



Newsletter

We are proudly Supporting



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

Latest News

UKSA and Sayers Croft Parent Information Evenings

Thank you to those who attended the two information evenings this week to find out about the Year 4 trip to Sayers Croft in June and the Year 6 trip to UKSA in September. We hope you found the evenings informative and reassured that the trips provide fantastic experiences for the children as well established residential visits at GJS. If you would like further information the slides are available below by clicking on the relevant trip, which will take you to the school website. You can also contact the school office or your child's class teacher if there is more you would like to know or more you would like to talk over regarding the trip. More information on the trips will follow in the build up to the trips.

Year 4—Sayers Croft

Year 6—UKSA (Current Year 5)

10R—Book Week & World Book Day

During our 10R enrichment Book Week each year 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 from 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.

Reading Passports

Whilst it was great to see so many children engage with their year group Reading Passports last term, it would be great to see **EVEN MORE** children engaging with the passport this term and reading even more and broadening their reading experiences even further!

Young Writers Poetry competition

Is your child a budding poet? Have they taken more interest in poetry recently after studying it at school? If so, they are invited to write a poem inspired by their dreams. Whether it's a real-life aspiration, a wonderful world created inside their mind or even influenced by a nightmare or fear, Once Upon A Dream is a fantastic way for your child to express themselves! If they are interested in taking part in this competition, which may result in their poem being published in a book, please ask them to speak to Miss Martin to receive an entry form or you can visit the Young Writers website [here](#).

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	1526
Saturn	1339
Neptune	1328
Jupiter	1177



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

Wednesday 7th February—School Spring Disco
 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 – Sadie
 3EC – Harrison
 4JA – Zak
 4RH – Henry A
 5SD – Sophia
 5NM – Izzy
 6EM – Sia
 6TA – Beth



Attendance Winners: 3AR – 98%

ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE
 Member

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

There is still time for children to sign up for the IH Football Tournament on **Friday 26th January**. The children have until the **Friday 19th January** to sign up as there needs to be enough time for House Captains and Mr Samson to organise the teams and fixtures. Again, like with ALL IH events, the tournament is open to ALL children across the school!

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



Diary Dates

Spring 2024

January	
15th–19th:	10R—Hero Week
26th:	IH Football Tournament
29th-2nd:	TT Rockstars Week
February	
7th:	PTA Disco
8th:	Basketball Tournament @ Rodborough
9th:	INSET DAY
12th–16th:	Half Term
March	
4th–8th:	10R—Book Week
7th:	World Book Day
8th:	Dance Festival @ Broadwater
9th:	Swimming Gala @ Charterhouse
11th–15th:	10R—Science Week
12th:	Parent-Teacher Meetings (Late) TBC
13th:	GLP Board Meeting
14th:	Parent-Teacher Meetings (Early) TBC



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