



# Newsletter



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*"Life is about our growth, not our trophies" - Bear Grylls*

## Latest News



### Year 6—UKSA Residential Trip

On Friday, Year 6 returned from their wonderful trip away at UKSA, Isle of Wight. The children were an absolute pleasure to be away with and were a credit to GJS. Despite some challenging weather and tricky activities, the whole year group showed amazing **RESILIENCE** and pushed themselves outside of their comfort zone. The kitchen staff, coach driver and ALL the instructors commented on how **RESPECTFUL** the children were and whilst we were away, there was some super examples of **FRIENDSHIP** on show too, supporting those who may have struggled being away from home. The whole school is so proud of them and feel confident that this sets the children up well to face the rest of the year with confidence and optimism! A short video of the trip can be found on the school website [here](#). The video is 'unlisted' and we do ask that the video is not shared on social media platforms.



### Dogs on Site

Whilst we welcome 'furry' friends on site we do politely remind parents of our protocols as we start a new year. If you are bringing dogs to pick up your child we do insist that either they are small enough to be carried or you wait with them by The Pod near the Meadow gate—away from the larger gathering of parents and children. If parents do not follow these protocols we may need to consider banning them altogether

### RESILIENCE Values Champions

We continue to immerse the children during school assemblies, circle times and PSHE lessons on our 'in focus' values. Each half term we learn about, promote, reflect and consider one of our 'Desirable Dozen' values and what these values 'look like' in others, in our behaviours, in society and consider ways we can develop these values in ourselves. At GJS we hold our values very dear to us and believe that during their time here, whilst becoming academically successful we want EVERY child to become more socially and emotionally aware. Our unique values education plays a significant part in achieving this and helps the behaviour at GJS continue to be a true strength.

This term, fittingly with children moving year groups and new children joining the school, our first 'in focus' value is **RESILIENCE**. All staff will be on the 'look out' for children displaying resilience in lessons, on the playground and even during their residential trip away from home! The more this can be further reinforced at home, the better. Please feel free to continue 'home talks' on our values and maybe even share examples YOU have had to show resilience and generally YOUR views on the value and the importance of being resilient in life!

### School Photographs

We have the school photographers, Imago, in school on **Wednesday 4th October** to take individual photographs. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in the correct autumn uniform.

### Thank You

Thank you all for your patience whilst we attempt to fix out Hallam Road gate. Please call using the number on the sign for the school office 01483 421597 or the ring the door bell and we hope the issue is rectified as soon as possible

### House Points

Mars	1440
Saturn	1064
Neptune	987
Jupiter	930



**Our Designated Safeguard Lead is:**  
Mr Samson—HT

**Our Deputy Designated Safeguard Leads are:**  
Mr Maclver- Deputy HT  
Mrs Wilkinson—SEnCo  
Mrs Munz—Bursar  
Mrs Kirby—HSLW

## PTA News

### Y3 Welcome BBQ

A massive thank you to all those who attend the Year 3 welcome BBQ. It was a lovely evening with a huge turnout raising **£567** for the school funds. An even bigger thank you to everyone who helped with set up, running the bar and BBQ. We always need volunteers for these events so please do get involved.

### Other Key Dates

Thursday 12th October—PTA AGM—Cricketers Pub 8pm

Wednesday 18th October—School Disco

Friday 8th December —School Christmas Fair

## School Achievement

### Pupil of the Week:

3AR — Amy  
3EC — Lily C  
4JA — Joey  
4RH — Thea  
5SD — Ollie  
5NM — Mia  
6EM —  
6TA —



Attendance Winners: 6EM— 98.9%



Summer Anti Bullying Stars Champions: 4GS

### CREATIVITY Values Champions

3CM—Oliver  
3EC — Eva  
4JL — Bobbie  
4GS — Ella  
5SD — Simona  
5NM — Ben  
6EM — Jess  
6RH — Sammy



## Sports News

### Inter House Cross Country Run—'Chippie Chase' - Friday 29th September

We are looking forward to our first inter house event of the year when the children take part in the 'Chippie Chase' at the Canon Bowring Recreation Ground. The run will take place during the afternoon of Friday 29th September and you are more than welcome to come along to watch!

The order of play will see the Year 6 children run first, from about 1.30pm followed by Year 5, then Year 4 and finishing with Year 3. The Lower School will be running approximately a lap of the park with the upper school running 2 laps. All races start and end at the same place. There will be markers for the children to navigate around the park and there will also be a reminder of the course during Celebration Assembly that day.

Children are required to wear their PE kit that day with **HOUSE** t-shirt, available from the school office, and ensure they have their water bottle with them. It is anticipated that each race will be no longer than 10 minutes each. Well done to **JUPITER** who have already earned more points than the other houses by having the highest number of children sign up!

## Diary Dates

### Autumn 2023

#### September

29th: Inter House 'Chippie Chase' Fun Run

#### October

2nd-6th: 10R—Poetry Week

4th: School Photos—Individual

9th-13th: 10R—Healthy Week

10th: Y3 Stone Age Workshop

13th: 'Hello Yellow' Young Minds Mufti Day

18th: PTA Discos

19th: Y5 Tilford Mosque Trip

23rd-27th: **HALF TERM**

**30th: INSET DAY**

31st: Y6 Science @ Charterhouse

#### November

6th—10th: 10R—Remembrance Week

7th: Y6 Science @ Charterhouse

14th: Y6 Science @ Charterhouse

14th: Parent-Teacher Meetings (late)

16th: Parent-Teacher Meetings (Early)

21st: Y6 Science @ Charterhouse



### Inset Days 2023/24

~~Friday 1st September 2023~~

**Monday 30th October 2023**

Friday 9th February 2024

Monday 15th April 2024

Friday 24th May 2024