



GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL GOSDEN NEWS

22nd May 2026

As we reach the end of another busy and successful half term, we are delighted to reflect on what has been a fantastic few weeks across the school.

A particular highlight to me was Sports Day, which brought together teamwork, determination, and plenty of smiles. Pupils showed incredible enthusiasm and resilience, cheering each other on and celebrating every achievement—large and small. It was wonderful to see such strong school spirit and participation from all. I was incredibly proud of all our children, but a special mention to the Sports Leaders, who showed such care and encouragement to their peers. A massive thank you also, to our staff, parent and carer supporters, it was a wonderful morning and further cemented that Gosden family that we are all a part of.

We have also had a day to celebrate music with Rock Steady, and again, our pupils rose to the occasion, joined in and really celebrated a love of music. When we return, we will be looking forward to the circus coming to Gosden and the opportunity to watch, learn and take part.

May I wish everyone a safe, restful, enjoyable and sunny half term break, and I look forward to welcoming staff and pupils back for the final stretch of the academic year.

Photo by Max Y9H



Mrs Smale, Headteacher



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 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

- Sponsored Walk
- Chickenpox – Foxes class
- Safe Together
- Gosden House Gym
- Secondary Transition activities
- Year 11 School Prom – Thursday 25th June
- Summer Term – Warmer Weather

AMAZON WISH LIST



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

We have just updated our Amazon wish list with lots of exciting new items and categories. Please take a look in case there's anything you would like to purchase for our students.

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



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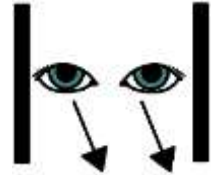
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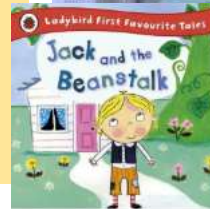


O W L S

This half-term, Owl Class have used their 'Noticing', Exploring' and 'Learning Together' Habits to delve into the topic of 'Let it Grow.' Owls have explored key features of flowers, needs of a plant, the processes of germination, seed dispersal and decay, the types of plants in hot and cold climates, fruits and vegetables that grow, food tasting, how to care for the environment, and so much more!



Owl Class particularly enjoyed the story of *Jack and the Beanstalk* as part of our literacy learning and demonstrated fantastic use of their 'Listening' Learning Habit! They were very enthusiastic to plant their own beans and watch their very own beanstalks grow bigger over the course of the half-term!

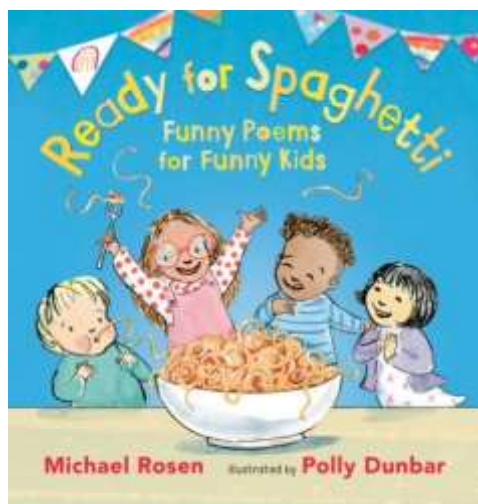
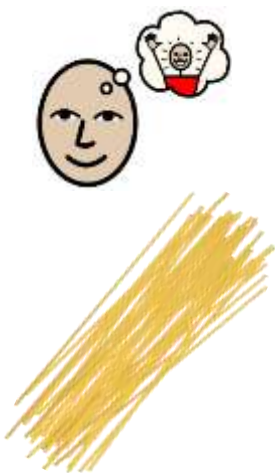


This topic enabled countless outdoor learning opportunities, such as observational wonder walks, watering plants, gardening, and of course, plenty of 'Creative' learning in our wonderful Forest School!



