



# GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL

## GOSDEN NEWS

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

We are now four weeks into the new term, and it has been wonderful to see the school so full of energy and enthusiasm again. The children have settled back into their routines brilliantly.

A particular highlight of these first few weeks has been taking part in the 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' to support Macmillan. This event was organised by Mrs Heal and held in the school's brand new Bakehouse. It was a fantastic morning filled with delicious treats, made by some of our very own talented pupils, and lots of friendly faces. Even better we raised an impressive amount for charity.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY



**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October** – Harvest  
Assembly

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October** – Hellow Yellow Day (World  
Mental Health Day – students to wear yellow or  
something colourful for mufti day)

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October** – Focus Week  
PSHE

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October** – Half Term

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November** – Remembrance Assembly

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – Anti –  
Bullying Week

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Last day of term 1.30pm  
finish

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Inset day

## RECENT PARENTMAILS

Tick Awareness Leaflet  
Citizenship Learning Trip  
Cinema and Guildford Flames Trip  
My Best Next Steps Student Invitation  
HELLO YELLOW DAY (World Mental Health Day)  
Missed Flu Vaccination

## LOST PROPERTY

Please remember to name all your children's items  
of clothing, water bottles and bags. We cannot  
return items that are unnamed .



# R O B I N S

It is incredible to think that the Robins have already completed their first month at Gosden, and are also finishing off their first full week at school too!

We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them for the brilliant start they have made to their school year, getting to grips with our class routines and creating budding new relationships with their peers.





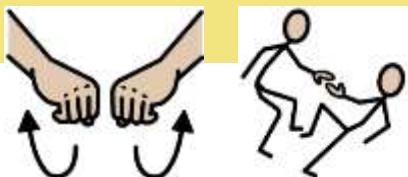
This half-term our topic is 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', and we have used this as the basis for our learning. We have listened to and retold the story and used Colourful Semantics to find the 'who?' and the 'what doing?' on each page. We have discussed who is in our families, the foods we like (and don't like!), and adventured off into the woods.



ROBINS



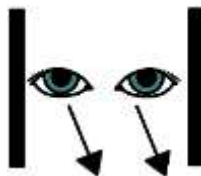
In our maths learning, we have been developing our understanding of number. We have sung lots of songs to help with our rote counting, and worked on carefully counting by moving objects and saying one number at a time. We are very excited to see what the Robins get up to next!



What a fantastic start we have had in Owl Class! The lovely little Owls have settled into their new classroom environment incredibly well and have been busy using their 'Exploring' and 'Learning Together' Habits to delve into the different provision areas inside and outside!



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Our topic for this half-term, *Goldilocks and The Three Bears*, has facilitated plenty of opportunities for learning outdoors! Owls have particularly enjoyed their learning in Forest School every week where they have been re-enacting the story and using their 'Creative' Habit to make the bears from clay and to decorate using resources found around them! Owls were so excited to explore the house of the bears too - 'Noticing' their chairs, beds, and even making Baby Bear's porridge "just right!"

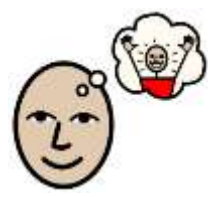




In our Literacy lessons, Owls have been using their 'Keep Trying' Learning Habit to sequence the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. They have also used their 'Learning Together' Habit to help create a story map as a class and have joined in to re-tell our story with actions and sound effects! Next week, we are looking forward to 'Exploring' mixtures by making porridge and cake too!



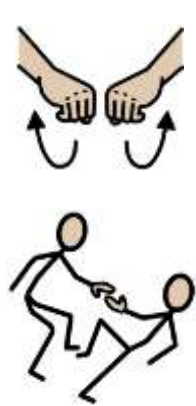
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In recent PSED lessons, Owl Class have been 'Exploring' what makes them special and unique. Over in the Art area, Owls demonstrated fantastic use of their 'Creative' Learning Habit to paint their very own self-portraits using mirrors to help them!

Badgers have had a very exciting start to the year.

We have been working really hard in Maths, counting, matching and comparing numbers as well as recognising numerals. We have used our 'Learning Together' Learning Habit when we have played maths games, and we have also used 'Keep Trying' too!



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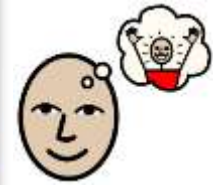
Each week, in Literacy we have concentrated on a book and our favourites have been Mr Big and Sam and Dave Dig a Hole. We have talked about the characters in the stories and identified what they were doing and how they were feeling. We have made emotion fans, created sentences using widgets and practised writing sentences to tell the stories. When we read The Smartest Giant in Town, we even crawled into a sleeping bag to see if we could describe what it was like!







