



# GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL

## GOSDEN NEWS

18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

As we reach the end of the summer term, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a truly remarkable and rewarding year here at Gosden. Our pupils have shown incredible resilience, kindness, and enthusiasm throughout the term, and we are so proud of everything they have accomplished. There are so many highlights: Christmas Fair, Santas visit, Tea Under the Tree, Gosfest and Sports Day, to name a few. School Council have raised money, entertained visitors and really showcased Gosden. It has been lovely watching each of them grow in confidence and shine as ambassadors for our community.

As we move to September, we are excited for the impending changes, the new Life skills flat, refurbished by our pupils will be up and running, changes with the animals, to improve their enclosures plus the Gosden Bakehouse will be open for learning.

Sadly, we have to say goodbye to Max, Debby, Alex and Steph – their contributions to the school over many years of service will be sorely missed, and we wish them all well in their new adventures.

I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to all our staff, who go above and beyond every day, whether that's in the classroom, the grounds, pastorally or in an admin role. Their commitment to creating a caring, engaging, curious and inclusive learning environment is quite remarkable.

To our pupils – thank you for your hard work, your tenacity and attitudes. You are what makes our school such a special place.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for the start of a new school year full of promise and possibility.

*Becki*

**Becki Smale, Headteacher**



**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September – First day of Autumn Term –  
Learning Power Day**  
**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October – Half Term**  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December – End of Term, 1.30pm**  
**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – First day of Spring Term**

**NAMING OF UNIFORM AND BELONGINGS**

Every day in the office we are handed uniform, water bottles and belongings that are not named. Please make a conscious effort to name your child's belongings for when they return in September. Thank you, the Office

**RECENT PARENTMAILS**

**School Reports**  
**Vocational Studies dress code KS4**  
**Maths @Home Boxes**  
**Free School Meal Vouchers**  
**Breakfast Club**  
**Gosdenberry – 25<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Learning Power Day – 5<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Leavers Assembly Year 6**  
**School lunches for September**



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GOSFEST  
a fabulous celebration of  
creativity



# Artventure Visual Art Sessions at Gosden House



Artventure Trust offers creative and fun visual art sessions for adults with learning disabilities and additional needs in their studio at Gosden House School on Mondays and Fridays from 9.30 am to 2.30 pm during school term time. In a small group of maximum 10, participants have the chance to explore the visual arts and enjoy social interactions with their peers, tutors and volunteers. We offer many art forms from drawing and painting to printmaking, textile, photography, pottery and much more.

Please help us spread the word, feel free to forward this information to anyone who might benefit from our service. Please contact us to arrange a free trial session by email [manager@art-venture.co.uk](mailto:manager@art-venture.co.uk) or calling 01483 304884. For more information on Artventure check [www.art-venture.co.uk](http://www.art-venture.co.uk).

We are looking forward to hearing from you.





## PARENT/CARER SOCIAL MEDIA ADVICE FROM A PUPIL



"BEING ONLINE CAN BE REALLY TRICKY! "I THINK PARENTS SHOULD CHECK THEIR CHILD'S PHONE AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK"

"I THINK IT WOULD BE GOOD IF PARENTS OR CARERS CHATTED REGULARLY TO THEIR CHILD TO CHECK IF THEY HAD ANY WORRIES ONLINE BECAUSE IT COULD MAKE IT EASIER TO TALK ABOUT WORRIES AND NOT KEEP THEM INSIDE"

"CHECK THAT YOUR CHILD IS OLD ENOUGH TO GO ON THE DIFFERENT APPS."

"I THINK PARENTAL CONTROL IS REALLY IMPORTANT, SO YOU CAN SEE WHAT IS GOING ON AND BE ABLE TO HELP IF NEEDED."

"YOU CAN PUT LOCKS ON APPS SO YOUR CHILD CAN'T USE THEM BUT YOU NEED TO CHECK REGULARLY AS THEY CAN BE ADDED AGAIN"

"I AM HAPPIER WHEN I DONT HAVE MY PHONE BECUASE, THERE IS NO DRAMA."

