



GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL

GOSDEN NEWS

24th April 2026

Welcome back to school - I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. As we begin the summer term at Gosden, there is once again so much to look forward to. The summer term always proves to be a busy and exciting one for our whole school community.

The coming weeks are jam packed with memorable events, including Sports Day, our Woodpeckers residential, the Year 11 Leavers Assembly and Prom, Year 7 picnic and transition day and the ever-popular Gosfest, to name just a few. Also, this year we are very excited to welcome a circus to the school grounds for a whole school event in June. Please remember to check ParentMail for information about these events. I am really looking forward to seeing our pupils make the most of the opportunities ahead and to sharing another vibrant and successful term together.

Mrs Smale, Headteacher



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 27th April – Friday 8th May – Year 11 Maths and English exams

Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday

Wednesday 13th May – Sports Day Morning

Friday 15th May – 9.30am - PTA Coffee Morning

Monday 25th – Friday 29th May – Half term

Thursday 4th June – Woodpeckers Residential

w/c 8th July – Focus Week – Wild Learning

Tuesday 9th June – Whole School Event – Circus

Friday 19th June – Whole School Sponsored Walk

Wednesday 24th June – Year 11 Leavers Assembly

Thursday 25th June – Year 11 Prom

Friday 26th June – Year 11 Last Day

Tuesday 30th June – Year 7 Picnic for parents and carers of current Year 6's staying at Gosden for Secondary

Wednesday 1st July – Year 7 Transition Day and Whole School Moving Up day

Friday 10th July – GOSFEST and Meet the Teacher

Tuesday 14th July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Wednesday 22nd July – Last day of Summer term, 1.30pm finish

RECENT PARENTMAILS

Sports Day

Free School Meal Holiday Vouchers Provision

Foxes trip to Wisley

Chickenpox

PTA Coffee Morning Dates Summer Term

Key Dates for Summer Term 2026

Asthma Inhalers

New Assessment System – Arbor

Important Reminder! Nut-Free Environment!



- Gosden House School operates as a nut-free environment to protect pupils with severe allergies.
- Parents/carers must ensure packed lunches and snacks do not contain nuts or nut products.
- Pupils are supervised during eating times and reminded not to share food.

Tick Awareness – Important Spring Reminder

Now that we are in April, this is a key time for tick activity, particularly in grassy and outdoor areas around Gosden. As you know, we love learning outside and spend lots of time enjoying our grounds, so we wanted to share a reminder about how we manage tick awareness and how you can help.

Some pupils may not be able to notice or tell us if they have a tick, so adult awareness is important.

What to look out for:

Please keep a gentle eye out during and after outdoor activities. Ticks are most commonly found in:

- Hairline and scalp
- Behind the ears
- Neck and waistband
- Behind knees or under arms

If you notice a tick:

- Please do not attempt to remove it
- Let your child's class teacher know straight away

Our school approach:

- As a school, we do not remove ticks
- Parents/carers will be contacted and asked to collect their child, so the tick can be removed safely at home or with medical advice if needed
- This helps ensure tick removal is done correctly and safely

How you can support

You can also help by:

- Encouraging appropriate clothing where possible
- Helping pupils avoid long grass or overgrown areas
- Checking your child after school, particularly after outdoor learning

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Mrs Mainwaring
Medical Lead





We're excited to share a fundraising opportunity which some of our brilliant and brave staff will be taking part in, all organised by Mr Fulton-Pemble! They'll be tackling the mud and obstacles, all to help raise money for our school and The Royal Marsden. Parents and carers can support the team and help us reach our fundraising target of £800 by donating via our JustGiving page:

[Crowdfunding For Good From JustGiving](#)

Every contribution makes a real difference, and we'll be sure to share some photos of our muddy (but hopefully still smiling!) staff after the event.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

The Summer Term has only just started but look how much learning Badger Class have done in such a short space of time!



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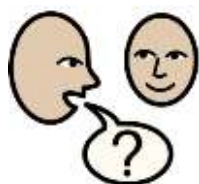


We've been **Learning Together** in the Bakehouse making Penguin Sandwiches and Banana Oat Bites.

