



GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL GOSDEN NEWS

27th February 2026

Reading Week begins next week, running from Monday 2nd March to Friday 6th March, and we are looking forward to a full week of book-themed activities.

On Thursday we will be celebrating World Book Day, and children are welcome to come dressed as their favourite book character if they wish. We are also inviting families to donate any costumes or fancy-dress items that are no longer needed, so they can be reused by others. Each child has a digital book token that can be used on a phone, and the below flyer can be scanned if you would like to redeem it.

On Friday we will finish the week with Bedtime Stories Day. Children may come to school in suitable pyjamas or onesies and are welcome to bring a favourite book from home to share during story sessions. Slippers may be worn indoors, but please ensure children have appropriate footwear for outdoor play.

Mrs Boyce, Literary Lead



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day (children can dress as their favourite character if they wish)

Friday 6th March – Bedtime stories day (bring a book from home and come dressed in pyjamas/onesie)

Monday 9th March – Careers Fair from 1pm

Wednesday 11th March – Parent Consultations

Friday 27th March – Last day of Spring term, 1.30pm finish

Monday 13th April – Inset Day

Tuesday 14th April – First day of Summer term

Monday 25th – Friday 29th May – Half term

RECENT PARENTMAILS

Parents Evening Appointments – Weds 11th March

REAPPLYING FOR TRAVEL ASSISTANCE

For all parents of current Year 2 and Year 6 students who are moving to Junior/Secondary places in September 2026: You need to reapply for your child's travel assistance for their September 2026 placements even if they are staying at Gosden House. Travel assistance does not automatically roll over.

This is the link to reapply: [Apply for help with travel to school - Surrey County Council](#)

LOST PROPERTY

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

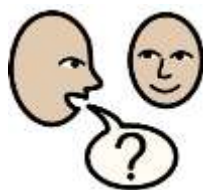
AMAZON WISH LIST

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>

🌍 Exploring Different Cultures

As part of our learning about **Understanding the World**, the children took part in an engaging Indian-themed workshop. They dressed in traditional Indian clothing and explored a range of authentic musical instruments, learning how music plays an important role in cultural celebration and storytelling. This hands-on experience encouraged curiosity, respect, and thoughtful discussion about similarities and differences between cultures around the world. The children asked fantastic questions and showed great enthusiasm throughout.



R A B B I T S

🎨 Art Inside + Outside

Creativity has been flourishing in Rabbit Class. Indoors, the children have been learning and practising traditional art techniques, including careful brush control, colour mixing, and observational drawing.

During Forest School sessions, they have explored natural art—creating sculptures and patterns using leaves, sticks, stones, and other found materials. These activities support fine motor development, imagination, and an appreciation of the natural environment.



Mathematics – Building Fluency and Mastery



R A B B I T S

In Maths, we have been focusing on the **composition of numbers**, exploring how numbers can be broken down and represented in different ways. The children have used practical resources such as counters, part-whole models, number frames, and pictorial representations to deepen their understanding.



This approach strengthens mathematical fluency and supports mastery by ensuring children understand numbers flexibly rather than simply memorising them.



Dinosaur Discoveries

We have also begun our exciting new topic on dinosaurs! The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring different dinosaur models through small-world play and learning fascinating facts from simple fact files.

This topic has sparked imaginative storytelling, collaborative play, and lots of thoughtful questions about the past.

