



GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL

GOSDEN NEWS

28th November 2025

It's been a busy and exciting time around school over the past couple of weeks. We had a photographer in for school photos - the order sheets for these will be going home in book bags next week. At the same time, preparations are well underway for the Primary Presentation 'Finding Father Christmas' with children practicing hard to make it a memorable event for everyone involved. There's a real sense of anticipation and excitement in the primary classrooms. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers next Tuesday afternoon. You should have received an email with details on how to register for seats.

It's hard to believe we are now just under three weeks away from the Christmas holidays. To get everyone in the festive spirit, we will be having a Christmas Jumper day on Friday 12th December for a donation of £1 which will go to Save the Children, as well as our whole school Christmas lunch on Wednesday 17th December. Term will then end on the 18th at 1.30pm marking the start of a well-earned break for everyone.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sunday 30th November – School Christmas Fair 1-3pm
Tuesday 2nd December – Primary Presentation doors open
1pm for a 1.15pm start
Friday 12th December – Christmas Jumper Day £1
Donation
Wednesday 17th December – Christmas School Lunch
Thursday 18th December – Last day of term 1.30pm finish
Friday 19th December – Inset Day
Monday 5th January – Inset Day
Tuesday 6th January – Spring term starts

Primary Presentation



The Christmas primary presentation '*Finding Father Christmas*' will be on **Tuesday 2nd December** in the school hall, the doors will open at 1pm for a **1.15pm** start. Please ensure you book via online form sent via Parentmail.

RECENT PARENTMAILS

Safe Together Practice
School Photographs
Primary Christmas Presentation
Christmas Fair News
Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 17th December
Christmas Dates for the Diary
Cold weather and coats

AMAZON WISH LIST

A big thank you to the parents and carers who have purchased items from our Amazon wish list so far. We have just updated it with some wonderful new items so please take a look.

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

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GOSDEN HOUSE CHRISTMAS FAIR

SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2025

1 PM-3 PM

GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL

SANTA GROTTO - RAFFLE

TOMBOLAS - REFRESHMENTS

GAMES - GIFTS - NEARLY NEW-

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON!



CHRISTMAS
FAIR



Gosden House Christmas Fair CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Lots of prizes up for grabs including hampers,
alcohol, chocolate and more!

£1 A TICKET

(SOLD INDIVIDUALLY OR IN BOOKS
OF £5)

PRIZE DRAW:

30 NOVEMBER - 2.45 PM

Gosden House Main Hall

Get your
ticket here
(also on sale at fair!)



<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FQFT>

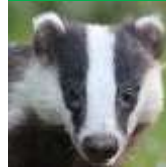
The second half term for Badger Class has been just as busy as the first one!



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We have been finding out about the Great Fire of London. We have used the **Listening** Learning Habit to listen to historical fiction and non-fiction books to find out how, where and when the fire started and how it was put out. We have used our **Keep Trying** Learning Habit to create sentences using colourful semantics and have even written a diary entry from Samuel Pepys! We can sing and sign a fantastic song about the Great Fire too!





B A D G E R S



In Maths, we have been finding out that numbers are made up of smaller numbers and have been working on the part, part, whole model and number sentences.



We have used our [Learning Together](#) Learning Habit to create firework paintings, find out about light in science, complete puzzles and to experience the snow!



Squirrels class really enjoyed their trip to the cinema recently. The coffee shop at the cinema gave them all hot chocolates for free with delicious marshmallows which was very exciting. They really enjoyed the film 'The Wild Robot' and were excellent audience members. They wrote a recount about the trip and shared their favourite parts of the film together wonderfully.



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We have been very busy rehearsing for our Christmas play which I am sure you have all heard lots at home – they are fantastic and are really enjoying our icy song and becoming the character of polar bears clearing the ice for Santa Claus. All the children have been using their **learning together** and **keep trying** learning habits.



In literacy we have been learning about non-fiction texts and being authors writing our own books all about squirrels. We have used contents, front covers, captions, headings and subheadings.



S Q U I R R E L S



In PSHE we have been learning about 'Life Skills' after budgeting, planning a 3-course meal and writing a shopping list. We went to Sainsbury's to buy ingredients. In the afternoon we cooked our meal as a team, tried all the different foods and ate as a class. Great planning and team work from everyone!





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](#)

RAISE
MONEY
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SCHOOL

We have been loving our weekly **life skills** lessons in the school flat. There are so many things that we are learning to do - hoovering, ironing, dusting. Our bedrooms must be spotlessly clean with all our new skills!



