Huxley



Sports News

Year 4 Cricket Tournament

On Thursday afternoon the Y4 cricket team went to Broadwater Park to play in an inter-schools cricket tournament. They batted, bowled and fielded with great skill and enthusiasm and came away with 2 wins out of the 3 matches - putting us in silver medal position. They were also very well-behaved throughout and made fine ambassadors for the school. Very well done to Sophia (Captain), George, Theo, Thea, Mia, Jacob, Seb and Gracie.

Diary Dates

Summer 2023

June	
30th:	MUFTI—Bottle Donations for the Summer Fair
July	
4th:	District Sports Day @ Charterhouse School 9.00am
5th:	Y6 Production Rehearsal @ Charterhouse School
6th:	Year 5 Mubarak Mosque visitor in school
7th:	MUFTI—Jolly Jam Jar Donations
10th:	Y6 Production Rehearsal @ Charterhouse School
12th & 13th:	Year 6 End of Year Production @ Charterhouse 7pm
14th:	MUFTI—Book Donations
14th:	GJS Talent Show
14th:	PTA Summer Fair 6.00-8.30pm
August	
16th & 23rd:	School Uniform Shop Open from 9.00-11.00am
September	
1st:	School Uniform Shop Open from 12.00-1pm



Inset Days 2023/24

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