# BADGERS



Our topic is 'Fire, Fire' and we have used our Learning Habits of '[Exploring](#)' and '[Creating](#)' by working on our topic in Drama, Art, Science and PSHE. We found out about fire safety, including practising a fire drill and we have just started work on volcanoes, beginning with naming the parts!



We love to sing in Badger Class, so we are always singing songs to help us learn!

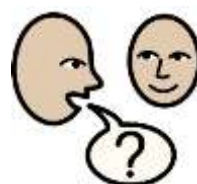




# S Q U I R R E L S

In Squirrels class we have started to learn about Egypt. They were shocked to find out what they ate but were happy to recreate stuffed shortbread biscuits – who knew the Ancient Egyptians had such a sweet tooth! Something they have in common with Squirrels class. We have also made our own jewelry following designs inspired by Ancient Egyptian fashions. The Squirrels class are also becoming experts in writing in hieroglyphics – amazing!

Despite this we all decided that we would rather live in the present day than Ancient Egypt as there are a lot less chores nowadays and back then girls were not even allowed to go to school!



In literacy we have been learning all about Fables and exploring the story of the lion and the mouse. This week we created our own characters that the lion and the mouse would help after they team up at the end of the story. They are working on creating newspaper and television reports to let everyone know what has happened to their characters.



As the seasons have started to change, we have been exploring the grounds, discussing the signs of Autumn and picking lots of delicious apples. This week we made apple tarts with apples from our school orchard. We have also started to help Miss Gale, our animal care teacher, to care for the animals, particularly feeding the goats and the chickens in the morning.



We are enjoying all our fabulous learning and your excellent imaginations Squirrels and cannot wait to see what we explore next!



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Year 8 have made a fantastic start to their time in their new class and settled in well to their new routines.

We have taken on the responsibility for feeding the animals on Wednesday mornings and are all very good at remembering to feed them and knowing how to look after them.



We started the year by thinking about things that are important to us, what makes each of us special and our relationships with others. We looked at the art of 'Stik', an anonymous street artist and used him as inspiration to create art with sticks, representing our families. Can you spot anyone you recognise!!



In our last assembly we were introduced to Ellie, a representative of Atkins Realis. Atkins Realis is a project management company that provides engineering across a range of sectors, including infrastructure, nuclear, and clean energy. Ellie challenged our learners to solve an engineering problem. How can we make our environment more sustainable? They were allowed to improve infrastructure and environments that already existed or create their very own. The learners also used their ICT skills to create a document explaining their design and how it was eco-friendly and sustainable.





It has been a very exciting start to the year for Key Stage 4 Catering and Hospitality students as we have been having our lessons in our newly refurbished Gosden Bakehouse. The kitchen space includes lots of new equipment and stainless steel benches just like we would find in a professional working kitchen which is really helping us to develop our work ready skills alongside our food preparation and food hygiene skills for our qualifications.



Last week we were really excited to host our first event in the cafe space. We really enjoyed decorating the space and took pride in showing it off to the rest of the school. We chose to host a Macmillan Coffee morning as a fundraising event and baked lemon drizzle cakes, Victoria sponges and our famous cheese twists from scratch. We received brilliant feedback and were very proud to have raised £102.30!



We have loved working in the new space with our friends and learning how to use the new equipment, and are looking forward to hosting lots more fun events!

## Something for parents and carers

Surrey  
CAREERS HUB

THE CAREERS &  
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# Best Next Steps Transitions Fair

- 16-17 April 2026
- 9.45am -1.30pm
- Woodhatch Place, Reigate, RH2 8EF

Surrey Careers Hub warmly invites your students and their parents or caregivers to our SEND transition fair. At this event, attendees will have the opportunity to connect with local colleges, employers, and service providers.

We will showcase a brief film that highlights various jobs within a building like Woodhatch Place, along with the skills required for those positions. This session will be interactive, featuring individuals from the film who will be available to answer questions.



Click [here](#)  
to register for a slot. Please  
order tickets for all attendees.



- Quiet zone available
- Room available for lunch/snack
- Ample free parking onsite
- Drop off at main reception
- Lifts and accessible facilities in the building
- Open to all KS4 and Post 16 year groups
- Email [tracey.haigh@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:tracey.haigh@surreycc.gov.uk) for more info.





