



GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL GOSDEN NEWS

20th July 2023

Huge thanks to our amazing Imogen for publishing our super duper newsletter every fortnight this year.

I'm listening to our Secondary students broadcasting a radio show as I type this final piece for the year. What a fabulous ending to another great year at Gosden.

Angus and I are looking forward to getting into our campervan and heading west for a couple of weeks. We do love to shed our work clothes and collar and get our feet onto sand. Annie and her pooch will be doing something similar, but perhaps for longer than a fortnight. Annie has been the beating heart of Gosden for 25 years, and we wish her all the best for a glorious retirement.

Today's newsletter has lots of fun stuff in it, and also some links to seeking help if you need it over the summer. Please wear sunscreen, drink plenty of water and have PLENTY of fun, whatever you're doing.

For those families who are moving on, I wish you all the best for the next step in your journey – goodbyes are tricky, but we gain so much when we experience new places and meet new people.

We will miss all our Gosden family over the summer, the children and young people bring us so much joy. Parents and Carers, over to you for a few weeks, have a wonderful summer!

Cindy O'Sullivan, Head Teacher

Cindy

Don't forget to keep an eye on our website for updates and useful information:

[Home Page](#) [Class Pages](#)



Primary children, and Cindy, receiving their certificates



PARENTMAILS

PTA Newsletter

Term Dates

Animal Tour – Merrist Wood College

School Lunches – Balance Credit

PTA Books for Home

School Uniform – cut off date

SCHOOL UNIFORM

In order for school uniform to be delivered before the beginning of term, the cut-off date for ordering from Price and Buckland is Tuesday 1st August.

<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/gosdenhouse>

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 5 September	First day of Autumn Term
Monday 18 September	Harvest Festival
Tuesday 10 October	Hello Yellow Day
w/c Monday 16 October	Focus Week – Problem Solving
Monday 23 – Friday 29 October	Half Term
Thursday 7 December	Pantomime and Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 13 December	Primary Presentation
Thursday 14 December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 December	End of Term – 1.30pm

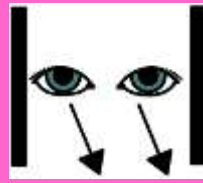
RABBITS

This half-term, Rabbits have been busy using their 'Exploring' and 'Keep Trying' Learning Habits for our new topic 'Pets at Home'. We have enjoyed learning the Makaton signs for lots of different pet names. We even went on a Makaton pet hunt in the playground and outdoor learning spaces!



Creative & Curious

In our Creative & Curious lessons, Rabbits have been using their 'Creative' Learning Habit to make a variety of different pet masks, 'Noticing' the pet features and commenting on what they could see using their voice and/or ALD's. Rabbits have been busy sorting 'pets' from 'wild animals' at the tuff-tray and participating in a game of true or false bingo for our pet fact files



Literacy & Numeracy

In Literacy, Rabbits were busy using their 'Keep Trying' Learning Habit to practice their letter formation and CVC pet name writing. Some Rabbits have been working hard to create colourful semantic sentences about the animals they can see! In Numeracy, Rabbits have been using their 'Learning Together' habit to continue practicing their careful counting and learning all about capacity at the 'capacity café!'



Happy & Healthy

In our PSHE lessons, Rabbits have been using their 'Learning Together' Habit to create 'compliment cards' for our friends. Rabbits enjoyed sharing their compliments with their friend of choice and making each-other smile!



RABBITS



Over the past few weeks, Rabbits have had so much fun with Diversity Week, birthday celebrations, Gosfest, '**Exploring**' in the courtyard, beach-themed enhanced provision, and turn-taking with the hose and big trampoline outside! Rabbits were so excited for their end-of-year trip to Snoxhall Park and enjoyed a picnic and play! Rabbits are bursting with energy ready for the Summer Holidays – we're almost there!



SQUIRRELS

Squirrels have had a lovely end to their school year! It's been a very busy half term and we absolutely loved taking part in Gosfest and Sports Day. Our Kids Day Out school trip was great too! All the children should be very proud of everything they have achieved this year, we hope they enjoy the summer holidays and have a fantastic start in Woodpecker class next year.

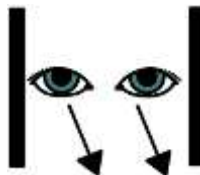


In Maths, we have been finding out how many and '**Exploring**' different ways to represent numbers up to 100. We used Numicon, dienes, bundles of sticks and tens frames.

In Literacy we have been very creative as we have been writing our own stories. The stories had to have a beginning, a middle and end, and we used lots of story language and what-like words to make them exciting to read. As a '**Challenge**' we also had a go at improving and editing them. In the end they were so good that they helped our story plant to grow!