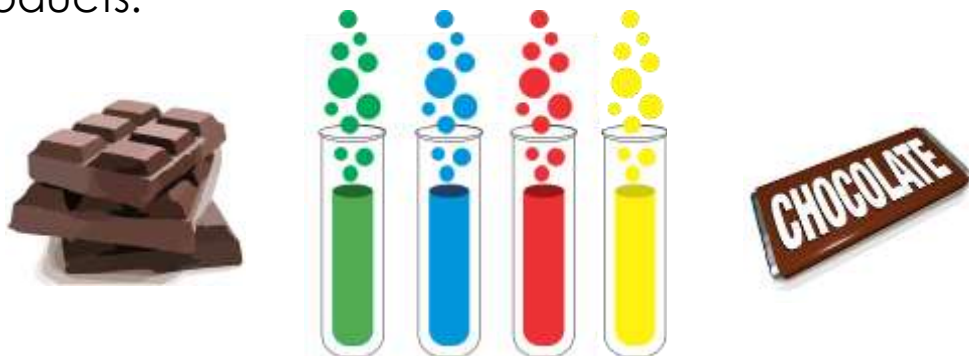
S Q U I R R E L S

We have been learning about poetry, exploring a range of poems, how to perform poetry, and most importantly enjoying poetry. We had been exploring rhyme and making silly soup around the school to find the rhyme. We were inspired by Michael Rosen's poem 'Spaghetti'. We used our senses to describe spaghetti and then found words that rhymed with our adjectives. We then planned, wrote, and performed our own take on the spaghetti poems. Great **creativity** squirrels!



In our Maths learning, we have been learning about multiplication. Using repeated addition, grouping, multiplication, and arrays. Great **problem solving** and focus Squirrels.

In DT we have been learning about product design and have turned the classroom into Willy Wonka's chocolate factory whilst we design, test and create our own chocolate bars. We have worked with the Year 9 class to conduct market research and get feedback on our products.



We are looking forward to getting stuck into lots more exciting learning for the last half term of Year 5!



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.

This half term, we have been working hard on both our academic learning and the development of our social skills. In Science, students have been learning about gravity and wind pressure. As part of this topic, they completed an exciting egg drop project which focused on teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills. Students worked together to design and create a structure that would protect an egg when dropped from a height. They planned their inventions within a set time frame, gathered their own resources, and solved problems independently throughout the challenge.



In the Bakehouse, we have made banana bread and muffins, dough balls, and pasta dishes as a group. Students followed simple recipes, prepared ingredients carefully, and produced some delicious food — although some of it unfortunately did not make it home

In P.E., students have taken part in a variety of sporting activities including basketball, rounders, and Kwik cricket. They performed exceptionally well and showed off their developing skills and teamwork. In Years 7 and 8, students were also introduced to a new sport called Swedish Longball, which we hope to continue playing after the half-term holidays.



Thank

You

Year 11 thank everyone that helped them to raise £70 for their chosen charity 'Healing Hearts and Minds With Horses'. We are looking forward to visiting them on 10th June to see what they do and hand over the money which the organiser said will buy some medicine for poorly horses.



Healing Hearts And Minds With Horses C.I.C.

Helping teenagers who are stressed, scared or struggling to
feel safe, strong and supported



We are incredibly proud of our KS4 learners and 3 students from 9W!!!

This half term they have completed their Functional Skills Entry Level Maths exams.

For many of our students, this has been a real challenge. They have faced anxiety and moments of self-doubt but despite this, every single student has shown resilience, determination, and courage by giving the exams their absolute best effort . They have truly smashed it!

The progress they have made is something to celebrate, not just academically but personally too. Watching their confidence grow has been fantastic, and they should all feel extremely proud of themselves.

Well done to all involved, and good luck to our Year 10 students who will be sitting their English exams after half term!

