



# Newsletter

We are proudly Supporting



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

## Latest News



### Friendship Values Champions

Well done to all our VC's for their work in upholding the value of **Friendship** this term. It was great to hear how well the recipients are modelling how to play outside, how to work with others in class, be a great 'talk partner', resolve issues quickly and are generally kind, thoughtful and caring members of their class. ALL Friendship Values Champions can be found on the reverse of the newsletter!

### 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.

### Internet Safety

On Tuesday, we celebrated Safer Internet Day. This year's theme was 'together for a better internet' which focused on how technology changes over time and how people are influenced by what they see online. The children took part in a whole school assembly and did activities around change and influence. They gave fantastic responses in their sessions and reflected on their own technology use. For more information on E-Safety and how to keep your child safe when using technology, please refer to the flier attached and also [Internet Matters](#) which has a range of advice and guides for parents and carers.

### AB Star Break-time Award

Well done to **4JA** who were the first recipients of the AB Break-Time Award of 2024 for how well the year group play at break and lunchtimes. They have been recognised by those on duty, how well they have included others in games, have played with fairness and kindness and they looked out for others if they have been on their own!

### Happy February

If you're in and around the school, you might 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're delighted that they've just launched 'Friendly February' where we're reminded to 'Be friendly to others and give your relationships a boost!'. It's as if it was made for GJS and our current value of **Friendship**! 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).

### Godalming Library

Godalming Library will be holding a range of events over the half term. Please see the poster attached for information about these events. We think that the 'Dungeons and Dragons' taster session will be particularly interesting to many of our pupils!



### House Points

Mars	1125
Jupiter	1064
Neptune	882
Saturn	685



**Our Designated Safeguard Lead and Operation Encompass Key Adult is:**  
Mr Samson—HT

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

*'It's everyone's business'*

## PTA News

Huge "Thank you" to all those who attended and helped out at last night's school disco. Plenty of dancing and singing from enthusiastic children, and a few parents! "The kids at this school are lovely. They are so well behaved and I love DJing here" Lee the DJ. Have a fun half term and see you at the next PTA event.

### Future Events

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 — Rosie  
3EC — Darcy  
4JA — Ella  
4RH — Reuben  
5SD — Juno  
5NM — Alistair  
6EM — Ophelia  
6TA — Jemina



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

### Netball Tournament @ Rodborough (Monday)

On Monday a group of Y6's took part in a netball tournament at Rodborough. It was their first tournament and they played brilliantly, with so much confidence and enthusiasm. We had a solid wall of defence and our attackers were incredible. They started on a high, beating The Chandler 4 - 3, then a magnificent win against Womers of 9 - 0. They then lost at the whistle to St Edmunds 2 - 3, and finally just missed out on a draw with St Barts at 3 - 4. This all resulted in us coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in our group, which was an awesome achievement. It was wonderful to see such positive attitudes and they clearly all enjoyed the event. Very well done to Amberley, Amelia, Erin, Freya, Lillian, Sadie, Scarlett, Toby and William.



### Basketball Tournament @ Rodborough (Thursday)

Children from Year 5 and 6 represented GJS at the basketball tournament on Thursday afternoon. Both teams played outstandingly well and their teamwork was impeccable (and noticed by other staff and adults in attendance). All of the children left the sports hall with big smiles on their faces and Year 6 left with the title of 'second place'!



## Diary Dates

### Spring 2024

#### February

9th:  
12th—16th:  
March

**INSET DAY**  
Half Term

4th—8th:

4th: SATs Information Talk @ 5pm  
7th: World Book Day  
8th: Dance Festival @ Broadwater  
9th: Swimming Gala @ Charterhouse  
11th—15th: 10R—Science Week  
12th: Y6 WWII Workshop  
12th: Parent-Teacher Meetings (Late) TBC  
13th: GLP Board Meeting  
14th: Parent-Teacher Meetings (Early) TBC  
18th—22nd: 10R—Earth Week  
18th: Y4 Multiplication Check Talk @ 5pm  
20th: Y5 River Trip  
22nd: PTA Quiz Night  
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