



# GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL

## GOSDEN NEWS

6<sup>th</sup> June 2025

"It's not the mountain we climb, but ourselves" Sir Edmund Hilary.  
– I came across this today and thought how apt it is for all our pupils.

We have had many visitors recently and it's a pleasure to show them around. What strikes me, with every class that I enter is the confidence and resilience shown by all of our pupils. Visitors are welcomed and work is shown, with pride and enthusiasm. Everyone is blown away by what is being achieved.

Back in May, we welcomed Ofsted inspectors, the report is now available, please do read it and celebrate with your child.

The rest of this term will be busy and will focus on celebrating successes, taking on new experiences and preparing for next steps (climbing those mountains).

*Becki*

**Becki Smale, Headteacher**



## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 11 Prom

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 11 Leaver's Assembly

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 11 Last Day

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Year 7 Transition Day and  
Whole School Moving Up Day

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July** – GOSFEST and Meet the Teacher

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Leavers Assembly

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – End of Term, 1.30pm

## **TRAVEL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS**

If you have not already done so, please remember to complete a new travel assistance application for all current Year 2 and Year 6 students. This is for all students in these year groups regardless of whether they are staying at Gosden House or moving to a new setting in September 2025.

It is an online application process.

[Apply for under 16 travel assistance to school - Surrey County Council](#)

## **OFSTED REPORT**

A copy of our most recent OFSTED report can be found on our website [OFSTED-May-25-Final-Report.pdf](#)

## **RECENT PARENTMAILS**

Holiday Club Vouchers

Headlice

Snoxhall Park

County Care – Transition Club

Swimming Thursdays

Year 9 Business Enterprise Project Sale

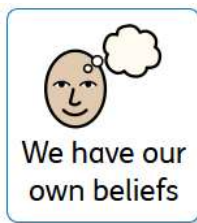
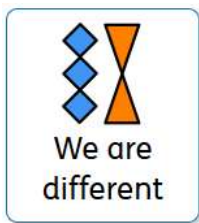
Digital Safety Wellbeing Software

Online Safety

Ikea Trip

Road Closures

Specialist School Mental Health Support Team Newsletter



# BADGERS

In the week before half term, Badger Class took part in Focus Week which was centred around Diversity. We focused on the fact that we are all different but each of us is special and unique and we have our own ideas, beliefs and opinions.



Badger Class read *This is ME!* by George Webster using our [Listening Learning Habit](#). We talked about how exciting it is that we are all different and how boring it would be if we were all the same. We celebrated being special and unique. We used a lump of clay and our [Creative](#) and [Keep Trying](#) Learning Habits to express ourselves and communicate to others what is special about us, what we like, or what we like doing. We made keyrings to remind us that we are all special.

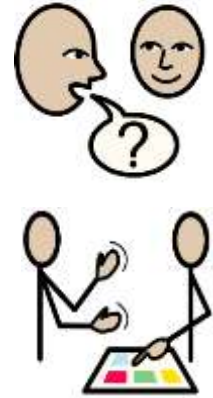




Badger Class thought about the fact that people can have different opinions and beliefs and that's okay. We used our **Asking Questions** and **Explaining** Learning Habits to talk about people having different faiths; with some people believing in God and some not.

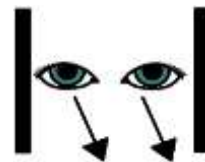


# BADGERS



We used art from the 3 main religions who believe in the same God to explore our own beliefs and those of others and how followers of the faiths express their beliefs. We needed to use our **Learning Together**, **Exploring** and **Noticing** Learning Habits. Badger Class made Jewish lanterns to represent eternal light. We decorated crosses as a symbol of Christianity. We also drew henna patterns, practicing first on white boards and then using face paints to draw them on our hands as they express celebration in Islam.

Badger Class shared with the school what we had learnt in assembly on Friday!



Falcons have made a great start to the second half of the summer term. They have come in ready to use their learning habits in their school day.

We have enjoyed starting a new Maths topic about Measurement. We have learnt about the importance of accuracy when measuring with rulers and metre sticks and used our careful **noticing** skills to make sure the object we are measuring starts at 0 on the ruler. We then used our **problem-solving** skills to find objects that measure certain lengths or more/less than a given measurement. Some of us were very resourceful and found that another metre stick could be used as the object for the metre measurement!

We also welcomed Emily to the classroom and listened carefully as she told us about her amazing experiences competing in weightlifting for Great Britain. We found out that Emily could lift the equivalent weight of a small brown bear or an ostrich! It was an honour to be able to hold her many trophies and medals.

