



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



Inter House Football Tournament

Well done to ALL the children who took part in the tournaments this week. EVERY child performed superbly, which resulted in high quality competition and matches! Whilst we will find out the winning house overall on Monday, the individual standings were:

Year 3—Winners: ● Runners Up: ● ● ●
Year 4—Winners: ● Runners Up: ● ● ● ●
Year 5—Winners: ● Runners Up: ● ● ● ●
Year 6 -Winners: ● Runners Up: ● ● ● ●

With one more house sport event of the year, it is great that 198 children or 83% of the school have already represented their house from across the school!

Young Minds Young Designer Art Competition

CALLING ALL YOUNG CREATIVES. Young Minds, the youth mental health charity that GJS supports each year, are launching their young designer competition giving the chance for children to help design pieces of the Hello Yellow kidswear collection to be sold in M&S stores and online. To find out more, follow the link [here](#).

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. 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!



House Points

Saturn	1733
Mars	1693
Neptune	1640
Jupiter	1542



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!

Samaritans Stationery

We now have some 'limited edition' Samaritans pens for sale in the school office to help us raise money for our adopted charity this year. They are available for 50p and are to be used at home not in lessons. Maybe a good present...?

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.



**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'

PTA News

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 26th March—School Spring Disco (please note date change)
 Friday 28th March—Parent’s Quiz Night

We are still looking for a Treasurer to help with the running of the PTA. This is now becoming more urgent as without a Treasurer we can’t function as a charity. The role can be shared between people. If you are interested please reach out to Phil (philipdcurtis@hotmail.com) or Rhian (Rhianhooper@hotmail.com) who can give you an overview of what is required.

School Achievement

Pupils of the Week
 3AR – Winston
 3EC – Anne-Marie
 4JS – Noah
 4NS – Dotty
 5NM – Reuben
 5KW – Henry
 6EM – Elena
 6SD – Emelia



98%

COMMUNITY Values Champions

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



Sports News

Netball Match V Tillingbourne School

Year 5 and Year 6 netballers played a friendly match with Tillingbourne on Thursday. This was their first match and both teams played really well. With a great start to our first game, scoring in the first few minutes, we were rattled when at half time Tillingbourne bought on a fresh team! Despite this, we played excellent defence but finally lost 4-1. Our second game kept up a fast pace with clean passes straight down to our shooters. Defence was kept tight, denying Tillingbourne access to the goal and the final score was 7-2. As always, GJS were a real asset to the school. Great fun was had by all!



Diary Dates

Spring 2025

February
 12th: Y3/4 Benchball Tournament @ Rodborough
 14th: **Inset Day—School Closed**
 17th–21st: **Half Term**
 26th: Y5/6 Benchball Tournament @ Rodborough
 26th: Y6 SATs Parent Talk 5.00pm
 28th: Y6 WW2 Workshop

March
 3rd–7th: 10R—Book Week
 4th: Parent/Teacher Meetings—Late
 6th: Parent/Teacher Meetings—Early
 10th–14th: 10R—Science
 17th–21st: 10R—Earth
 26th: PTA Discos
 28th: Parent’s Quiz Night

Inset Days 2024-25
~~Monday 2nd September 2024~~
~~Friday 25th October 2024~~
Friday 14th February 2025
 Tuesday 22nd April 2025
 Friday 23rd May 2025