



Newsletter

We are proudly Supporting



'If we really want to love, we must learn how to forgive' - Mother Teresa

Latest News

Anti Bullying 2023

Over the last few weeks GJS has shone a light on bullying through a number of activities, updates, discussions and competitions—all aligned with the work of the Anti Bullying Alliance during National Anti Bullying Week. More information can be found on the school website [here](#), including the annual survey outcomes, our updated charter, our child friendly AB policy, the GJS '5 finger' safety check and our poster competition winner by Flo in Year 6! ALL members of GJS staff are on high alert to ensure bullying behaviours do not take root at the school and the very positive survey outcomes truly illustrate the work we do. As you will see by the slides, the children themselves have the biggest role to play to ensure EVERYONE's **Rights** are not violated at school, EVERYONE upholds the school values and EVERYONE comes to school to **Love—treat others how they wish to be treated, Live—the most healthy life as possible** and **Learn—develop a true hunger for learning**. We do ask all parents to help reinforce these messages at home.

Value—Autumn 2—FORGIVENESS

Continuing our focus on school values, this half term, in the lead up to Christmas, we continue focusing our attention on the value of **Forgiveness**. We are focusing on this value in our weekly whole school assemblies, our weekly 'circle times' and discussing it within the PSHE curriculum across the school. We will continue to encourage children to show their understanding of this value and offer strategies to help them be more understanding at times when showing **forgiveness** is more challenging, such as break and lunchtimes. Once again, the more our work can be reinforced at home, the better. Please find time for further 'home talks' about our values and share your experiences and perspectives, the importance of **forgiveness** and how difficult it can be at times.

GET Teaching Virtual Information Evening

The Godalming Learning Partnership of schools are proud partners with Winchester University and have been training teachers for the last 6 years. Our blend of innovative, immersive school experience and training allied to academic study is used by Winchester as a model of best practice for their new partners.

We are running an online information evening on **Thursday 07 December at 7.00pm** for anyone interested in finding out more about our unique and bespoke School-led PGCE teacher training programme which starts in **September 2024**.

Register on Eventbrite for this online event using the QR code or link below:

GET Teaching with the GLP

For more info in the meantime, see our [GET Teaching](#) website and our *GET Teaching* information evening flier which is attached to this newsletter.

We look forward to meeting you.

Staff Vacancy—Clerk to the Governors

We are 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](#).

Parking

It has been reported that there are still incidents of parents not parking **respectfully** at the end of the day on Hallam Road and there have been 'near misses' with children when parents are using the school car park to turn round. We do ask that every effort is made to be **respectful**, courteous and **SAFE** when picking up your child if you are driving. Please also consider alternative means to pick up your children by possibly parking in adjacent roads to the school and walking to the school to pick up.

And Finally...

As we begin looking towards the end of the first term at GJS, we will sadly be saying goodbye to Mr Chris Hackshall who has been a key member of the GJS community since 2019. I am sure you will join us wishing him all the best in his retirement before the term finishes. Mrs Andrea Crook, former SLT member and class teacher, will be returning to the school to fulfil the role left vacant by Mr Hackshall from January.



House Points

Saturn	1411
Mars	1401
Neptune	932
Jupiter	815



SAFEGUARDING
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

It's nearly time for the Christmas Fair, Friday 8th December—4.30-7.30pm. A huge thanks for all the hamper donations that were dropped off today.

We are still looking for volunteers to help with set up from 1pm and assistance on the stalls. Please reach out to your class reps if you can help.

As per previous PTA events we will be running the token scheme 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 the Godalming Junior School 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 from Friday 1st to Thursday 7th December.

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

3AR – Henry
3EC – Jacinta
4JA – Emily
4RH – Leo
5SD – Ollie H
5NM – Millie B
6EM – Eric
6TA – Amberley



Attendance Winners: 3AR – 98%



RESILIENCE Values Champions

3AR – Dylan D
3EC – Lily-Rose
4JA – Leighton
4RH – Reuben
5SD – Archie
5NM – Alfie
6EM – Neera
6TA – Naomi



Summer Anti Bullying Stars Champions: 6TA

Sports News

Other Sports News

Whilst this section in the newsletter is normally reserved for news, updates and celebrations of children's successes at GJS, this week we wanted to celebrate the success of some of our members of staff!

It was a GJS double win at the local Godalming Sports Awards recently with Bill Bingham being awarded Volunteer of the Year and Miss Holcombe coming 2nd in that category through her work at Farncombe Cricket Club. In addition to this accolade, Miss Holcombe was also a member of the Team of the Year Award as a member of the Farncombe Ladies Cricket Team.

Coming 2nd in that category was the U14 Farncombe Cricket Team consisting of many of GJS ex-pupils. It is great to know that through the cricket hub GJS has become in recent years and our annual G-Ashes Cricket Day, children leaving the school are continuing to participate in sports!



Diary Dates

Autumn 2023

December

4th–8th: 10R–Human Rights Week
5th: Y6 Science @ Charterhouse
5th: Y5 Swimming
6th: Y5 Viking Day
8th: PTA Christmas Fair
11th: Y3 Carol Assembly
12th: Y4 Carol Assembly
12th: Y5 Swimming
13th: Y5 Carol Assembly
13th: Y4 Benchball Festival
14th: Y6 Carol Assembly
14th: Christmas Lunch
15th: Christmas-themed Mufti
15th: Term ends @ 1.15pm

January

2nd: Spring Term Starts
8th: David Fuller Assembly
15th–19th: 10R–Hero Week
19th: Football Festival @ Broadwater
26th: IH Football Tournament



Inset Days 2023/24

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