



GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL GOSDEN NEWS

12th June 2026



WHEN CIRCUS PAZAZ CAME TO GOSDEN...



DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

Tuesday 1st September – Inset day

Wednesday 2nd September – Start of Autumn Term 2026

Monday 19th – Friday 30th October – Half Term

Friday 18th December – End of Autumn Term 2026, 1.30pm finish

RECENT PARENTMAILS

SEND Communications

The Circus is coming to Gosden!

New Surrey County Council EHCP Coordination Officer and Manager for Gosden House

Year 11 School Prom – Thursday 25th June

Summer Term – Warmer Weather

AMAZON WISH LIST



<https://www.amazon.co.uk/registries/gi/guest-view/HLH16NVYV LGU>

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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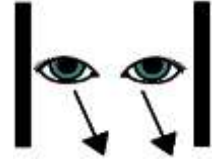
Rabbits Class- Wild Learning

During our Wild Learning Focus Week, the children in Rabbits Class enjoyed a wide range of exciting, hands-on learning experiences centered around animals and [exploration](#). A highlight of the week was a visit from a circus, where the children took part in an engaging workshop that encouraged confidence, coordination and perseverance as they tried new skills. We also had the opportunity to participate in on-site animal care sessions, where the children learned how to safely feed, handle and care for a variety of animals. These experiences sparked curiosity and provided meaningful opportunities for discussion, questioning and observation.



Throughout the week, the children extended their learning through a range of animal-themed activities across the curriculum. They explored animal facts through writing opportunities, practiced counting and number skills using animal-themed resources, and engaged in discussions about different habitats, diets and ways animals are cared for. The children also took part in a sensory food exploration activity, where they were encouraged to smell, touch and investigate a variety of foods, sharing their ideas and observations with their peers.

The children demonstrated their learning habits brilliantly, particularly **exploring**, **noticing**, **listening** and **learning together**. They showed great enthusiasm when investigating new experiences, carefully observing the animals and their environments, listening to instructions and each other's ideas, and working collaboratively throughout the week. Learning continued through rich role-play opportunities and child-led exploration, allowing the children to deepen their understanding in meaningful and engaging ways. It has been wonderful to see all learners develop their confidence, communication skills and curiosity through such memorable enrichment experiences.



R A B B I T S



Badgers in the Bakehouse

Badger Class have been using their learning habits and cooking skills to follow recipes and create dishes. We have enjoyed eating them too!

Look at all the skills we have used!



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 rubbing	 cutting	 rolling	 mashing
 kneading	 chopping	 sprinkling	 crushing
 tasting	 mixing	 squeezing	 decorating
 creating	 spreading	 measuring	 layering

Strawberry and Banana Cups



Wash our hands

Slice a strawberry.

Slice some banana.

Crush a digestive biscuit.

Layer the pudding in the cup.



Penguin Sandwiches



Use sandwich thins to make these!



Rice Cake Faces



Slice the cucumber and the cherry tomato

Put a rice cake on your plate

Spread cream cheese on your rice cake.

Create a face on your rice cake with the vegetables



Couscous Salad




Bread Sushi



You might want to add cheese too!



Berry Breakfast Cone

- Cheerios
- Greek yoghurt
- Strawberries
- Cherries
- Banana
- Waffle cone
- Sprinkles



Spaghetti



Banana Oat Bites



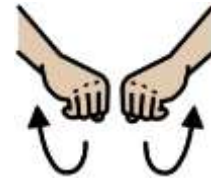
1. Wash your hands
2. Peel a banana and cut it into small pieces
3. Add half a cup of oats and a tablespoon of spread
4. Add a quarter of banana and a tablespoon of chocolate
5. Mix it together
6. Roll the mixture into balls with your hands
7. Put them in a bowl and put in the fridge
8. Enjoy



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What an exciting start Woodpeckers have had to the final half-term of the year!

Last week, we had an amazing time on our long-anticipated class residential trip. We spent two fun-filled days at Sayers Croft Activity Centre, using our 'Challenge', 'Learning Together' and 'Keep Trying' learning habits in abundance. Along with our instructor, Jared, we took part in a variety of activities, including bouldering, archery, pond dipping, coding, climbing and zip-lining. We were incredibly supportive and encouraging of one another and felt very proud as we challenged ourselves with new experiences.



WOODPECKERS

In between our days at Sayers Croft, we returned to school and took over Gosden House for a sleepover. It was a very special time, filled with games in the school grounds, celebrating Miss Driver's birthday and settling down to watch a movie with a hot chocolate before bed. The staff were especially thankful that the children settled brilliantly at bedtime, and we all enjoyed a good night's sleep!

By the end of the two days, we were all exhausted but very happy. We were so proud of every child in Woodpeckers class; it was a joy to spend time with them and witness their growing independence and care for those around them.



The fun has continued over the past few days with our Wild Learning Focus Week. On Monday, we used our 'problem-solving' learning habit as we took part in some crazy team challenges, including 'Who can build the strongest spaghetti bridge?' and 'Who can save Humpty Dumpty?'



WOODPECKERS



On Tuesday, we experienced life under the big top, learning circus skills and watching an amazing show performed by professionals.