"JUST SEEING MY FRIENDS IN SCHOOL IS BETTER."

"SO MUCH OF THE DRAMA AT SCHOOL IS BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENS AFTER SCHOOL ON SOCIAL MEDIA"

"ON SNAPCHAT YOU CAN MAKE DIFFERENT ACCOUNTS AND PEOPLE CAN PRETEND THEY ARE SOMEONE ELSE."

"ON SNAP CHAT PEOPLE CAN SEND NUDES AND THEN AS SOON AS YOU OPEN IT UP IT IS DELETED."

"ANYONE CAN ADD YOU TO A GROUP ON SNAPCHAT EVEN IF YOU DONT WANT TO BE ADDED."

"THERE IS PEER PRESSURE TO SEND NUDES TO EACH OTHER."

"DRAMA ONLINE COMES INTO SCHOOL THE NEXT DAY AND CAUSES ARGUMENTS."

"ON FACEBOOK LOTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE DONT PUT THEIR ACCOUNT ON 'PRIVATE' THIS MEANS THEY CAN BE CONTACTED BY ANYONE, EVEN PEOPLE THEY DONT KNOW."



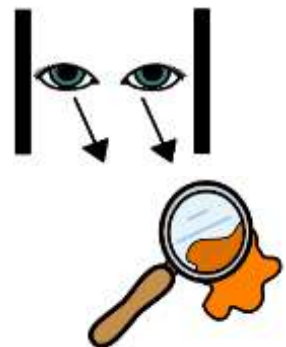




# B A D G E R S



On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July, Badger Class went to Painshill Park. We had a fantastic day and used all our [Learning Habits](#) as we followed a sensory trail. We found minibeasts under logs, completed a blindfold trail, collected different textured leaves, made perfume from flowers and went butterfly catching with nets in the meadow. After a picnic lunch, we built dens, jumped tyres and challenged ourselves on the trim trail. We all slept well on Monday night!





In Foxes we are having a fun, engaging and busy end to the school year. We are so proud of the class for their wonderful performances at Gosfest. They have also recently had a visit from the police who taught them about what the police do, how they help people and even let them have a go exploring their vehicles. We also had a lorry driver visit us and let them explore the vehicle on the same day.



# FOXES



On Moving up day they had a great time becoming 'Squirrels' for the morning. They go to explore the middle room, cloakroom and new toilets. They enjoyed making squirrels from collage materials and learned how to draw a squirrel stage by stage. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn together ready for September.



We are so proud of you and hope you have a wonderful Summer Holidays Foxes Class.

Falcons class have had a wonderful summer term full of learning and school trips.

In Maths we enjoyed learning about volume and capacity. We used problem solving skills to work out how we can measure the capacity of a suitcase. We learned how to measure ml and followed instructions to make grizzly potions. We also used our [creative learning habit](#) to write instructions for our own magical potions.



In Literacy we have been learning about poetry, particularly enjoying listening to poems by Michael Rosen and Josphe Coelho. We created our own rhyming poems about our favourite foods. We explored similes and worked as a team to create a poem describing our school grounds.



We absolutely loved going on our Kid's Day Out trip in June, the children had a brilliant time going on rides, inflatables, getting face paints and temporary tattoos and even seeing some birds of prey. We also liked visiting the planetarium and finding out more about our solar system.

On Monday the Year 6's led a wonderful Leavers Assembly. We are very proud of all the children in Falcons class, and we have loved watching them progress and bond as a class this year. We wish them all the best for their new classes in September.



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Our School Councillors have shown great commitment to their roles and have given their own time to support the whole school this year. To recognise all their hard work, we had a special treat to The Nest in Bramley. Thank you... you have been amazing!



It was amazing! - Katy

It was lovely - Lulu

Yummy! - Phoenix

It was amazing - Tyler

I enjoyed spending time with the teachers - Finley

It was fantastic! - Jessica

This half term has been jam packed and we have had so much fun learning in and out of the classroom in 8S. We wanted to share our AMAZING aspirational day out to WB Studios with you.