In PSHE we have been learning about the emergency services, and what to do if there is an emergency. We role played calling 999, and learnt some first aid, such as the recovery position and how to treat cuts and grazes. Squirrels did fantastic '**Noticing**' and '**Learning Together**' as we practiced the recovery position on each other.



YEAR 9

We have been busy planting, looking after and growing vegetables this term. We went to check on them this week and could not believe how big they had got. We have grown green beans, carrots, radishes, lettuces and spinach. We all enjoyed harvesting our crops and after a good wash we got to taste some of our delicious vegetables. The carrots were definitely a favourite!



Year 9 were so lucky to have Project Radio in this week! We got to pre-record a radio show which will actually be played live on air on Friday 21st July for everyone to hear. We had great fun with the DJ's learning how to use the microphones, choosing our favourite songs and sharing our favourite things about the year. We all used our **'Being Brave'** Muscles to talk loudly and clearly and used our **'Learning Together'** muscles to share the microphone between everyone.



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This year we have been running a weekly tuck shop, selling our own products. We also had a stand at Tea Under the Trees. The students have used all their Learning Muscles and worked very hard. We have made £65! Together we decided that we will put the money towards an ice cream party for all of KS3.



WELL DONE!

Congratulations to the following students for completing their 'Gosden Toolbox' and successfully collecting 10 'Life Tools'.

Developing these 'Life Tools' will help them now and also prepare them for their exciting future pathways.

Year 7

Madiha
Owen
Louisa
Elaina

Year 9

Ryan
Lexie

Year 8

Tia
Micaela
Mahla
William

Year 10

Harry



E-SAFETY TASK OF THE WEEK

Hello,

Something that might be fun in the summer holidays...

The NSPCC have teamed up with LEGO to create fun games to help parents talk to their children about e - safety. Please see below for more information.

“A core part of the NSPCC’s 10-year strategy is to ensure children are safe online. To help achieve this we’ve teamed up with the LEGO Group to help promote their fun, free [Build & Talk activities](#). The six 'adventures' help parents and caregivers talk with their children about key online safety topics through the joy of LEGO play.”

I hope you have a wonderful Summer holiday with some online fun and lots of offline fun too!

If you would like to discuss anything to do with e-safety further, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s class teacher or myself via email or the school phone number.

Email – calmond@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk

Thank you,

Charlotte

Speech & Language Therapy
Team

★ Makaton Champions ★



Signs of the week w/c 17th July 2023
(Theme: Summer Holidays)

This week's champions are:

★ James & Ruby – Squirrels Class ★



SAVE THE DATE

Thursday 21 September

Put this date in your diary and join us for breakfast.

Come and get to know your PTA and Gosden Community. More information will follow at the beginning of term.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Gosden House PTA this year. Have a great summer!

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Over 7000 brands, including eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos and M&S will donate to Gosden House School PTA for FREE when you use easyfundraising to shop with them.

This means you can raise donations for us when you buy anything.

These donations really help us and all you have to do is use easyfundraising when you are ordering the things you'll be buying anyway.

We Need Your Help!

Class reps are needed for the following classes in September, please can you email GosdenPTA@outlook.com if you are interested.

- Robins
- Owls
- Rabbits
- Squirrels
- Year 7
- Year 10



Useful Organisations

We hope that our students and their families have a well-earned, restful holiday. However, we are well aware that the long summer holidays can be a difficult time for families. If you need support during this time, there are range of wonderful organisations out there to help. Here are a few contact details:

National Sleep Helpline: 03303 530541

Mindworks Crisis Line: 0800 915 4644

Young Minds Parent Helpline: 0808 8025544

Mind Info line: 0300 123 3393

Childline: 0800 11 11

Surrey Domestic Abuse Partnership: 01483 898884

Your Sanctuary: 01483 776 822

National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 2000 247

Samaritans: 116 123

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

For Financial difficulties:

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB): 0800 144 8848

www.citizenadvice.org.uk

Christians Against Poverty (CAP): 01274 761999

<http://capuk.org>

Neurodevelopmental Out of Hours Helpline

A free out-of-hours phone line provides advice to parents and carers who are struggling with behaviours or difficulties which could be related to neurodevelopmental need, such as autism or ADHD.

Our skilled and friendly advisers will talk carers and families through ways of calming down difficult situations and remind them of their coping strategies.

It runs from 5pm until 11pm, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Please call 0300 222 5755

Bring your kids to the...

SURREY
YOUTH
GAMES

FREE Family Zone!