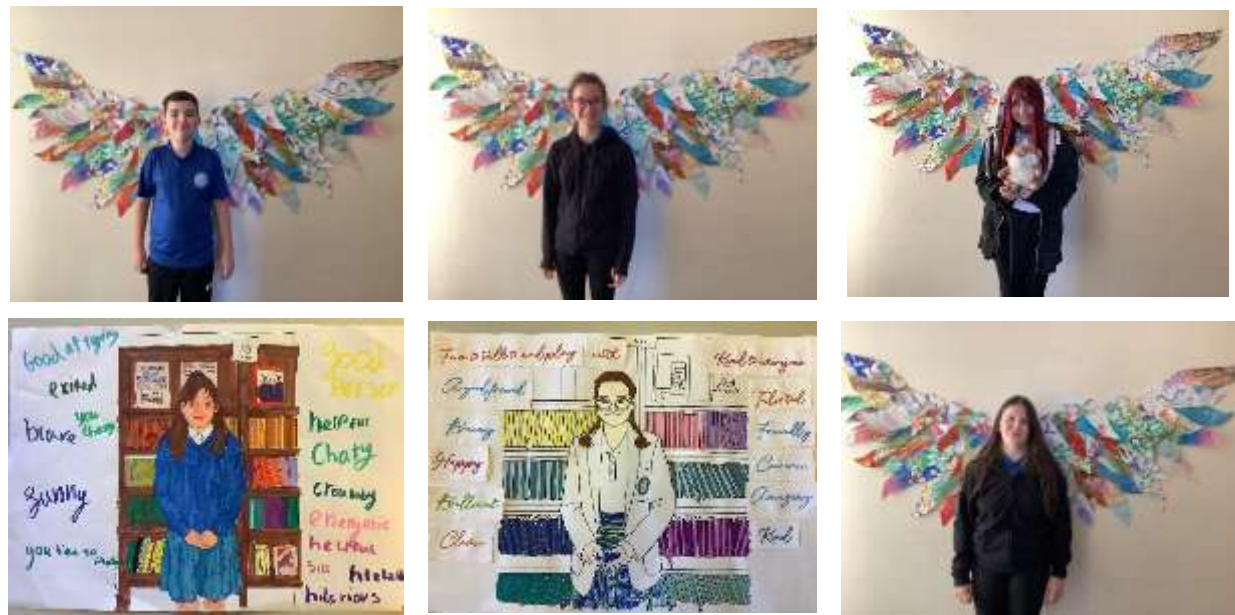
Bakehouse

The new bakehouse is up and running and we are developing our cooking skills.

As well as learning how to make pizza, we practiced careful cutting skills, an essential part of food preparation. We are looking forward to making omelettes and Christmas cookies later in the term.



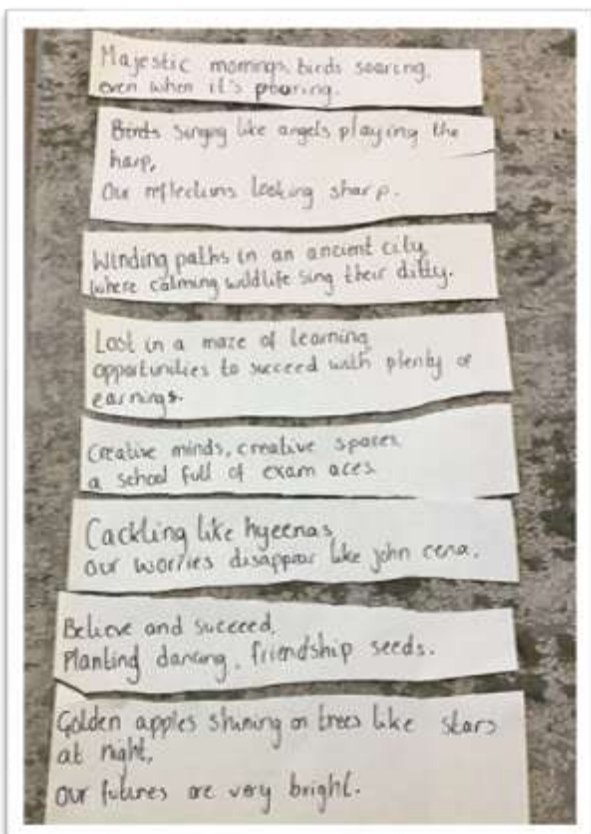
We used the book *Perfectly Norman* as a starting point for our **focus week**. He taught us that it is okay to be different and that we should respect all our differences. We worked together to make wings like his and were really proud of our final creation. We also discussed what is amazing about each of our friends and wrote affirmations around their pictures.



