



# GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL GOSDEN NEWS

4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

I believe that Gosden is at its best coming into Autumn. The grounds look beautiful. There have been so many varied crops to harvest from the allotment in the last few weeks. We are especially proud of our pumpkin patch and potato crop this year! The Gardening team delivered some to our Chef so she can make herby potatoes for us.

We are very much looking forward to our Harvest Festival Assembly on Monday. This is when we celebrate the season and are grateful for what we have. In this assembly we will have the new Chair of Governors, David Burr, joining us to welcome in the new School Council members.

Thank you to all the families who have generously donated items for the Harvest. The School Council will be delivering these donations to our local foodbank.

*Emily*

Emily Mainwaring, Deputy Head



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October** – Hello Yellow Day

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October** – PTA Coffee Morning in the Hall

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October** – Secret Garden Theatre

**w/c 21<sup>st</sup> October** – Maths Focus Week

**w/c 11<sup>th</sup> November** – Anti-Bullying Week

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November** – Odd Sock Day

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November** – Parents Evening &  
Careers Evening

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November** – PTA Coffee Morning in the Hall

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November** – First Aid Day

**1<sup>st</sup> December** – Gosden Christmas Craft Fair  
Panto

Primary Presentation

## RECENT PARENTMAILS

Year 11 Residential 1<sup>st</sup> Instalment Due

Reminder Harvest Celebration

Cauliflower Cards PTA

Roadworks outside School

Vue Cinema

Exploring the Local Community, Snoxhall Park

Missed Flu Vaccination

RHS Wisley Trip

Year 11 Residential Trip

Pantomime Trip

Visit to Guildford House Care Home

School Photographs

Hello Yellow Day

Sickness and Diarrhoea Policy

# KEY STAGE TRANSFER INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF CURRENT YEAR 2, YEAR 6 AND YEAR 11 STUDENTS:

Surrey County Council SEND admissions department, manage the Key Stage Transfer of all students with EHCPs, moving from Infants to Juniors, Primary to Secondary and from Secondary to Post 16 options in September 2025. This is the link to the key timescales and deadlines. [Admissions guidance for children with an Education, Health and Care Plan \(EHCP\) - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/education-and-children/education/ehcp/admissions-guidance-for-children-with-an-education-health-and-care-plan-ehcp)

The key dates to note are:

**15th February 2025:** Surrey SEND have to issue all Year 2 and Year 6 EHCPs naming confirmed placement for September 2025.

**31st March 2025:** Surrey SEND have to issue all Year 11 EHCPs naming confirmed placement for September 2025

Once placements have been named then families can apply for travel assistance.

If you have any queries about the process please do contact me at school on 01483 892008 or by email [lellis@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:lellis@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk) Lucy Ellis  
EHCP Coordinator



# R A B B I T S

Rabbit Class have enjoyed a wet and wonderful past few weeks at school. The rain has not managed to dampen the children's spirits and they have embraced the mud and puddles in true style during lots of our Outdoor Learning and Forest School sessions.

In Literacy we have shared a number of story books which we used as starting points for lots of discussion around an array of subjects, including the importance of friends in our latest book, "I Spy Island."



Rabbit class have very much enjoyed their weekly Drama class this term, particularly the singing, dancing and freedom of self-expression that the subject brings. As autumn sets in we will continue to look at our local environment, weather and changes that occur during this time of year and also go on a trip to RHS Wisley



*Getting to know the new goats*



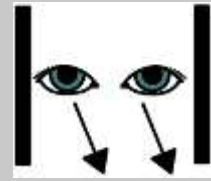
This half term in Forest School we have enjoyed working with clay in Art, collecting our apples from the orchard to make apple crumble, creating multimedia, and water colour self-portraits. We have also been learning how to keep safe in the forest and also playing lots of team building games. This week the children learnt about fire safety and had a go at lighting their own mini fires.







# BADGERS



Badger Class have had a very exciting start to the year, getting to know the new adults and new routines.

We have been working really hard in Maths; counting, matching, comparing and ordering numbers as well as recognising numerals. We have been doing 'careful counting' using our **Noticing** Learning Habit and also using **Keep Trying** too!