On Wednesday, we travelled to Aldershot to take part in the Rotary Club's annual Children's Fun Day. We enjoyed a day filled with fairground rides, bouncy castles, face painting, ice creams and much more!



What an incredible start to the half-term it has been!



On Saturday 30th June, Mr F-P took an elite team of staff to Dorking to take part in the 'Nuts Challenge'. The day was full of mud, laughter, teamwork, communication, and plenty more mud! The glorious sunny weather did not stop us from climbing walls, crawling under barbed wire, and sliding into muddy riverbanks.

The event was enjoyed by everyone involved. A special thank you goes to all the staff members who took part, the staff who came along to cheer us on, and the wider school community for their continued support.

It is still not too late to donate. We have currently raised £627, which will be split between the school and the Royal Marsden Charity.

Thank you for your generosity and support. We are all looking forward to next years challenge.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/aaron-fulton-pemble-2?utm_term=BPJMPx93v&utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL



Celebrating Functional Skills Exam Success!

I am so happy to be sharing some fantastic news about our Year 10 and Year 11 learners, who have just completed their Functional Skills Maths and English exams.

This year, our students have shown incredible determination, resilience, and commitment to their learning. They approached their exams with a positive attitude and worked hard to achieve their goals, and we are thrilled to announce that this year's cohort has achieved our **highest pass rate ever** in Functional Skills Maths and English.

I would also like to recognise the learners who completed resits this year. They approached them with maturity and perseverance, giving their best effort and showing a wonderful attitude throughout the process.

We know that success is helped by a strong relationship between school and home, so I would like to thank parents and carers for their continued encouragement and support. Your role in helping the young people to succeed is greatly appreciated.

The staff and I are incredibly proud of every student who took part. Their achievements reflect their hard work but also their growing confidence and determination.

Congratulations to all of our learners on this fantastic achievement—you have smashed it!



College Open Events

Guildford college – Saturday 10th October 9.30-12pm & Wednesday 18th November 4.30-7.00pm

Merrist Wood – Wednesday 7th October 4.30-7pm & Saturday 14th November 9.30-12pm

Family Fun Day at Farnborough College of Technology – Saturday 20th June 10.30-2.30

It's set to be a day where all the family can enjoy various activities, including: a petting farm, mini trooper fairground ride, live music – all completely FREE!

There is free parking on-site and refreshments will also be available to purchase on the day.



E-SAFETY



AI AND DEEPFAKES

Technology is changing quickly, and children are now using tools powered by Artificial Intelligence (AI). These can include chat apps, homework tools, and image or video creators. While these tools can be fun and helpful, they can also be confusing—especially for children who may find it harder to tell what is real and what is not.

What is AI?

AI is technology that can:

- Answer questions
- Create pictures or videos
- Have conversations

Important: AI can make mistakes and should not always be trusted.



What are Deepfakes ? Deepfakes are videos, images, or voices that have been changed using AI to look real.

For example:

- A video that makes it look like someone said something they didn't
- A picture that has been edited to look real
- A voice that sounds like a real person but isn't

Key message: Not everything online is real—even if it looks real.

Some children may:

- Believe what they see straight away
- Trust online content or people easily
- Feel worried or confused by realistic fake videos
- Find it difficult to question what is real

STOP, THINK, TELL

STOP – If something looks strange or upsetting

THINK – Could this be fake?

TELL – Speak to a trusted adult straight away

Keep it simple and repeat often. Talk regularly about what is real and what might be fake.

How can you help at home?

Use clear examples. Explain that sometimes computers can make videos that look real, but they are not.

Encourage questions such as 'Is this real?' or 'Can you help me check this?'

Remind your child not to share personal information, photos, or videos without checking with an adult.

Make sure your child knows they will never be in trouble for telling you about something online. Feeling safe to talk is the best way to protect them.

AI and deepfakes are becoming part of everyday online life. Children don't need to understand all the technology—they just need simple rules, regular reminders, and trusted adults to talk to.

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
Finley R
Ollie M
Maddie B
Tyler F
Emily S

Year 9H
Kai
Finley C

Year 11
Tia



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/>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-guide-to-nurturing-your-neurodivergent-child-tickets-1990787089776?aff=oddtcreator>



Joe's Buddy Line are a charity that works alongside schools to support the emotional wellbeing of the whole school community, including pupils, staff, and families. Our focus is on early intervention and providing accessible, practical support that helps build resilience and positive mental health across your setting.

They are offering a FREE Parent Workshop July 6th (7 PM - 8:30 PM) on Nurturing Your Neurodivergent Child- A

supportive and engaging session designed to help parents better understand and nurture their neurodivergent children, with practical strategies and space for reflection and learning.

Led by Guildford Nursery School



Take a peek at the June edition of Guildford Family Centre's newsletter! We hope you find the information useful.

[June 2026](#)

Families First Guildford's monthly newsletter

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Speech & Language Therapy Team

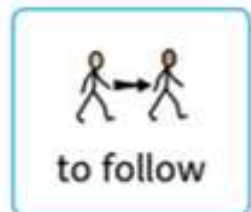
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Signs of the week w/c 15th June 2026

Sponsored Walk

This week's champions are:

☆ **Arthur & Madi - Squirrels** ☆





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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



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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.

