



Newsletter

This year we are supporting:

SAMARITANS

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?" - Martin Luther King Jr

Latest News

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Details were sent out earlier this week with details of how to book your child's Parent/Teacher meeting via Arbor. Appointments are filling up fast, so we urge you to sign up as soon as possible as this is a good opportunity to find out how your child is progressing socially, emotionally and academically.

Smart Phone Free Childhood Update

There is still time to sign up to attend the GLP parent talk at Busbridge Junior School on **Tuesday 12th November** @ 7.30pm. A parentmail and flyer was sent before half-term with more information and signing up instructions for those interested in attending.

Anti-Bullying Week—11th—15th November

Running alongside our 3rd 10richment Week of the year, GJS will be continuing its work educating the children about our anti-bullying commitment. On Monday, Mr Samson led an anti-bullying assembly, introduced our Anti Bullying Stars for the year, launched our anti-bullying poster competition and reminded the children of our collective responsibility to ensure we all engender our **Love, Live, Learn** ethos by being kind to everyone, develop our empathy muscle and be inclusive in games. The assembly slides can be found in the GJS AB area on the school website [here](#). This will be further updated over the coming weeks. We would really appreciate parents looking through these slides and reinforcing the message from school. Our Love, **Live, Learn** motto, our values based learning and Rights Respecting status are all interlinked and we ALL have a role to play to create a genuine 'anti-bullying' GJS

10R—Remembrance Week

Next week will be Remembrance Week at GJS and poppies are available from the school office. We do ask that children bring in a minimum donation of 20p for a poppy. On Monday we will be holding a minute silence at 11.00am for a time of quiet reflection. Each year group will also be engaging in a number of activities and discussions throughout the week. We are also looking forward to inviting Will from ChickenWired back to GJS later in year when we will use the 80th Anniversary of VE Day as our theme.

Our VALUE in focus is: COMMUNITY

In the lead up to Christmas, our 'in focus' value will be **COMMUNITY**. All staff will be on the 'look out' for children displaying a sense of community on the playground and outside of school. The value will also be the theme for 'Carols by Candlelight' as we enter the festive season! The more this can be further reinforced at home, the better. Please feel free to have 'home talks' on our values and maybe even share examples of how we can all contribute positively to our **COMMUNITY**!

Choir News

Exciting news for the GJS Choir—our first show of the school year is already lined up! On **Saturday 23rd November** Choir members in Years 4, 5 and 6 be performing The Snowman at the Wilfred Noyce Centre, alongside the Godalming Band. There are showings at 3pm and 5.30pm, and parents have been notified which showing their child is taking part in. If you'd like to get tickets to support our wonderful little performers then follow [this link](#)! If your Year 3 child is in the Choir they will be performing, as a whole group, at the Christmas Fair.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor to join our active and supportive Governing Body. This is a voluntary role, and you will be required to attend three committee meetings per year and three Full Governing Body Meetings. Should you be interested in applying, please contact our Clerk, Shannon Hall on clerk@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk.

Reporting Absence

If your child is too unwell to attend school, please ensure you call the school before 8.30am, and leave their name, class and symptoms, as this is required to formally authorise their absence on the register.

GJS Breakfast Club

We continue to provide our **NEW** 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!

And Finally...

Mr Samson will be supporting our chosen charity this month by embracing Movember! Over the coming weeks he will be sporting various styles of facial hair in the hope that money is raised to support local Samaritans. If you would like to sponsor Mr Samson and make a generous donation, please go to his Go Fund Me page [here](#). Thank you, every donation counts!



House Points

Saturn	1949
Jupiter	1867
Mars	1664
Neptune	1388



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

Christmas Fair—Friday 13th December 4.30-7.30pm

Work now begins planning for the Christmas Fair later this term and in preparation for this, we once again, would *love* your support by contributing goods on the following Friday mufti days:

Friday 22nd November—Bottle Tombola

Friday 29th November—Jolly Jam Jars

Friday 6th December—Hamper Goods

We hope to be outside under marquees so we are keeping our fingers crossed for dry weather! As always we will need help setting up and running the stalls so please do get in contact with your Class Rep or a member of the PTA to get involved.

We are still looking for a treasurer to help with the running of the PTA. If you are interested please reach out to Phil (philipdcurtis@hotmail.com) or Rhian (Rhianhooper@hotmail.com). Without a Treasurer we can't function as a charity.



School Achievement

Pupil of the Week

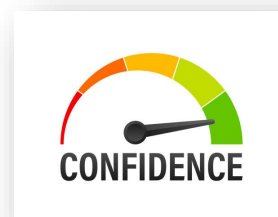
3AR — Amelie
3EC — Marlowe
4JS — Bodhi
4NS — Tilly
5NM — Senna
5KW — Joey
6EM — Oscar
6SD — Adam



100%

CONFIDENCE Values Champions

3AR — William
3EC — Olivia
4JS — Oli
4NS — Elvey
5KW — Abigail
5NM — Henry
6EM — Maggie
6SD — Lexi



Sports News

Glebelands Cross Country—Saturday 16th November—1.00—2.30pm

M5 Forms have been sent to those who signed up and were interested in taking part in the annual cross country run at Glebelands School next week. Please ensure these are completed to ensure Mr Samson knows who to expect on the day. It is important, with so many children across a number of schools taking part, that children arrive in plenty of time and do not miss their race.

Y3 and Y5 Football Tournament—Friday 29th November—1.00—4.00pm

Trials took place for those interested in being considered for the final Tillingbourne football tournament of the term. Children will be notified in the coming days if they are selected. Well done to ALL children who continue to put themselves forward to represent the school, please keep this up. It is great to see and truly engenders a sense of **COMMUNITY** at GJS!

Diary Dates

Autumn 2024

November

9th: Prospective Parent Tour @ 10.00am
11th—15th: 10R—Remembrance Week
11th: Prospective Parent Tour @ 9.00am
12th: Prospective Parent Tour @ 10.45am
13th: Prospective Parent Tour @ 6.00pm
16th: Glebelands Cross Country Run
18th: Y4 Sports Hall Athletics @ Broadwater
19th: Y4 Greek Day
19th: Parent/Teacher Meetings—Late
21st: Parent/Teacher Meetings—Early
22nd: Y6 'Born Free' Presentation
29th: Y3 Maya Assembly
29th: Y3 and Y5 Football Tournament @ Tillingbourne

December

9th-13th: 10R—Human Rights Week
13th: Christmas Fair—4.30—7.30pm
16th: Y3 Carols by Candlelight @ 9.15am
17th: Y4 Carols by Candlelight @ 9.15am
18th: Y5 Carols by Candlelight @ 9.15am
18th: Christmas Lunch
19th: Y6 Carols by Candlelight @ 9.15am
20th: Christmas Jumper Day (for Samaritans)
20th: End of Term @ 1.15pm