The day began with us using our Getting Ready muscle to prepare for the day and make sure we tried all the learning opportunities available. We were treated like VIPs as we were given special access to their classrooms. In the room were real props, costumes and other bits and bobs they used in the films. The teacher talked to us about career opportunities in the film industry which gave us all a lot to think about for our possible future jobs. We then created Hagrid's hut using white card (like the set designers do) and talked about how important it is to be a creative thinker. Next was the tour of the studios. There was so much to do, from riding a broomstick to watching how films are created from script to screen. Everyone used their Being Brave muscle as we had to negotiate a busy place and ask questions to find out more information about what we were interested in. Our Gosden children shone with impeccable manners and staff commented on their great questions. It may have been a long day, but it was an excellent experience.



'I loved the part where the dragon came towards you - it was really exciting! I enjoyed learning about the mess and make-up for the goblins' - Bethany



'My favourite bit was the animatronic spiders in the Forbidden Forest and I enjoyed learning what an animatronic is' - Ryan

'I enjoyed everything, especially the spiders! I learnt never to mess with Harry Potter!' - Kelsie



'I really enjoyed the dragon scene when it showed up and I really enjoyed Diagon Alley. We learned about directing films and the essentials needed to make them' - Safa



'I enjoyed the train, the dragon, the spiders and spending time with the people in the class. I didn't learn anything new because I'm a super fan' - Phoenix

Our next adventure was to West Wittering as part of Our World learning about coasts, including erosion and pollution. We did a very thorough survey of the beach after our lifeguard talk on how to keep safe in the water. We learnt about the different flags and listened when adults on the beach didn't know what we did! Using our Healthy Relationships toolkit, we had fun with our friends and enjoyed a dip in the sea. Some of us had never been to the sea and experienced the abundance of sand inbetween their toes. All of the children were exceptionally well behaved and a credit to our school.



Year 9 have been working so hard all term on their business enterprise project. To start the class had to use their 'Getting Ready' muscles to decide on which products they wanted to make for the class sale. The class then used their 'ICT skills' and 'Numeracy skills' to find the resources that they would need and work out how much it would cost to make their products.



Once everything had been ordered Year 9 worked so hard to create a huge range of products to sell. There were cupcakes, badges, keyrings, loom bands, mystery bags, drawings, bouncing putty, clay figures, coasters, friendship bracelets and bookmarks.



After some fantastic advertising Year 9 ran their sale and had an incredible turn out. Thank you to everyone who brought in money, bought something or came to show their support. Year 9 are very grateful! The learners then counted their earnings, deducted their costs and worked out they had made an amazing £120 profit!

Using their 'Learning Together' muscle Year 9 then decided what they wanted to spend their profits on. The winning vote was a trip to the Friary Centre food court. It was a great opportunity to use lots of our life skills; ordering food, paying with cash, working out what we could afford and navigating around the shopping centre. The class had an amazing time and especially enjoyed their well-earned McFlurries! Well done Year 9!







My favourite trip in year 10 was going to an art gallery. My advice for the new year 10s is be yourself, smile, laugh and be kind. - Lulu

My favourite part of year 10 was working hard and being with my friends. Something I will miss is my friends, my teachers and TAs and learning. My advice for being in Year 10 is work hard, have fun and enjoy. - Rayan



Things I have learnt this year are to improve my stories and to never give up if I get spelling wrong. My favourite trip was to Wittering beach. I liked digging in the sand, having lunch on the beach and being with my friends. My advice for Year 10 is never give up, always do your work and stay kind. - Alisha

My favourite part of Year 10 has been going on trips with Out and About. Things I have learnt are how to care for the animals. - Mell



# 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

James  
Ruby  
Katy  
Aalia  
Ben  
Lilly  
George  
Bethany

## Year 10

Alisha

## Year 9

Casper  
Melissa





To our Parents and Carers,  
We hope that you all have a wonderful, fun and relaxing Summer. However, we realise that worries and troubles can arise and this is an overwhelming time for many. Please remember that you are not alone and many of our families worry about the long summer holidays. Please check out the links and resources on the Pastoral Page of the Gosden website <https://www.gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk/our-pastoral-support/>

For help and advice during the holidays, the ND helpline is available 7 days a week between 5.00-11.00pm - **0300 222 5755**.