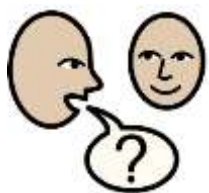


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Our topic is “Rivers and Canals” and we have been very keen to use the maps to explore bodies of water in the areas near where we live as well as near school. We have learnt new vocabulary as well as been **creative** with some beautiful artwork on rivers.



# FALCONS



In Literacy we have been developing our **asking questions** learning habit as we have had the privilege of welcoming two sporting visitors to the classroom. Lloyd came in to share his amazing experiences about running marathons including the London marathon and being the youngest person with his learning difficulty to run a marathon. It was an inspiring talk.

We are looking forward to the many activities and experiences we will have during the rest of our time in Falcons including a trip to the “Kids Day out” next week. There is a well-planned timetable to support them as they think about transitioning onwards to their new classes in September.





# Gosden House School

Bramley, Guildford

**Super Draw**

Win a Luxury City Break, or £1,000 cash!



## About our cause

Welcome to Gosden House School lottery. This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children – we aim to provide extra resources for the children, improve the school environment as well as run extracurricular activities such as music, art and sport.

Your support is greatly appreciated and we wish you good luck!

Yours sincerely

*Your PTA TEAM*



**£395.20** of £1040.00 target

19 tickets of 50 ticket goal

[Buy tickets](#)

[Share our lottery](#)

**Next draw prizes**

**£25,000 jackpot**

£5.70 guaranteed prize (this will go up as tickets are sold)

**Next draw**

**1d 8h 51m**

Sat 5 April 2025

[Support Gosden House School when you play Your School Lottery - Your School Lottery](#)

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We celebrated Cultural Diversity week by exploring different cultures that are represented in our class.



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We used our learning together muscles to find out about the origins of Reggae music and learnt to sing the song “Three Little Birds”. Some of us discovered that they could play it on the keyboards.



We sampled Indian food by making some delicious samosas, and then explored Japanese origami and board games, making paper animals and playing the game “Othello”.





Before half term we enjoyed a visit from the Rocksteady music group. They showed us how to play different instruments from the queen song "We Will Rock You".

We used our being brave muscles to try out the instruments and we made our own version of this great song.



We have also been developing our social skills, learning to take turns and share, playing board games with our friends.





As part of their Catering and Hospitality coursework, our KS4 Gosden Bakehouse students planned, cooked and served a 3-course lunch to 8 guests including some of our governors.

The team have been working towards this for a number of months, trialing and taste testing different recipes to ensure a successful event.

Students served home baked naan breads with dips, a chicken and sweet potato curry with a vegetarian option for main and dessert was mini lemon cheesecakes.

The team set the table, greeted guests at the door and served drinks before professionally plating up the food and serving. The whole team were absolutely brilliant, the service they delivered was so professional and the food went down a treat.





# E-SAFETY



I wanted to highlight a tool that can be used to support parental controls.

## [Parental control and digital wellbeing software | Qustodio](#)

Qustodio is a great and comprehensive parental control app. It gives you a dashboard to see all your child's online usage and from there you can limit time on certain apps such as saying you only want them to access YouTube for an hour at the weekend etc.

You can also monitor messages sent and received and anything posted on social media.

It allows you to

- Filter content and apps
- Monitor activity
- Set time limits
- Schedule screen free moments
- Track calls and SMS
- Locate family
- Generate reports and alerts



They also produce guides and support for parents with advice and guidance on supporting your child to develop a healthy relationship with technology.

There is an annual fee of £39.95 although they have some resources you can access for free and a free trial period so you can try it beforehand.

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

Thank you,  
Charlotte







# Additional Needs Service showcase

Wednesday  
18 June 2025  
10am-3pm

Ripley Village Hall  
High Street, Ripley  
GU23 6AF

Free parking onsite and public transport nearby.

- ★ Come and find out about local and national services!
- ★ Age range 0-25 years for Children and Young People with Additional Needs
- ★ For Families and Practitioners

If you would like further details please scan the QR code or email

[localoffer@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:localoffer@surreycc.gov.uk)



No need to book, just drop in!



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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/>

Speech & Language Therapy  
Team

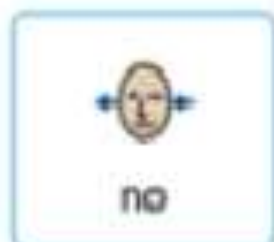
☆ Makaton Champions ☆

Signs of the week w/c 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025

(Theme: consent)

This week's champions are:

☆ Maddie and Tyler – Falcons Class ☆



## AMAZON WISH LIST



Gosden House School

### Gosden House Wish List

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/registries/gl/guest-view/HLH16NVYVLGU>

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.

