



Newsletter

We are proudly Supporting



'A person's a person, no matter how small' - Dr Seuss

Latest News



10Richment 'Book Week'

'Inside all of us is a wild thing' - Where The Wild Things Are, Maurice Sendak

What a wonderful Book Week it has been! All of the children at GJS have been fully immersed in reading and the world of books this week: they have shared book reviews and recommendations; had additional story times in class; had the chance to decorate and organise book corners, and dressed up as WONDERFUL creature-related characters for our Book Day Dress Up yesterday. The range of characters and costumes were the best we have had yet! Thank you for your support at home - please keep reading to and with your children!

GJS Readathon

The Readathon continues for this weekend, with Monday being the closing date. Please (where possible) pay the final sponsorship amount online [here](#). If this is not possible, please ask your child to bring the money in a named, sealed envelope on Monday. **ALL CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN SPONSORED MUST BRING THEIR SPONSOR FORMS IN ON MONDAY OR TUESDAY.**

Godalming Junior School—Healthy School Award

Once again, due to the commitment at GJS in developing a Surrey Healthy Schools approach to wellbeing, health, inclusion and achievement, we have been awarded the Surrey Healthy Schools mark. This will be held for 2 more years and is another sign of our well-rounded offer for ALL children and staff at this caring and nurturing school.

Year 6 SATs Parent Talk

Thank you to all the parents who attended the SATs Information Talk on Monday by the Year 6 Team. We hope this was informative and gave some insight into what the children can expect in May. If there are any further questions or queries you have on the assessments, please do contact your class teacher.

Value In Focus: RESPECT

The children continue to focus on RESPECT his half term, 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!

Red Cross Cake Sales

Following the Year 3 cake sale last Friday, we will continue holding weekly cake sales up until Easter to raise funds for our adopted charity The Red Cross. Under the canopy on the front playground each Friday after school is the place to be. Next week will be Year 5, then Year 6 on 22nd March. All items are 50p and go to this worthy cause.

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.

Club Cancellations Next Week

Due to the Parent-Teacher Consultations next week there will be no Choir or Year 5 Tutoring on Thursday 14th March.

Finally...It's Quiz Night Season!

With the Quiz Night only a matter of weeks away, there continues to be weekly clues you in the weekly newsletter. Continue keeping your eyes peeled in the next 3 newsletters!



House Points

Neptune	1082
Mars	987
Saturn	893
Apollo 13	820



SAFEGUARDING

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

Quiz Night Friday 22nd March from 7.15pm

We are delighted to confirm that the annual GJS Quiz Night is taking place on Friday 22nd March. Get your team together or simply confirm you would like to attend and we can help create a team on the night. We have a paying bar and food planned for each table. See attached flyer for ticket info. Look forward to seeing you there!

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 — Beth
3EC — Lily-Rose
4JA — Eddie
4RH — Toby
5SD — Amelie
5NM — Josh
6EM — Ben
6TA — Isaac



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

Godalming Schools Swimming Gala @ Charterhouse

Good luck to all the children representing the school tomorrow at Charterhouse. We are all sure they will do a superb job representing the school and have a splashing time! We will share how they get on next week!

Years 5 & 6 Football Tournament—Wednesday 27th March

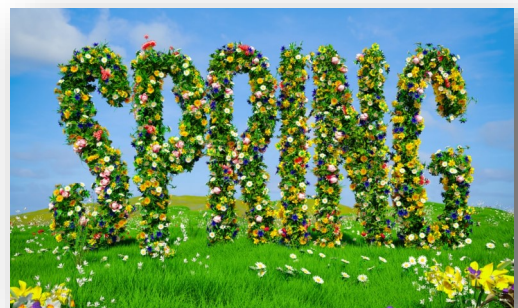
Kwik Cricket Trials—Friday 19th April

Following the Easter break we will be holding trials for those in Year 5 and 6 for upcoming tournaments in the summer term. ALL children are welcome to sign up, lists are with class teachers, and we are seeking a Year 5 boys team, a Year 6 boys team and a Year 5/6 girls team. Those picked are expected to attend the summer term cricket club after school on Thursdays run by Graham Ekins from Farncombe Cricket Club.

Diary Dates

Spring 2024

March	
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:	Y5 Space Exhibition 9.00am
22nd:	Red Cross Y6 Cake Sale—3.10pm
22nd:	PTA Quiz Night
25th:	RE Easter Day
27th:	Y5 & Y6 Football Tournament @ Rodborough
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