In case of emergency CYPS crisis line (24/7) is **0800 915 4644**.

Please reach out for support if you need it!  
The Pastoral Team

#### Courses available

- **Parenting** Help understand your children and teenagers' behaviour, anxiety and mental health.
- **Maths** Learn about methods used in schools today.
- **English as an Additional Language** Support for you and your child with English and how education in England works.
- **Literacy** Learn about how English is taught in schools today.
- **Cookery** Be inspired and cook healthy family dishes together.



**Surrey Adult Learning** offer many courses available for **free** to parents and carer. For more information visit:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/adult-learning/courses/family-learning>

#### HOLIDAY SESSIONS

29TH JULY

SAYERS CROFT

10:00 - 2:00



21ST AUGUST

FAMILY SWIM

10:15 - 12:30

31ST JULY

FAMILY SWIM

10:15 - 12:30

7TH AUGUST

MANE CHANCE

1:30 - 3:30

28TH AUGUST

FAMILY SWIM

10:15 - 12:30

# Challengers

Events on at Challengers this Summer:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/thehubchallengers>

**F6IT** offer activities adapted for children and young people with additional needs throughout the summer. Email [hello@f6it.org](mailto:hello@f6it.org) for more information.

## Top Summer Tips from Surrey Parents, to Surrey Parents



- Don't be afraid to say no! I found myself agreeing to a meet up with lots of different friends without considering the impact on my child's wellbeing.
- Try not to plan too much – my child struggles if we are rushing around all week, we now plan a couple of outings and spend more time just chilling out at home.
- Take time for yourself if you can. Even if it is just a soak in the bath ,that time is so valuable.
- If you are taking out a fussy eater then take along your own food. One less thing to worry about!
- School holidays can be tricky for some children and young people – especially if they like each day to follow a set pattern and benefit from a structured timetable. Having plans in place can help you and your children to feel more relaxed.
- What are your coping strategies: just because it's a holiday doesn't mean that you have to change the way you manage stressful situations – if something works for you or your child/young person use it.
- Prepare your child/young person: visual timetables, pictures, photographs, objects and social stories can all be useful tools to help prepare your child/young person.
- Print off a week-to-view calendar: and add in pictures of your planned activities during the holidays (divide into morning, lunch, evening etc). This will help your child to know exactly what will be happening and when.
- Roll with it: sometimes things won't go according to the plan – don't let this become a source of stress – have a back-up plan or work with what is happening rather than against it.

The NAS Surrey branch are also hosting a Family Adventure Crazy Golf Event in Woking for families of children with Autism.

On 29<sup>th</sup> July, arrival between 3 and 4pm / Pizza and chips for £5pp

Suggested donation £4pp for golf

Email [surrey.branch@nas.org.uk](mailto:surrey.branch@nas.org.uk) to book



National  
Autistic  
Society

Surrey  
Branch



Come to Gosdenberry! A fun fundraising musical afternoon in our beautiful walled garden, to raise money for our school. It's also a great opportunity for our children to meet up and visit the school grounds in late August, helping with the return to school in September. This year the PTA will be running a Pimms stall, so if you can help or would like further information please contact Louise at paul.louise.dallain@gmail.com



Rotary in Guildford presents

# GOSDENBERRY 2025

**GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL  
BRAMLEY GU5 0AH**

**AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup> 2025  
2pm to 6pm**

**About Our Event!**

Join us in the School's magnificent Walled Garden for an afternoon of entertainment whilst supporting Rotary Charities and Gosden House School

**Event Highlights**

- Live Performances** ◀ Musical entertainment from local performers and Surrey Bands. Also an open mic for those with the ability!
- Cream Teas** ◀ Cream Tea included with Adult entry tickets bought on line before 25<sup>th</sup> August
- Bar** ◀ Soft drinks and Pimms Bar by School Parents' Association.
- Raffle** ◀ Raffle in aid of the Guildford Mayor's Charity 'The Cheryl King Trust' "Enabling All Young People To Make Music"
- Fun** ◀ Bring your chairs, rugs and picnic to enjoy the relaxing fun afternoon. (sorry, only Guide/Sensory dogs allowed)