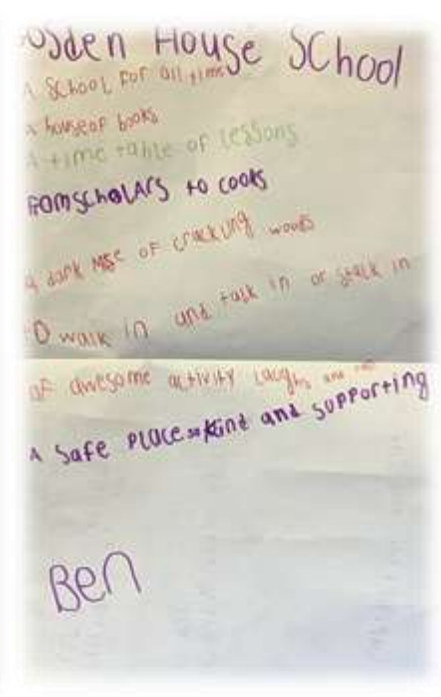
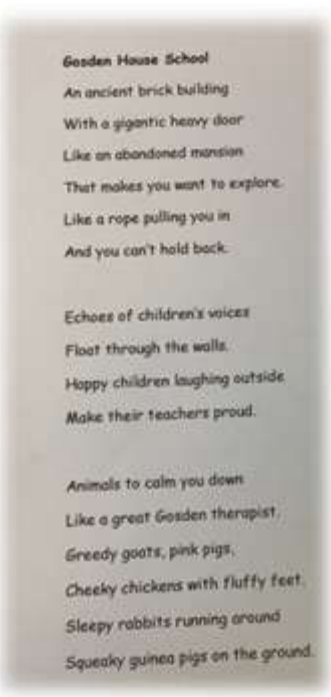
Employability

We know that all of the skills we learn at school will help us with our future employment. In our class, everyone has a special job and so we created special badges to wear to show what our role is.





We were very fortunate to have a visit from Kimba, a published poet. He shared some of his poems with us and guided us with how to create our own poems about our school. He was so inspirational.



We have been really lucky to have had lots of visitors in school this week. We started with a very interesting assembly from 'Bottled' who shared some movement and breathing exercises with us.



We also had the chance to watch an amazing play from Peer Productions. It was called Masking and explored lots of themes around mental health and growing up. There were also some funny moments during the show, and everyone was able to listen really well. The show gave us lots to think about and discuss.

Words have wings
They fly away
Higher and higher in the sky
Like a bird in the
atmosphere
Soaring in the sky like a hot
air balloon
Soaring, swaying, swooping
into the trees
A balloon of wings

By Archie



We got to meet a poet this week called Kimba. We were really inspired by his words and performance and thought he was 'so cool'! We got the opportunity to write our own poetry and one of our students, Archie, has shared his above.

We have also been getting out and about as well, and some of us got to do some travel training with the Try a Train scheme.



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Despite bus delays and roadworks causing a change of plan (which everyone coped brilliantly with!) we managed to travel on the train to Guildford and back, putting into practice some of what we had learnt in our travel training workshops like reading the departures board, following the safety rules and buying tickets from the machine. Our next trip will take us a little further afield!



UPCOMING COLLEGE OPEN EVENTS

All of these events must be organised online.



**BROOKLANDS
TECHNICAL
COLLEGE**

Brooklands Technical College

13/01/26 – 1.30 – 3.30pm

04/02/26 - 4.30 - 7.00pm

29/04/26 - 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 if
you have any questions
about the tours.

SEND Open Afternoon

at Guildford College

Guildford College

04/12/25 – 3 – 5pm

[SEND Open Afternoon -
Guildford Tickets, Thu 4 Dec
2025 at 15:00 | Eventbrite](#)

SEND Open Afternoon

at Merrist Wood College

Merrist Wood College

09/12/25 – 3 – 5pm

[SEND Open Afternoon -
Merrist Wood Tickets, Tue 9
Dec 2025 at 15:00 |
Eventbrite](#)

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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
Lucy F

Year 9W
Kelsie C
Alex S
Chance
Ryan

Year 9H
Bethany E
Kai Aberdeen
Levi Humphreys
Sophie Conder
Safa Azwai x 2
Max Barnett

Year 8
Aalia Sainudeen
George Griffin
Bethany Pannell



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



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>

Festive Fun

at **The Hive**



Monday 22nd December
10:00 - 14:00

Park Barn Drive
Guildford
GU2 8EN

The Hive



Join us for this **FREE**, family-friendly event with activities including:

Santa's Grotto
Raffle
Playrangers
Karaoke
Fairground Rides
Children's Lucky Dip

Panto Dames
Arts & Crafts
Live Music
Grilled Food
Face Painting
Balloon Animals



Speech & Language Therapy Team

☆ Makaton Champions ☆

Signs of the week w/c 1st December 2025

This week's champions are:

☆ **Bonny & Joseph – Rabbits Class** ☆



star



angel



King/Wise man



shepherd



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.