Our topic is Castles, Knights and Dragons and each week in Literacy we have concentrated on a book containing dragons! We've particularly enjoyed Going on a Dragon Hunt, Little Dragon and Tell Me a Dragon. We have talked about the characters in the stories, identified what they looked like and found out what they were doing. We have used our **Explore** and **Creative Learning** Habits in drama to explore and express the stories, we have created sentences using colourful semantics and practised our writing.



On Wednesdays in Badger Class, we have been following recipes by making sandwiches and fruit pudding cups. On Thursdays, we have been going swimming and becoming more confident in the water. On Fridays, we have been doing outdoor science learning using our **Learning Together** Habit, followed by P.E. We are so busy!



I liked stroking the horses - Phoenix

I enjoyed looking at the designs and artefacts in the houses - Safa

It was brilliant - Kaylum

Year 8 went to the Weald and Downland Museum to learn about how people lived in history. This experience linked to our learning in Our World about 'Invaders and Settlers' and gave us an insight as to how people have lived in settlements in the past.

The museum was bigger than Gosden! Alex

The church was my favourite part because I got to try the organ and read the bible - Ryan





# Y E A R 11

The new Year 11 cohort have settled into their roles as 'oldest in the school' with ease. They have already managed to fill their toolbox jar, by using their Learning Muscles and toolkits. The class were rewarded with an afternoon of making pizzas (their choice) to congratulate them on their achievement.



This term, the Catering and Hospitality group hosted their very first Gosden Bakehouse event which was really exciting, a Macmillan Coffee morning. They decided to bake some firm favourites - lemon drizzle cake, cheese straws and Victoria sponge. There was so much brilliant team work going on in the kitchen, and everyone did a really great job of following their individual recipes. The team were really pleased with how their first event went and can't wait to do more! They raised **£104!!**





Last week, Vicki, Claire and I took the KS4 DT group to G&B Electronics in Bordon because they were celebrating National Manufacturing day (26/09/24)

We arrived to a lovely welcome and got stuck in straight away.

- We had a quiz to complete on our walk round
- We went to the stores and found out about the warehousing process and students picked their own kits to build an LED board
- The students (and Vicki) then soldered a circuit board with their operator's supervision – this was VERY fiddly!
- The students then tested the functionality of their LED boards with the Test Engineers

Everyone really enjoyed the visit and were thoroughly engaged!



*This visit is an excellent highlight for Gosden, as we work towards our Gatsby Benchmarks. The eight benchmarks are a framework to enable us to provide our learners with the best possible careers education, information and guidance, addressing the needs of all.*

**Benchmark 2: Learning from careers and labour market information**



# Upcoming Open Events



## **Brooklands Technical College**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 10.30-12.30

SEND and Transition tours.

These will be held regularly on a Tuesday morning and more dates will follow.

[Brooklands Technical College - Vocational training in further and Higher Education](#)

## **Nescot (North East Surrey College of Technology)**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May

You need to register online for these dates.

[Nescot Open Events | Nescot](#)

## **Farnborough College of Technology**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February

*All the Open Days for Farnborough are 4pm – 7.30pm*

[Events from 15 October – 18th June 2025 – Farnborough College of Technology \(farn-ct.ac.uk\)](#)

## **Guildford College**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 4.30pm - 7pm

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am - 12.00

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 4.30pm – 7pm

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 4.30pm – 7pm

[Guildford College \(activatelearning.ac.uk\)](#)

## **Merrist Wood College**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 4.30pm -7pm

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am -12.00

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 4.30pm – 7pm

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 4.30pm – 7pm

[Merrist Wood College \(activatelearning.ac.uk\)](#)

If you have any questions or worries please don't hesitate to contact me via email on: [s.tidbury@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:s.tidbury@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk) or on the school number 01483 892008.

# 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**  
Katy  
Keira  
Ben  
Lily  
Henry  
Aalia  
Bailey  
Ruby

**Year 8A**  
Finley C

**Year 8S**  
Safa  
Bethany  
Jessica  
Alex  
Kelsie  
Kaylum

**Year 9**  
Ruby  
Kevin  
Madiha  
Melissa  
Alfie

**Year 11**  
Amr



We are fortunate at our school to have a PTA which is joined with a fantastic charity called "Gosden Children First", an integral part of the school community.

All parents, carers and members of the school community automatically become members of our community and the PTA, when your child joins our school. The majority of students will be using school transport which can both reduce contact with the school and leave us feeling isolated. We have coffee mornings that allow us to meet each other, share information and feel supported. These take place during the day at school. It is a great opportunity to come in and soak up the fabulous atmosphere of the school and feel part of your young person's journey and make friends.