## UPCOMING COLLEGE OPEN EVENTS

*All of these events must be organised online.*



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**BROOKLANDS  
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### **Brooklands Technical College**

22/10/25 - 4.30 - 7.00pm

4/02/26 - 4.30 - 7.00pm

29/04 - 4.30 - 7.00pm

SEND & Transition Tours : Tuesdays starting  
from 14/10/25 at 10.30 - 9/12/25

Please contact [isupport@brooklands.ac.uk](mailto:isupport@brooklands.ac.uk)  
if you have any questions about the tours



**ACTIVATE  
LEARNING**

**GUILDFORD COLLEGE**

### **Guildford College**

11/10/25 - 9.30 - 12.00

12/11/25 - 4.30 - 7.00pm



**Nescot**

### **Nescot College**

11/10/25 - 10.00 - 1.00pm



**Farnborough College  
of Technology**

### **Farnborough College of Technology**

14/10/25 - 4.00 - 7.30pm

15/10/25 - 4.00 - 7.30pm

19/11/25 - 4.00 - 7.30pm



**ACTIVATE  
LEARNING**

**MERRIST WOOD COLLEGE**

**AND UNIVERSITY CENTRE**

### **Merrist Wood College**

15/10/25 - 4.30 - 7.00pm

8/11/25 - 9.30 - 12.00

Hi, we're Mrs Cowles and Miss Sutton, your pastoral team. If you have any questions, are looking for a little guidance or advice, please contact us on:



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



07864 721931

## Helpful sites and resources

Below we have highlighted a few of our favourite helpful websites and resources for information, guidance and advice.

**L-SPA**- help and support for concerns regarding development and/or learning needs of your child <https://www.surreylocaloffer.org.uk/lspa>

**SEND Advice Surrey**- information and guidance for families

<https://www.sendadvice.surrey.org.uk/>

**National Autistic Society (NAS)**- provide a free family support service to Surrey families, with courses, resources and a free Autism advice line <https://www.autism.org.uk/>

**Family Voice Surrey**-independent guidance to parents and carers of young people with additional needs <https://familyvoicesurrey.org/>

**Surrey Family Information Service**- provides free information and signposting for families in Surrey

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/support-and-advice/families/contact/about>

**Mindworks Surrey**- emotional wellbeing, neurodivergent and mental health services for children and young people

<https://www.mindworks-surrey.org/>

**Stripey Stork**- services for families experiencing poverty including clothes, food, school uniform <https://stripeystork.org.uk/>

**Barnardos positive parenting service**- run 8 week courses for parents/carers of children with, or waiting for, an ADHD diagnosis

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/get-support/services/surrey-positive-parenting-service>

**Surrey Family Centres**- see here for a list of family centres in your local area and the support they can provide

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/support-and-advice/families/support-and-advice/family-centres>



## half term activities

Spark your child's imagination and creativity with our programme of fun events and activities

- Sat 25 October - Halloween Soap Making
- Sat 25 October - Theatre: Stories in the Dust
- Mon 27 October - Junk Puppets Workshop
- Mon 27 October - Filmmaking: Spooky Sustainable Horror
- Mon 27 October - Halloween Polymer Clay Jewellery
- Tue 28 October - Learn to Crochet Together
- Tue 28 October - Cinema: Flow
- Wed 29 October - 3D Design & Make
- Wed 29 October - Crafty Kids at Farnham Museum
- Thu 30 October - Crafty Kids at Farnham Museum
- Thu 30 October - Artbox Mixed Media
- Fri 31 October - Cupcake Decorating



scan or click here for more information

**farnhammaltings.com/half-term**  
Bridge Square, Surrey, GU9 7QR



Click the link below  
to book and find  
out more:  
<https://farnhammaltings.com/half-term>

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# GASKIN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHES

## 2025

**FREE LUNCH**

### 24th December

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR MEAL  
[WWW.FREECHRISTMASLUNCH.COM](http://WWW.FREECHRISTMASLUNCH.COM)  
[INFO@FREECHRISTMASLUNCH.COM](mailto:INFO@FREECHRISTMASLUNCH.COM)  
 MARTA 07855846597  
 FREE DELIVERY TO YOUR HOME  
 DELIVERY WITHIN 10 MILES OF GUILDFORD  
 DELIVERY BETWEEN 12PM - 3 PM

**WE NEED VOLUNTEER DRIVERS TO DELIVER**

**FREE EVENT - LONELY, STUDENTS,  
HOMELESS, VULNERABLE, OPEN  
TO EVERYONE IN NEED**

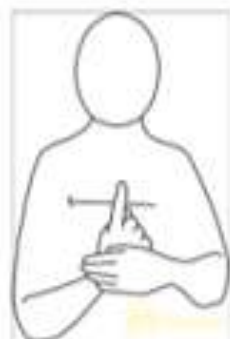
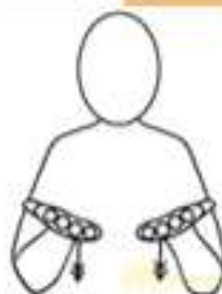
# Speech & Language Therapy Team

## ★ Makaton Champions ★

Signs of the week w/c 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
(Theme: Time concepts)

This week's champions are:

★ Aalia and Ben from Year 8 ★





## 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.