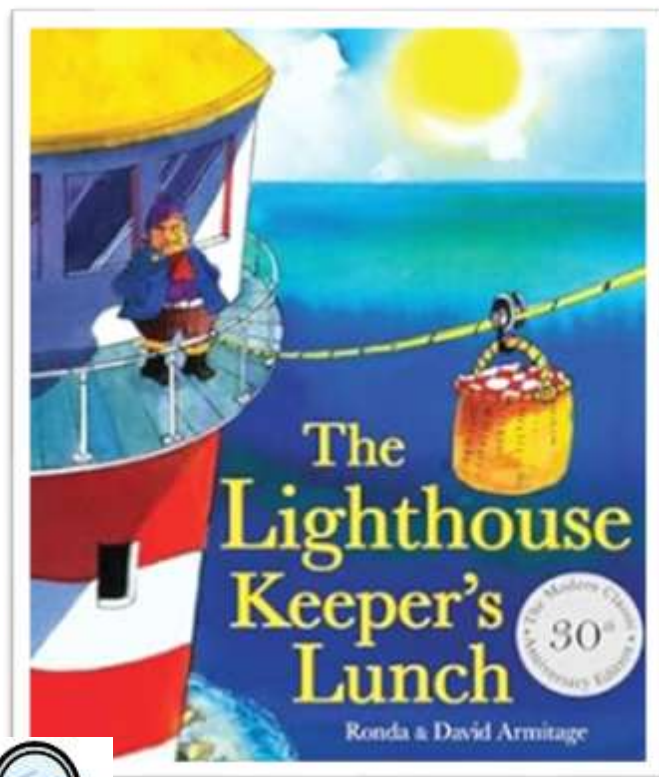
Rabbit Class continue to show fantastic teamwork, kindness, and enthusiasm in their learning. It is wonderful to see them growing in confidence and working together as a supportive learning community.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to sharing more of our learning with you soon!



S Q U I R R E L S

Squirrels have had such a busy half term! We have been learning the story of 'The Lighthouse Keepers' Lunch' and have used all our skills. We have been exploring to produce some incredible writing. The use of similes is particularly inspiring with characters who "wear hats as black as midnight" or "soar as silently as the gentle wind."



In Maths we have been exploring addition. We have been completing complex problem solving, adding 2 1-digit numbers and using our number bonds to help us.



Have a go at one of our favorites here -

We love explaining things to Tiny!

Tiny uses bricks to make a tower.



$$\boxed{8} + \boxed{2} = \boxed{10}$$

My tower shows $1 + 2 = 3$



Do you agree with Tiny?

On Number Day we used our measuring skills to make cakes and biscuits and then used our understanding of money to add and take away in order to buy treats from the Squirrels class bakery.



SQUIRRELS

One thing that we have been really enjoying is our DT lessons. We have been researching, writing menus, learning about food hygiene and cooking new recipes each week. Home-made chicken nuggets were a recent favorite!



This half term we are starting to learn about subtraction, reference texts, keeping safe and self care.

Spring is just around the corner and Woodpecker Class have been making the most of Gosden's wonderful grounds.



WOODPECKERS

We always enjoy our weekly Forest School sessions with Mrs Hall whether we are planting trees, learning more about our science topic or relaxing drinking hot chocolate. Most of all, we love using our 'Exploring' and 'Learning Together' learning habits as we play with our friends in the exciting woodland area.



In our Science lessons, we continued learning about our amazing bodies. We carried out different experiments to test our senses, using a variety of equipment including magnifying glasses, microscopes and sound metres. We are looking forward to discovering more about our sense of taste and touch over the coming weeks.



WOODPECKERS

In Maths this past half term, we have been learning about money. To help our understanding, we set up our own flapjack shop, selling various types of flapjacks at different prices. Mrs Dunn helped us make lots of delicious flapjacks and then Miss Sweeney supported us as shopkeepers using the correct coins. The following day, we used our 'Challenge' learning habit as we turned the classroom into a car showroom, buying cars and then adding on the cost of cleaning the cars. We particularly enjoyed making the cars sparkling clean for their new owners!



We continued focusing on 'Addition' in Maths. We had lots of fun fishing and adding the numbers on the fish together. We made comparisons to find out who had the highest total and lowest totals. One of our favourite activities was using our addition skills to make delicious 'Number Bond' domino cookies. We were given a target number and made sure that the white chocolate drops and brown chocolate drops added up to this amount.



In Literacy, we have been writing 'Marvellous Menus' using alliteration with all sorts of weird and wonderful ingredients. This inspired us to use our 'Creative' learning habit to make collages of these meals.





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 FOR OUR SCHOOL

Year 7 have been busy out and about again! Last half term, we had the opportunity to visit the Winchester Science Centre. We began by exploring the centre and used our 'Learning Together' learning muscle to learn about different areas of science and nature. We learned the science behind sound, hearing and vibration and even got to stand inside a massive guitar! We then took part in a really fun rocket workshop, Lucy said, 'it was the best part of the day'. During the workshop, we created our own rockets and then set them off up into space. Some of our rockets went as far as Mars!