Saturday 17 June
9am - 4pm
Surrey Sports Park
GU2 7AD



Try some free, fun activities for the whole family at the Specsavers Surrey Youth Games 2023

- Climbing
- Soft archery
- Skateboarding
- Football skills
- Martial arts
- Circus skills
- Arts & crafts

plus more!

ACTIVE SURREY

SURREY SPORTS PARK

www.activesurrey.com/SYG



https://www.hrp.org.uk/hampton-court-palace/visit/tickets-and-prices/one-pound-tickets/?utm_medium=partnership&utm_source=community_partners&utm_campaign=one_pound_entry&utm_term=action_for_carers

Visit RHS Gardens for £1

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/gardens/wisley/articles/visiting-the-garden>

Free Family Fun Day with outside picnic at
Hatchlands Park
for families with children with SEN.

Monday 24th July 11 am-4 pm
East Clandon,
GU4 7RT

Hatchlands Family Fun day and outdoor picnic for families with SEN. Bookings welcome now!

Meet on Monday 24th July from 10.30am; activities will include:

- Jenga
- Trivial Pursuit
- Football
- Arts & Crafts
- Picnics and other garden games

Prices at 12.00pm - bring your own food and drink

Alcohol sale and playground (STARTING 2024 - 2025)

The day will end at 4 pm, the visitors club will be open if you wish to join other families for a coffee.



Please contact Nicola on nicola@familyvoicessurrey.org or n.campbell@yorkfordtrust.co.uk to register your interest!

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Need a holiday club in the summer holidays and your children love the outdoors? Come along and join in the fun at our Merrist Wood Holiday Club!

Wildlife and Conservation Weeks
Nature trails, DIY seed bombs and bird feeders
* 24-28 July - 7-11 Aug - 21-25 Aug

Animal Weeks
Meet the markets, mouse house making and farm walks
* 1-4 Aug - 14-18 Aug

The club runs from 9am-4pm or you can extend your hours to 8am-5pm
* Day ticket - £30 * Extended hours ticket - £35
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2 Summer WORKSHOPS

HOLIDAY CLUBS

INFINITY presents THE GREATEST SHOWMAN

24th July - 28th July

Five of our Summer Workshops are still to go! **THE GREATEST SHOWMAN** Workshops. The workshops explore the musical through song, dance, costume design, and props, whilst making the costumes and props. The workshops are for 10-12 years olds. For more information, visit www.infinityperformers.com.

£40 for 1 day

£100 for 3 days

£65 for 2 days

BOOK NOW www.infinityperformers.com

INFINITY Disney presents THE LION KING

31st July - 2nd August

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Book today

Infinity School of Performing Arts is an up and coming inclusive school for young children to learn singing, dancing and acting, whilst making friends.

We have done multiple successful workshops, including Encanto, Matilda and Moana.

We are now excited to bring two NEW workshops this summer holiday. The Greatest Showman and The Lion King. Please visit our website:

infinityperformers.com to book. Or email us at infinityperformers@gmail.com for more info.

See the next page for the two new workshops

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THE GREATEST SHOWMAN



24th July - 26th July

One of our Summer Workshops this year will be **THE GREATEST SHOWMAN**. The children enjoy making friends, creating props, seeing the onsite animals and putting on a fantastic show for their family and friends. For more information on how to book, please email: infinityperformers@gmail.com

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Free Online Evening Family Learning Workshops in August



To find out more and book your space on these free, high quality, interactive Family Learning workshops click on the link or scan the QR code.

Workshops go live for booking from 11th July

Free Online Workshops for Parents/Carers

- **Help your Child Manage Anxiety**
Tuesday 1st August or Thursday 17th August
7.45 pm- 9.45 pm
- **Helping your Child to Develop Positive Relationships**
Tuesday 8th August or Thursday 24th August
7.45 pm-9.45 pm
- **Developing Children's Self-Esteem**
Thursday 10th August or Tuesday 22nd August
7.45 pm- 9.45 pm
- **Building your Child's Resilience**
Tuesday 15th August or Thursday 31st August
7.45 pm -9.45 pm



Click this [link](#) or scan the
QR code to book from
11th July



Web: www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning
Email: family.learning@surreycc.gov.uk
Tel: 0300 2001044



FUNDRAISING EVENTS DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers from Surrey University who worked on the pond and cleaned the minibuses!



If you would like to make a donation to the school you can do so via the Gosden Children First charity page by clicking on this link

<https://wonderful.org/charities/1049925>

You are able to donate directly or to a particular fundraising page that you would like to support.



Volunteers from Lloyds Bank, Commercial Banking, cleaned the gates and painted!