We have been **Problem Solving** and **Exploring** doubles in Maths.



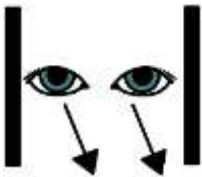
We have been **Asking Questions** about Islam in R.E.



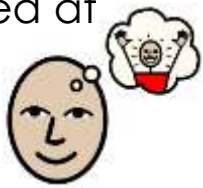


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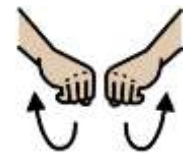
We have been **Noticing** and **Exploring** in Outdoor Learning as we are learning about maps and directions, here we are creating our own maps and giving directions around a rope course. We even had time to hold Percy the guineapig.



In drama we have been **Creative** as we explore transport through the ages. This week, we looked at wheels and horse drawn carriages.



We have been using **Keep Trying** with our phonics.



We have been **Listening** to a story called *Lola Plants A Garden* and using 'what like' words in our writing. We have sequenced the story and written a sequel to the book!



Imagine how much more learning Badger Class will have done by half term!

As we begin the new Summer Term, Woodpeckers have been reflecting on the past couple of months and how much we have enjoyed learning outdoors in the spring sunshine. Whether during Forest School sessions with Nicola or in our maths, science and topic lessons, we've embraced every opportunity to take our learning outside.



WOODPECKERS



In maths last half term, we focused on multiplication. We explored a range of strategies to deepen our understanding, including repeated addition, skip counting, arrays and problem-solving.



We also developed our 'Exploring' learning habit while investigating length and measurement. Using both non-standard and standard units, we measured a variety of objects and distances—particularly enjoying our paper aeroplane experiment and hopping frog challenge.

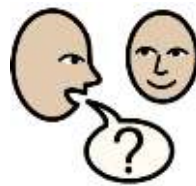


In literacy, we used our 'Creative' learning habit by becoming authors and illustrators. Inspired by our class stories, we carefully planned and created our own books. We then had the pleasure of visiting Fox Class to share our work, where the younger children were a wonderful audience.



As part of our literacy learning, we were also fortunate to take part in a range of drama workshops. We were visited by the Polka Theatre group, who performed 'Sisters 360', a show about coping with change and managing emotions. During the workshop, we explored these themes alongside the actors and discussed strategies to help us navigate these challenging feelings. We also welcomed the Guildford Shakespeare Company, where we experienced being part of Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.

One of the highlights of the Spring Term was taking part in Mrs Tidbury's Careers Fair. We were delighted to be invited to this secondary school event and thoroughly enjoyed meeting a range of interesting employers. We demonstrated great confidence using our 'Asking Questions' learning habit and came away inspired with ideas about our future aspirations!



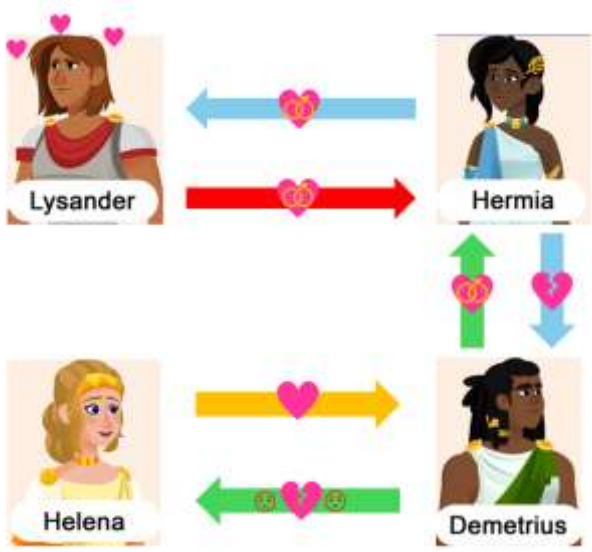
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In life skills we have been thinking about healthy eating and what we have in our lunchboxes everyday. We used our **being brave muscles** and tried a range of healthy fruits including kiwi, peaches, pineapple and blueberries. The learners also used their life skills to learn how to wash and prepare the fruit. All of the fruit was eaten and it was a big success, we decided we definitely want more fruit in our lunchboxes. Next week we will be focusing on healthy drinks and looking at how much sugar is in some of our favourites.