In the afternoon we all transformed into astronauts and stepped into space, inside the planetarium. Tyler C said, 'he enjoyed the planetarium as he was able to see what space was like'. We went on an adventure exploring the different constellations in the sky and then went further into the solar system and explored the planets!

This week we had an adventure, team building day to Henley Fort! We all used our 'Being Brave' learning muscle and tried new activities we may not have tried before, such as rock climbing. George said that 'he was scared of heights but persevered with his fear and ended up really enjoying the rock climbing'. There were lots of different activities where we had to work well together in a team. We found communication and trust important skills. Leo said that, 'the challenge course was my favourite part of the day, I enjoyed working as a team and swinging on the ropes'.



We have really enjoyed our hands-on learning and shine when experiencing new opportunities!

Y E A R 9 H & 9 W

Year 9 had a fantastic time on their residential to Sayers Croft! There was lots of laughter, conquering fears and plenty of silliness. The adults were all so proud. We took part in so many activities including; orienteering, a camp fire, a night walk, hazel frame making, high ropes and a blindfold trail. A great time was had by all!





Click the link below to access free events at Challengers!



As part of Challengers our Community Hub offers support for families, helping them feel better connected and less isolated.



We offer...

- ★ Family Fun Days
- ★ After school stay and play sessions
- ★ Coffee mornings and informal drop ins
- ★ Parent workshops
- ★ One-to-one support in person and online



We can help by...

- ★ Providing support and advice
- ★ Guidance and signposting
- ★ Support with completing forms
- ★ Help applying for benefits and grants
- ★ Providing co-working space

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

"We've attended a couple of Family Fun Days now and our family gets so much out of it! The facilities are brilliant and it's lovely to see my kids playing together with others."
- Maddie, local parent

"Last Friday's session was so helpful, thank you and thanks for your kindness. So much to follow up on from that day." - Katie, local parent



Find out more by visiting our website!

www.disability-challengers.org/thehub



The Hub at Challengers



Registered Charity Number: 1086534 / Company Number: 4302704 Disability Challengers is a charity

The Hub at Challengers

Family After-School 'Stay and Play'

FREE sessions for families, 4pm - 6.30pm during term time. Siblings welcome.

DANCE SYNERGY DANCE[®]

Guildford Playcentre, ages 4-12
Taking place on Wednesdays



STAY AND PLAY

Guildford Playcentre, ages 4-12
Taking place on Thursdays



GAMING AND LEGO

Farnham Youthcentre, ages 10-18
Taking place on Thursdays



STAY AND PLAY

Farnham Playcentre, ages 4-12
Taking place on Fridays



Book on Ticket Tailor

[tickettailor.com/events/thehubchallengers](https://www.tickettailor.com/events/thehubchallengers)

The Hub Family FUN DAY



Come and enjoy our soft play and outdoor playgrounds with all the family



SCAN TO BOOK

Guildford and Farnham
Various Sundays 10am to 2pm

CONTACT US

WWW.DISABILITY-CHALLENGERS.ORG/THEHUB
thehub@disability-challengers.org

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>

Speech & Language Therapy Team

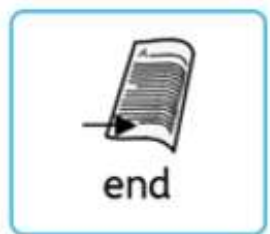
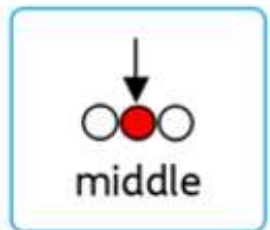
★ Makaton Champions ★

Signs of the week w/c 2nd March 2026

Reading Week

This week's champions are:

★ Maddi and Nella – Squirrels class ★



PTA Coffee Mornings 2026



Please join us from 9.30-11am on the below dates. On arrival please sign in at reception and wait to be taken across to the Bakehouse.

Friday 13th March

Friday 24th April

Friday 15th May

Friday 19th June

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AMAZON WISH LIST



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<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.

