



# Newsletter

We are proudly Supporting



*'True friends are never apart, maybe in distance but never in heart' - Ronald Reagan*

## Latest News



### Happy Birthday GJS

On 18th February 1813 Godalming Junior School (known then as the Royal Lancastrian School) opened its doors for the first time to 80 'suitable' boys. Mr Henry Tickner was Headteacher, 'subject to satisfactory completion of training' at £1 a week! On Monday the children were taught a brief history of the school, the various names it has held, the different sites the school has occupied until now and learnt about the 'punishments' that were handed out, such as labels worn by children with 'suck finger boy' 'Liar' and 'Truant' written on them! How times have changed! This week saw the school celebrate its 211th birthday and there was time to reflect on how life was like then, how it has changed, asked whether they would prefer to attend school then or now and how in 1813, the school was a world away from the values based and **rights respecting** culture of GJS today where everyone is encouraged to **Love, Live** and **Learn!**



### Value In Focus: RESPECT

Following our focus on FRIENDSHIP last term, the children will focus on RESPECT, arguably the highest profile value at GJS; given that it is fundamental to our UNICEF RRS commitment. The children will continue to learn about their own and others' rights, discuss what we do at GJS to fulfil this value, what the value means to the children and remind the children that **every child has a right to an education, every child has a right to relax and play and every child has a right to feel safe**—and that EVERY child at GJS has a responsibility to **LIVE** these rights, if we are all going to **LOVE** and get on with each other and create the best conditions at school for all to **LEARN**. Please continue to have the 'Home Talks' with your family about the importance of upholding these values as this will continue to strengthen the school's work and make it the wonderful place it is!

### House Points

Mars	1873
Saturn	1615
Neptune	1506
Jupiter	1237

### Happy February

If you are in and around the school, you may notice some rather colourful calendars appearing! As a school, we have recently started using the 'Action for Happiness' wellbeing calendars in order to encourage children to take a few mindful moments each day. We are delighted that they've launched 'Friendly February' where we are reminded to 'Be friendly to others and give your relationships a boost!' Why not explore the calendars at home or have a chat with your children during the week about what their 'Happy February' calendar 'challenge' was that day!



### Godalming Learning Partnership's GET Teaching Programme

Why not GET Teaching with the Godalming Learning Partnership and Winchester University? The Godalming Learning Partnership is a large group of schools serving the children and families of the Godalming area. We are a strong collaborative group with a long history of working closely together to achieve more for our young people, schools and community. We run an exciting opportunity to train as a teacher in partnership with Winchester University and are inviting applications to start in Sept 2024.

The one year school-led GET Teaching PGCE programme provides the perfect combination of immersive classroom experience in our local schools and academic study at Winchester University. Our current trainees are teaching and training across all our schools ensuring they gain invaluable experience of a wide range of settings.

If you are interested and want to know more e-mail Rachel: [coordinator@godalminglearning.org](mailto:coordinator@godalminglearning.org).

### Finally...It's Quiz Night Season!

With the Quiz Night only a matter of weeks away, there will be weekly clues you will need to look out for in the weekly newsletter. These will be answers to various questions. Keep your eyes peeled in the next 5 newsletters!

**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

Quiz Night Friday 22nd March –more information to follow!

### Future Events

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 – Oliver P  
 3EC – Louis  
 4JA – Ethan  
 4RH – Harry  
 5SD – Kira  
 5NM – Henry Cu  
 6EM – Aaron  
 6TA – Anthony



Attendance Winners: 6TA – 98%



### FRIENDSHIP Values Champions

3AR – Rosie  
 3EC – Jacinta  
 4JA – Zak  
 4RH – Amelia  
 5SD – Saanvi  
 5NM – Izzy  
 6EM – Christie  
 6TA – Poyraz



Autumn Anti Bullying Stars Champions: 4JA

## Sports News

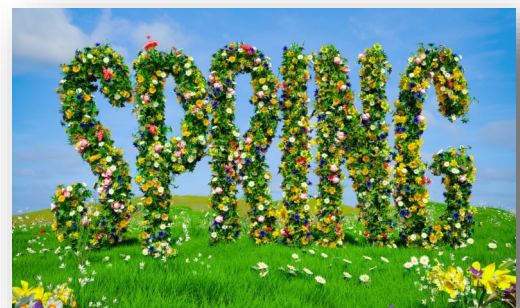
### Y5 and Y6 Football Tournament @ Rodborough–Wednesday 27th March

There were trials today to find a Year 5 and a Year 6 team who will represent the school at Rodborough in a few weeks time. Children will find out on Monday if they have made the teams.

## Diary Dates

### Spring 2024

March	
1st:	Red Cross Y3 Cake Sale–3.10pm
4th–8th:	10R–Book Week–‘Creatures’
4th:	SATs Information Talk @ 5.00pm
7th:	World Book Day
8th:	Red Cross Y4 Cake Sale–3.10pm
9th:	Swimming Gala @ Charterhouse
11th–15th:	10R–Science Week
12th:	Y6 WWII Workshop
12th:	Parent-Teacher Meetings (Late)
13th:	GLP Board Meeting
14th:	Parent-Teacher Meetings (Early)
15th:	Red Cross Y5 Cake Sale–3.10pm
18th–22nd:	10R–Earth Week
18th:	Y4 Multiplication Check Talk @ 5.00pm
20th:	Y5 River Trip
22nd:	Red Cross Y6 Cake Sale–3.10pm
22nd:	PTA Quiz Night
25th:	RE Easter Day
28th:	End of Term @ 1.15pm



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