In Literacy we have just started to learn about A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare. We have used our Literacy skills to think carefully about the love triangle (or square) between the lovers in the play. A few of the learners used their ICT skills to create a Powerpoint so that we can keep up with who loves who!

We are looking forward to learning more about Puck the mischievous fairy and seeing what he gets up to. Our favourite character so far is Nick Bottom! We think this is a hilarious name but he is quite a bossy character.





Earlier in the week, some of our KS4 students visited Guildford College for a tour of the Learning Support department. It was fantastic to see so many former Gosden students thriving and continuing their journeys. Later this week, students will be heading out on further visits. On Thursday, a group of five students will visit Places Leisure in Camberley for a workplace experience where the students will have a tour and then join in some "sport related" activities. On Friday, three KS4 students will attend the Woodland Centre at Merrist Wood College for a "Choices and Decisions" day. Next week, our Year 11 students will be flexing their learning muscles as they take on their Functional Skills Maths and English exams. We wish them the very best of luck and are proud of the hard work they have put in preparing for this important milestone.

We are proud of how our students continue to engage with these opportunities and look forward to sharing more highlights with you over the term.



College Open Events



Brooklands College of Technology – Wednesday 29th
April 4.30-7.00pm

Merrist Wood – Wednesday 6th May 4.30-7.00pm

Nescot College – Wednesday 13th May – 4.30-
7.00pm

Farnborough College of Technology – FAMILY FUN
DAY – *more information to come*

**ACTIVATE
YOUR FUTURE**

at Guildford, Farnham and Merrist Wood Colleges

Come to an **OPEN EVENT**

Click on the dates below to book!

at Guildford College:
Wed 22 April 2026, 4.30 - 7pm

at Merrist Wood College:
Wed 6 May 2026, 4.30 - 7pm

at Farnham College:
Wed 29 April 2026, 4.30 - 7pm

Visit our website for more information:
activatelearning.ac.uk

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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

Ollie M
Maddie
James T
Tyler F
Jessica C
Lucy F

Year 9H

Safa
Sophie C
Levi
Kaylum
Kai
Bethany E

Year 9W

Kelsie
Ryan
Donna
Alex



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

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Families First Guildford

Supporting families in our community

[April 2026](#)

Welcome to Families First Guildford's monthly newsletter

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Drop-in stay and play for dads and their little ones

Dads & Tots
Saturday, 16th May
10am - 11.30am

Guildford Family Centre
Hazel Ave, Guildford, GU1 1NR

Join us in a relaxed and friendly space with games, activities and bonding time for dads and their kids under 5.
A great opportunity for dads to connect with other dads over a cuppa!

Drop in and join us on the day or sign up for free here:
[GFFCDadsTots.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/GFFCDadsTots)


 


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Bring the whole family along for a FREE stay-and-play session with games and activities for little ones aged 0-5 years.

 Guildford Family Centre, Hazel Avenue, GU1 1NR

 Saturday 16th May

 10am - 11.30am

You can register for free here:

[Dads & Tots: Drop-in stay and play for dads and their little ones](#)

[Tickets, Saturday, May 16 • 10 AM - 11:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

Speech & Language Therapy Team

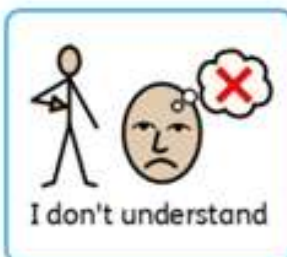
★ Makaton Champions ★

Signs of the week w/c 27th April 2026

Self Advocacy

This week's champions are:

★ Tia – Year 11 and Safa 9H ★



PTA Coffee Mornings 2026



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

Friday 15th May

Friday 19th June

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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.