[Email: PTA@gosden@hotmail.com](mailto:PTA@gosden@hotmail.com)

### PTA Volunteers

We welcome help from parents, teachers and friends. We are actively looking to build a list of volunteers who can commit some of their time to helping. Every little helps, so just one hour of assisting at an event, wrapping lucky dip prizes or folding raffle tickets (just a few examples) would be invaluable.

If you would like to join us, please speak to a committee member, come along to our next meeting (date to follow) or email us at [PTA@gosden@hotmail.com](mailto:PTA@gosden@hotmail.com).

Our PTA is about much more than simply fundraising. We exist to provide closer links between home and school and build a much needed community.

### Class Reps

Class Reps play a very important role, providing a link between individual classes and parents, and the PTA committee. We are actively looking for new Class reps. and would love to have a chat with you about the possibility of joining in. Email us!

### PTA Committee

**Chairperson – Leanne Rowan**

**Treasurer – Dannielle McInerney-Jlassia**

**Secretary – Carole Traynor**

The Committee hold open PTA meetings, any member can come along, find out what the association are planning, share ideas and get involved. If you would like information or have any questions, please

**contact Leanne on [PTA@gosden@hotmail.com](mailto:PTA@gosden@hotmail.com)**





Come and unwind with a coffee!  
**Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> October, 10am – 11:30am**  
In the school hall

FUTURE coffee morning DATES for your diary:  
➤ Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of November 10am – 11:30am  
*Nearly new clothing and accessories available to browse and buy! All proceeds to our school so grab yourself a bargain ☺*

All welcome, lets build our school community and sneak in a couple of calories too!

Save the date!!!!!!



For any concerns or support, please do contact Beth Sutton, Child and Family Support Worker (Mon-Fri) or Jane Cowles, Pastoral Assistant (Mon-Weds) at

[bsutton@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:bsutton@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk)

[jcowles@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:jcowles@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk)

[pastoral@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:pastoral@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk)

You can reach us at 07864 721931 or by phoning the school on 01483 892008.

<https://www.gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk/our-pastoral-support/>



**FAMILY LEARNING**



**Family Learning Courses and Workshop for Parents/Carers Autumn 25**

Learn about children and teenager's development and strategies to support positive behaviour

For course or workshops dates, more information and to book your place please click on links or scan the QR code below

Behaviour Strategies



Develop Positive Bedtimes Routines



Who's In Charge



Building Your Child Concentration



Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance



Helping your Child to Develop Positive Friendships



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CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) have recently released some resources and advice for parents and carers to share with their children and young people who are using the internet, whether that's gaming, search engines or social media. Their campaign, #asktheawkward has been created to help you as parents and carers explore online relationships with your children, making these conversations part of everyday life: #ASKTHEAWKWARD Help Sheets

The logo features the text "#ASKTHE" in a light grey, outlined font above the word "AWKWARD" in a bold, black, solid font. The entire logo is centered within a white rectangular box.

### **Resources for parents of 4-7 year olds**

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends/>

### **Resources for parents of 8-10 year olds**

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/playlikeshare/>

### **Resources for parents of 11-16 year olds**

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/Listing/?cat=72,75,86,87&ref=4765&keyWord=>

For any online safety advice and guidance, please reach out to the pastoral and safeguarding teams at [pastoral@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:pastoral@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk).



Speech & Language Therapy  
Team

★ Makaton Champions ★

Signs of the week w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024  
(Theme: Play time)

This week's champions are:

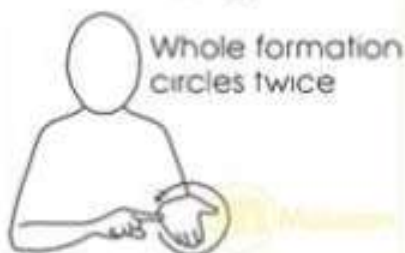
★ **Bethany & Kaylum – 8S** ★



play



toys



Whole formation  
circles twice



share



Hands alternately  
move towards and  
away from body



sorry



Speech & Language Therapy

Team

★ Makaton Champions ★

Signs of the week w/c 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

(Theme: Toileting)

This week's champions are:

★ Jack and Melissa – Year 9 ★



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.

