



# Newsletter

We are proudly Supporting



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

## Latest News

### Welcome Back and Happy New Year

We all hope you enjoyed the festivities of the Christmas break. Happy New Year to all members of the school community and we begin another year at GJS with optimism and positivity! There is so much to look forward to this term with the return of our TT Rock 'Festival', our 10richment programme continues with Hero Week, Book Week, Science Week and Earth Week all being celebrated this term. We have more PTA events such as our School Disco and parents Quiz Night. We have more sporting events such as the swimming gala at Charterhouse, indoor football tournament at Rodborough AND our next inter house event, the football tournament at the end of the month. More information on the inter house event can be found on the reverse of the newsletter in the school sport section!

### Value—Spring 1—FRIENDSHIP

This term our attention focuses on the value of **FRIENDSHIP**. PSHE lessons, Circle Times and weekly assemblies will all centre around the value, what are the ingredients of a good friend? When have friendships been tested? And how do you know if you are a good friend? - Are just some of the questions that will be discussed. Once again, we appreciate any 'home talks' on the value you can facilitate with the children to give a wider perspective.

### Reading Passports

Whilst it was great to see so many children engage with their year group Reading Passports last term, it would be great to see **EVEN MORE** children engaging with the passport this term and reading even more and broadening their reading experiences even further!

### Author Visit

On Monday, the author, David Fuller, will be visiting Godalming Junior School. After a whole school assembly, he will have some time with both Year 3 and Year 4 pupils to talk about writing books and his passion for reading. For more information about his famous 'Alfie Jones' football series, check out the Good Reads page <https://www.goodreads.com/series/235184-alfie-jones>. If you would like to pre-order a book, please complete the form attached.

### 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.

### Staff Vacancy—Clerk to the Governors

We are still looking for a Clerk to the Governors to work at the school. This is a flexible role for four hours per week, term time only. You will be required to attend three Governor meetings per term. For more information please click [here](#).

### Attendance

A reminder as we start a new term to encourage children to be in school for **8.35am** when registers are opened. Gates continue to be open at **8.25am** and the more we have children settled into classes for 8.35am the less time is wasted at the beginning of the day.



House Points	
Jupiter	674
Mars	627
Saturn	538
Neptune	430



**SAFEGUARDING**

**Our Designated Safeguard Lead and Operation Encompass Key Adult 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 7th February—School Spring Disco  
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 – Juliet  
3EC – Olivia  
4JA – Henry  
4RH – Joseph  
5SD – Nathan  
5NM – Lexi  
6EM – Edward L  
6TA – Poyraz



Attendance Winners: 3AR – 98%  
**ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE**  
Member

**FORGIVENESS Values Champions**

3AR – Dylan  
3EC – Louis  
4JA – Evie  
4RH – Theo  
5SD – Beth  
5NM – Lulu  
6EM – William  
6TA – Jemima



Autumn Anti Bullying Stars Champions: 5SD

## Sports News

### Inter House Football Tournament—2024

Today we shared with the children that signing up for the IH Football Tournament begins on Monday and we look forward to as many children signing up as possible ready for the event on **Friday 26th January**. The children have until the **Friday 19th January** to sign up as there needs to be enough time for House Captains and Mr Samson to organise the teams and fixtures. Again, like with ALL IH events, the tournament is open to ALL children across the school!

Number of children who have represented their house: 60%  
Number of children who have represented the school: 30%



## Diary Dates

### Spring 2024

<b>January</b>	
2nd:	<b>Spring Term Starts</b>
8th:	David Fuller Assembly
8th:	Sayers Croft 2024 Meeting
9th:	UKSA 2024 Meeting
15th–19th:	10R—Hero Week
26th:	IH Football Tournament
29th-2nd:	TT Rockstars Week
<b>February</b>	
7th:	PTA Disco—TBC
8th:	Basketball Tournament @ Rodborough
9th:	<b>INSET DAY</b>
12th–16th:	Half Term
<b>March</b>	
4th–8th:	10R—Book Week
7th:	World Book Day
8th:	Dance Festival @ Broadwater
9th:	Swimming Gala @ Charterhouse
11th–15th:	10R—Science Week
12th:	Parent-Teacher Meetings (Late) TBC
13th:	GLP Board Meeting
14th:	Parent-Teacher Meetings (Early) TBC



**Inset Days 2023/24**  
~~Friday 1st September 2023~~  
~~Monday 30th October 2023~~  
**Friday 9th February 2024**  
Monday 15th April 2024  
Friday 24th May 2024