



GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL GOSDEN NEWS

8th May 2026



Last week, Gosden House School took on St Dominic's School in an exciting football match that created a real buzz across the whole school community. Pupils and staff came out to support and cheer on the team, creating a fantastic atmosphere from start to finish. Our players, ranging from Year 6 through to Year 11, worked brilliantly together and demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the game. Their hard work paid off with an outstanding 6-0 victory for Gosden House. Well done to the whole team on such a fantastic achievement. We now look forward to our next fixture against Carwarden House Community School.

Mrs Phillips, Assistant Headteacher



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Wednesday 13th May** – Sports Day Morning (arrive 9.40am)
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

Year 11 School Prom – Thursday 25th June
 Summer Term – Warmer Weather
 Reminder - Sports Day Morning – Wednesday 13th May

CHANGE IN SEASON

On warmer days, please could you ensure your child comes to school with:

- a named sunhat
- a named water bottle
- and that suncream is applied before school



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>

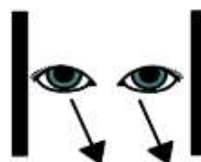
LOST PROPERTY

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



F O X E S

We had a wonderful sunny spring day on our recent visit to RHS Wisley, where the children enjoyed exploring the beautiful gardens and discovering a wide variety of plants and natural surroundings. There was great excitement as we visited the duck pond, noticing them glide across the water and taking in the peaceful setting. The sunshine made it the perfect day for a picnic lunch outdoors, with everyone relaxing together and enjoying the fresh air. The adventure playground was a real highlight, giving the children time to play, explore, and build confidence in a fun and active environment. It was a fantastic trip and a great success—we will definitely be returning!



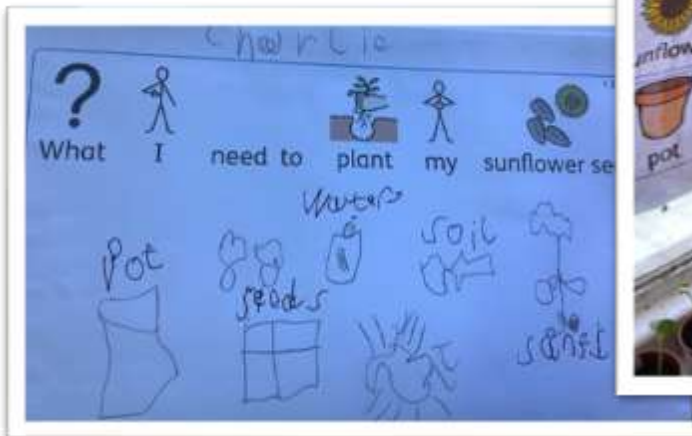


FOXES

Back at school, learning continued through our cookery and life skills sessions, where the children had lots of fun preparing and tasting their own creations. They made delicious cheese twist straws, colourful vegetable couscous, and tasty pizza pittas, developing independence and practical skills along the way. These hands-on activities provide a great opportunity to build confidence, try new foods, and **learn together**.



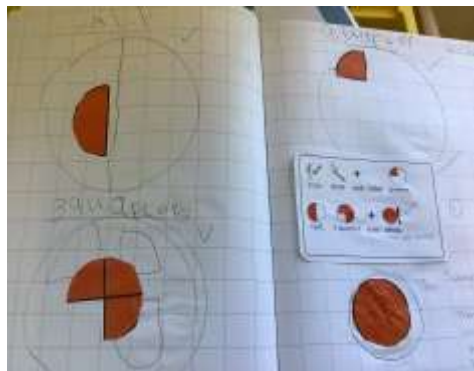
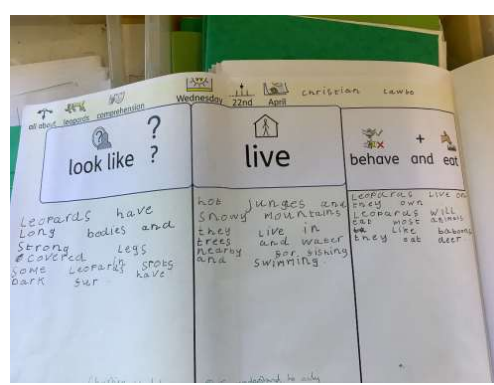
World Down's Syndrome Day - we used our **learning together** habit and learnt about Down's Syndrome and celebrated all the amazing ways that we are individual but all friends in Foxes class.



