



# Newsletter

*"Being honest may not get you a lot of friends, but it will always get you the right ones" - John Lennon*

## Latest News

This year we are supporting:

**SAMARITANS**

Team GJS 6 - 2 Farncombe United FC



### Samaritans Charity Football Match Vs Farncombe United FC

Team GJS turned Blue Monday 'green' at Broadwater for our inaugural charity football match against Farncombe United FC this week, raising crucial funds for Samaritans in the process! A very hard fought and high quality match saw Team GJS come out victors 6-2. The game was played in a fantastic spirit for a worthy cause. Heather and Nick from Samaritans Guildford came along to offer their support as did Rachael, and Ray, from the Godalming shop branch. A special mention has to go to Ian Chiverton, dad of William in Year 3, for raising £120, contributing impressively to the total of £410 raised on the night. Thank you to everyone who contributed and literally played their part, including Luke and the hire team at Broadwater who donated the pitch for free and to Miss Blackledge for her help organising the event!

### Our VALUE in focus is: HONESTY

Our 'in focus' value continues to be HONESTY. Closely aligned to TRUST and FRIENDSHIP, all members of staff will be on the look out to spot examples of HONESTY throughout the school. As always, please do you all you can to support the school in promoting the value at home and maybe discuss with your child the John Lennon quote at the top of the newsletter and what is meant by it, which Mr Samson discussed with Year 4 this week during their PSHE lessons!

### Parent Governor Vacancy

We are pleased to announce we now have one candidate for Parent Governor: our current co-opted governor Kerry Davies. As the role is an opportunity for all parents of the school to play an important part shaping our school and keep our aims high, we extend this final invitation to nominate a parent (or self-nominate) to stand for election. For more information about the role, or for the nomination form, please see the letter attached to the newsletter.

### Pain Relief During the Day

If you feel your child is well enough to come to school but might require pain relief during the school day, please ensure you bring this into the school office in the morning.

### GJS Breakfast Club

We continue to provide our Breakfast Club for GJS children in partnership with KOOSA. This is open from 7.45am and is run by GJS staff. A breakfast of cereal, toast and fresh fruit will be provided daily!

### GLP Initial Teacher Training Course—September 2025 intake

The window for enrolling onto our successful year long teacher training programme in partnership with Winchester University, an outstanding teacher training provider, is now open. We are welcoming applicants keen to pursue a career in teaching to join our next cohort of trainees. We have a 100% pass rate and offer a genuinely holistic and innovative programme leading to teachers entering the profession with resilience, confidence and creativity. Further information about the GLP teacher training course can be found [here](#) or you are more than welcome to share with others and contact Mr Samson, as the course coordinator, to find out more via the school office.



### House Points

Saturn	1795
Mars	1714
Jupiter	1704
Neptune	1412



**Our Designated Safeguard Lead,  
Operation Encompass Key Adult and Attendance Lead 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'*

## TRAIN TO TEACH

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# PTA News

Wednesday 26th March—School Spring Disco (please note date change)  
Friday 28th March—Parent’s Quiz Friday  
Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th July—Year 6 Play  
Friday 11th July—Summer Fair

## School Achievement

Pupils of the Week  
3AR – Rosanna  
3EC – Elkie-Mae  
4JS – Julia  
4NS – Maia  
5NM – Daniel  
5KW – Lewis  
6EM – Kira  
6SD – Henry Ch



98%

### COMMUNITY Values Champions

3AR – Pearl  
3EC – Ella C  
4JS – Amy  
4NS – Josie  
5KW – Frank  
5NM – Benjamin  
6EM – Sophia  
6SD – Mimi



## Sports News

Well done to our upper school sports hall athletics team who represented the school superbly this week at Woolmer Hill against 6 other schools, coming 3rd overall on the day. ‘The GJS way’ was fully evident with ALL children trying their hardest, following instructions and generally being a fantastic credit to the school at yet another off site event. Thank you to Mrs Williams and Mrs Burgess for helping out! 40% of the children at GJS have now represented the school!

We also have a lower school and upper school benchball event at Rodborough later this term. Trials for Year 3 and 4 children took place today with Bill Bingham and Mr Samson. Trials for Year 5 and 6 children interested will take place next Friday (31st). Children in the upper school wishing to take part will need to come in PE kits that day. Those selected will be informed in due course.



## Diary Dates

### Spring 2025

January	
27th–31st:	Y6 Mock SATs Week
February	
3rd:	Inter House Football Tournament—Y3
4th:	Inter House Football Tournament—Y5
5th:	Inter House Football Tournament—Y6
5th:	James Rattue ‘Honesty’ Assembly
7th:	Inter House Football Tournament—Y4
12th:	Y3/4 Benchball Tournament @ Rodborough
14th:	<b>Inset Day—School Closed</b>
17th–21st:	<b>Half Term</b>
26th:	Y5/6 Benchball Tournament @ Rodborough
26th:	Y6 SATs Parent Talk 5.00pm
28th:	Y6 WW2 Workshop