**£12 Tickets available using the QR code and also available from the website at [www.rotaryinguildford.org](http://www.rotaryinguildford.org)**

No cream tea included with Tickets bought at gate for £10



# Trekking Festival

for children with additional needs

**St Saviour's Church, Guildford, GU1 4QD**  
Contact: Joanne Gillard, Additional Needs Pastor 07366 142852  
[joanne.gillard@stsavioursguildford.org](mailto:joanne.gillard@stsavioursguildford.org)

**Tues, Weds, Thurs  
12-14 August 2025  
10am - 12pm**

Parents cafe available  
One to one child supervision (subject to availability)

**Booking is essential**

- Bouncy castle
- Farm animals
- Additional needs childrens' entertainer
- Face painting
- Tattoos and nail painting
- Sensory areas
- Messy art and play
- Music and stories

**equip invest transform**

Themes include

**TUESDAY | Noah and the Ark | ABBA & Party Songs**

**WEDNESDAY | Jesus calms the storm | Children's Entertainer - Balloons/Temporary Tattoos**

**THURSDAY | Jesus welcomes a friend for tea | Farm Day**

# Kids Eat Free or Cheap at the following places during the Holidays

# SUMMER ACTIVITIES

## ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

## ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

## ASK ITALIAN

Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays

## BEEFEATER

2 kids under 16 eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

## BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main

## BILLS

Kids Eat Free, weekdays, Mon 26th – Fri 30th May

## BREWERS FAYRE

2 kids under 16 eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

## BREWDOG

2 Kids eat free with 1 adult, Mon 26th – Fri 30th May

## BURGER KING

From 26th May - 1st June 2025.

Kids Eat Free with every adult meal, via the app.

## COCONUT TREE

Kids Eat Free from Sun 25<sup>th</sup> May to Sun 1<sup>st</sup> June.

## DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

## FARMHOUSE INNS

2 kids eat FREE with one paying adult, Friday 23rd to Friday 30th of May. Sign Up Required

## FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

## GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

## HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

## IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

## LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

## MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

## MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

## PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

## PREMIER INN & TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

## PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

## PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

## SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

## SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

## TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

## TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

## THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

## WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

## YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

Discover youth clubs  
and other services  
for you

Surrey Youth  
**VOICE**

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links  
or scan  
QR codes



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www.instagram.com/  
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Instagram

Youth centres and projects

[www.surreycc.gov.uk/youthcentres](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/youthcentres)



LGBTQ+ youth groups  
and services

[www.surreycc.gov.uk/youngpeoplelgbt](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/youngpeoplelgbt)



Support and social groups for  
young people with additional  
needs and disabilities

[www.surreylocaloffer.org.uk/directory](http://www.surreylocaloffer.org.uk/directory)



Housing advice for  
young people

[www.surreycc.gov.uk/youngpeoplehousing](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/youngpeoplehousing)



Youth Cafes

[www.mindworks-surrey.org/youth-cafes](http://www.mindworks-surrey.org/youth-cafes)



Participation groups

[www.surreycc.gov.uk/ourvoice](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/ourvoice)  
[www.mindworks-surrey.org/share-your-view](http://www.mindworks-surrey.org/share-your-view)



CYP Havens

[www.surreycc.gov.uk/cyphaven](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/cyphaven)





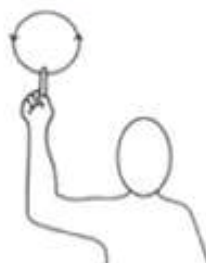
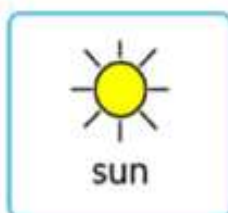
Speech & Language Therapy  
Team

☆ Makaton Champions ☆

Signs of the week w/c 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025  
(Theme: Summer Holidays)

This week's champions are:

☆ Bonny & Leo (and Natalie!) – Owls 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.