We have all planted a sunflower seed to help make our school grounds look even more beautiful this spring. We used our explaining learning habit to learn about what seeds need to grow and then planted them in class. Now we need to look after them to make sure they grow strong and healthy.



In Literacy we have started a new topic about Jungles and rainforests. We have used our **listening** and **noticing** learning habits to enjoy learning about the animals that we might find in the jungle and wrote some information about them thinking about what they eat and how they behave.



We have been working hard and using our **exploring** learning habit in Maths. We've had fun learning about halves and quarters and seeing if we can make quarter, half turns and full turns.



Foxes waited with great anticipation for the new Soft Play area! Our sessions have been very exciting and we've used our **challenge** learning habit to try new things like climbing, spinning and sliding.





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.

Year 7 have been thinking about their diets and focusing on healthy eating whilst also being more independent in their own food preparation and cooking. Be it in the life skills flat, where we have been teaching Mrs Swindley how to use the air fryer or busy in the Bakehouse, we have developed our repertoire of home cooking recipes. The class have been building practical skills alongside their fine motor skills - using can openers, vegetable peelers and knives. Year 7 particularly enjoyed slicing and dicing various fruits to make a seasonal platter where new textures and tastes were tried. We also used our practical Math's skills to measure quantities and understand portions.

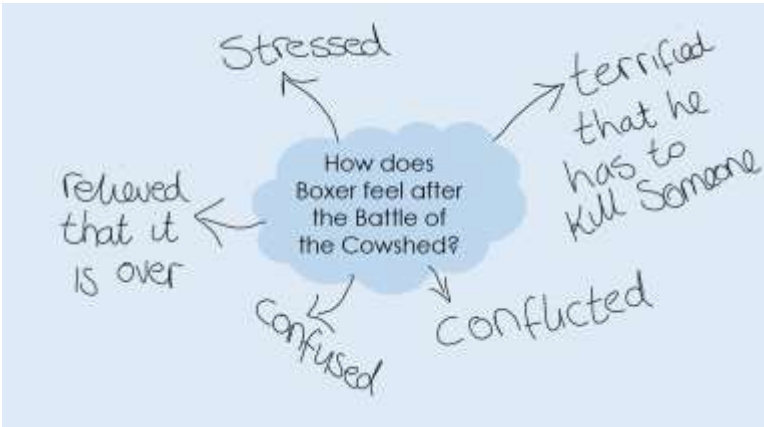


We have been investigating if our break time snack is healthy and whether our lunch box could do with a make over. The class have been learning about the different food groups and how our bodies are like machines which need to be fed to help us grow, concentrate and learn. Everyone has been using their Being Brave muscle as they have had opportunities to try new foods with their class friends. The adults have been very impressed, and we can't wait to get back in the kitchen and keep cooking. Yummy!

Well, 9W have been very busy! There has been lots of demonstrating of our class values and collecting lots of our Gosden Life Tools.



In Literacy, we have been studying Animal Farm by George Orwell. We have explored the inequalities between characters and analysed the power dynamics between the different animals. We are enjoying debating over the rights of the animals and how we would run the farm differently.



In Maths, we have been building on our knowledge of money. We have explored converting between pounds and pence as well as combining amounts to make a total.

There has been lots of dedication and commitment to our Maths work this term, which has been fantastic to see!



With the lovely sunny weather we have been having recently, it has been great to get outside for our learning. We have been working on our ASDAN unit 'Making the most of leisure time' by thinking about the benefits to our mind and body of being outside in the sunshine and nature. It has also given us a chance to work on our social skills and try new things. We have been really enjoying playing swingball, tennis and working with the animals.



Our Hospitality and Catering students have grown so much in confidence this year and looking forward to some events coming up including a 3-course lunch for school supporters and Tea under the Trees. To support us in getting ready for this we planned and ran a Key Stage 4 coffee morning - it was a brilliant bustling atmosphere and required lots of organisation as everyone came in and ordered their drinks. Lots of patience and teamwork was shown!



DT students have been showing their competitive spirit and putting their construction skills to the test as they are working on designing and making their own model cars. There's been some great creativity shown including developing our knowledge of electronics and circuits to add motors to our cars. We can't wait to race each other across the playground!





I took 5 students on a “workplace visit” to Places Leisure in Camberley. It was an incredibly inspiring experience for our students with a tour showing a real insight into the wide range of job roles available, and they were fascinated to see how everything works behind the scenes. It was engaging, informative, and opened their eyes to new possibilities. It was a “meaningful encounter” for our learners which helps Gosden showcase the delivery of Careers.