"I am thoroughly enjoying giving something back to the community and am so pleased the boys are enjoying it"
These are the words from our amazing volunteer, Peter Green, who comes in to school every Tuesday morning to work with 2 of our learners, Ryan from Year 9 and Owen from Year 10.

They have been repairing and decorating the walls outside the Gym. It is really beginning to look "new" again and Peter is really keen to keep working with us. If there are any more "volunteers" out there who could offer up some time to share some skills with our learners we would be so grateful!



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
Zack P
Austin
Kerina

Year 8
James R

Year 9W
Alex
Phoenix



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



All families eligible for **free school meals** can access Club4 holiday clubs this Summer. Bookings open 30th June at 7.30am. Please see the webpage <https://www.activesurrey.com/community/club4/parents> for a list of Club4 holiday clubs this Summer.

For families **not eligible for free school meals**, please note, Club4 holiday clubs have updated their referral criteria for 2026 Summer Holiday Clubs. If you would like to know if your child is eligible for the free holiday clubs, or would like a referral, please contact Miss Sutton.

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/>

On 28th May, Autism Family Support Service runs a free workshop through their **You Are Not Alone** service called **'What you can do right now to support your child diagnosed with autism and/or PDA'**.

This online workshop takes place on Thursday 28th May from 8pm - 9pm (on Zoom). **This workshop is free of charge.** Anyone attending the workshop will also be invited to a free online Q&A session on Tuesday evening 2nd June from 7 - 8.30pm.

Families are invited to bring their questions, thoughts or feelings along to the workshop.

There are 100 places in this workshop. To book a place please email team@youarenotalone.community to request the Zoom link - please note this is not run by Guildford Family Centre, any question will need to be directed to the service.

Parents will receive the Zoom link the night before the workshop takes place.

Free Workshop

What you can do **RIGHT NOW** to support your child diagnosed (or suspected) with autism and/or PDA

Thursday **28th May** 8pm - 9pm

Join us

No one needs to walk alone in their autism parenting journey

Send an email to team@youarenotalone.community to request the Zoom link to attend the **FREE** workshop



Speech & Language Therapy Team

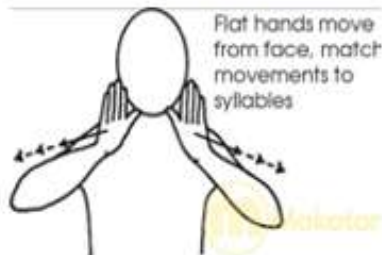
★ Makaton Champions ★

Signs of the week w/c 1st June 2026

Positive Reinforcement

This week's champions are:

★ **Aalia and Henry – Year 8** ★



PTA Coffee Mornings 2026



There will be another PTA Coffee Morning after half term. We will let you know the date by Parentmail.



Rotary

Club of Guildford Wey



GOSDENBERRY 2026

**GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL
BRAMLEY GU5 0AH**



SEPTEMBER 6TH 2026
2pm to 6pm
Gates open at 1:30 pm

About Our Event!

Join us in the School's magnificent Walled Garden for an afternoon of entertainment whilst supporting Rotary Charities and Gosden House School



£15 TICKETS
available using the QR code and also available from the website at www.rotaryinguildford.org
No cream tea included with Tickets bought at gate for £13
Child aged under 15 free

Event Highlights

Live Performances

Musical entertainment from local performers and Surrey Bands. Also an open mic for those with the ability!

Cream Teas

Cream Tea included with Adult entry tickets bought on line before 31st August

Bar

Soft drinks, beer and Pimm's bar by School Parents' Association.

Raffle

Raffle in aid of the Guildford Mayor's Charity

Fun

Bring your chairs, rugs and picnic to enjoy the relaxing fun afternoon. (sorry , only Guide/Sensory dogs allowed



LOCAL VOLUNTEERS



MAKING A DIFFERENCE



TAKING ACTION



CHANGING LIVES TOGETHER

TOGETHER, WE CAN DO MORE

FUTURE EVENTS

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.

