



# 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**



### Year 6 Practice SATs

The Year 6 team would like to give our Year 6 pupils a special shout out for their hard work this week completing their Mock SATs. Each and every child tried their best to be **independent**, showed great **resilience**, and **confidently** show cased their learning in Key Stage 2. Parents and carers are reminded that an Information Talk about the SATs (and how to best support your child) will be held by Miss Martin and Miss Dlugockecka in the hall on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm**.

### 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!

### 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.

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<u>House Points</u>	
Mars	1463
Saturn	1453
Jupiter	1422
Neptune	1374

**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

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 – Otilie Sp  
3EC – Ella K  
4JS – Arianne  
4NS – Luna  
5NM – Evie  
5KW – Zak  
6EM – Ollie R  
6SD – Lexi



98%

### COMMUNITY Values Champions

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



## Sports News

Next week sees the 2nd Inter House event of the year get underway. This term we will be holding 4 Inter House football tournaments across the week from **Monday** when Year 3 will be ‘kicking’ things off! On **Tuesday** it is the turn of Year 5, **Wednesday** Year 6 and finishing with Year 4 on **Friday**. We will be announcing final standings and awards in the following Celebration Assembly.

Children involved in the events throughout the week are to come to school, like they would do for PE, as normal with the only exception being they will be in their house t-shirt NOT their PE one. These are available from the school office and children are encouraged to have an underlay beneath their house t-shirt. Children do not NEED to bring shin pads as there will be NO BOOTS allowed on the astro pitch anyway, if children want to wear shin pads, they can.

Judging by the sign up sheets, we have more than 30 extra children taking part in this event in addition to those who took part in the Chippie Chase last term. This takes the total number of children who would have represented their house after this event to 198 children, 83% of the school!



## Diary Dates

### Spring 2025

#### 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: 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