Fun Facts:

Swimming pool was 30 degrees and uses AI technology to detect any difficulties in the water e.g. drowning

Virtual instructors for people who prefer quieter environments and may be shy and anxious about face-to-face instructors

Hot yoga

170 different stations in the Gym with over 5,000 members

Heated beds in the photo and one of the steam rooms was 87 degrees!!!!

This visit fitted really well with some of the **Gatsby Benchmarks**. The Government require schools and colleges to measure the quality of careers education against these Benchmarks.

Benchmark 2 – Learning from Labour Market Information (LMI)

During the tour, students were exposed to different job roles and they began to understand what kinds of jobs exist, what those roles involve, and the skills needed

Benchmark 4 – Linking Curriculum Learning to Careers

Benchmark 5 – Encounters with Employers and Employees

Students met staff, saw them in action, and learned directly about their jobs.

Benchmark 6 – Experiences of Workplaces

Being in a workplace, seeing different areas, and understanding how it operates gave our students a realistic sense of working life.

Benchmark 3 – Addressing the Needs of Each Pupil

It was an accessible and engaging visit supporting inclusive careers education.



Last Friday, I had the pleasure of accompanying three of our students to the Woodlands Centre at Merrist Wood as part of their Choices and Decisions Day. The visit provided a valuable opportunity to explore a post-16 provision in a meaningful, hands-on way.

During the day, the students took part in cake decorating and sensory art. These sessions were engaging, and accessible, allowing each student to participate fully and express themselves creatively. It was great to see their confidence grow as they explored new skills and spoke to new people.

For me, the visit was equally insightful. Spending time at the centre allowed me to gain an understanding of the curriculum on offer, the learning environment, and the approach taken by staff to support young people with significant additional needs. It was incredibly helpful for discussions with parents/carers about post 16 provision.

I was incredibly proud of how our students represented the school. They were a pleasure to take out and embraced the experience.

I am looking forward to building on opportunities like this as we continue to support our learners in preparing for their next steps.



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
George L

Year 9H
Levi



Year 9W
Kelsie
Chance

Year 11
Michaela

Year 8
Aalia
Ruby S



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:

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Examples of FREE courses with spaces in May/June:

- Who's in Charge? First steps to understanding Child to Parent Violence (Online)
- Use a Positive Approach to Build Your Child's Resilience Course (Online)
- Build Emotional Resilience with Storybooks: A Parent Workshop (Online)
- Empower Your Child: Supportive Approaches to Manage Anxiety (Online)
- First Steps to Understanding Masking Workshop (Online)
- Explore Behaviour Strategies (Online)
- Sensory Routines to Support Your Child with ASD, ADHD and other (Online)
- Developing your Child's Self-Esteem Workshop (Online)
- Supporting Your Child in the Online World: A Practical Workshop for Parents
- Developing Early Communication Through Song, Play and Stories Workshop (Online)

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The Country Fair at Merrist Wood

Date: 13 June 2026 - 14 June 2026

Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Venue: Merrist Wood College,
Guildford, Surrey, GU3 3PE

Under 16s can enter the fair free of charge. Students will be delivering demonstrations throughout the day, making it a fantastic opportunity to learn more about the college's pathways, speak with current students, enjoy the campus, and browse a wide range of stalls.

Follow this link to find out more and to book tickets: [The Country Fair at Merrist Wood 2026 - Surrey Hills National Landscape](#)



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Swap Shop

Refresh your stuff - no cash required

Victoria Hall

Ash Hill Road, Ash, GU12 5DN

Saturday 30 May 2026

11:00am - 12:00pm

Everyone welcome - whether you bring or not

Free refreshments

Free parking

Toys - Books - CD's -
Games - Clothes - Baby
stuff - DVD's - Bikes
No large or electrical items



Community
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Sunday
evenings
6pm to
7.30pm



Youth club 11to 18yrs old
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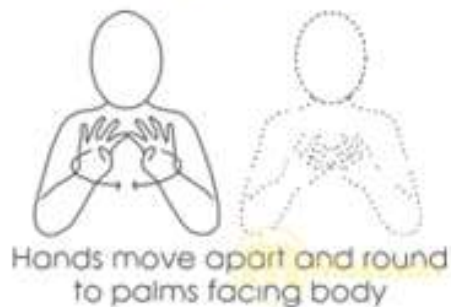
★ Makaton Champions ★

Signs of the week w/c 11th May 2026

Sports Day

This week's champions are:

★ **Austin & Emily – Year 7** ★



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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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.

