



GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL GOSDEN NEWS

26th June 2026

This week we proudly celebrated our wonderful Year 11 students as they reach the end of their journey with us at Gosden House. The Leavers' Assembly was a special opportunity to reflect on their achievements; share memories and recognise how far each student has come. It was a truly emotional and uplifting event for staff, pupils and families alike.

We were also delighted to hold our Year 11 Prom, which was a fantastic evening full of laughter, dancing and celebration. Students looked amazing and embraced the occasion beautifully. We are incredibly proud of every one of our leavers and wish them all the very best as they take their next steps – they will always remain part of the Gosden House community.

This week's very warm weather presented us a unique challenge, but staff and pupils worked brilliantly together to stay safe and comfortable. We adapted the school day with more frequent water breaks, time in shaded areas and opportunities for quieter, indoor activities during the hottest parts of the day. Pupils showed great resilience, maturity and ingenuity. We had iced drinks made and sold, an impromptu cafe, doctor's surgery and a spa. It has been an inspiring week of child led learning. Thank you to our staff team for their flexibility and care in ensuring everyone remained happy and well.

Mrs Smale, Headteacher



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 30th June – Year 7 Induction morning for 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

Thursday 9th July 5pm – KS4 Exams Evening

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

Water Activities

KS4 Exams Evening: Thursday 9th July at 5pm

Extreme Weather update

Primary Learning Teams for September 2026

Secondary Learning Teams for September 2026

Heatwave Guidance & School uniform

AMAZON WISH LIST



<https://www.amazon.co.uk/registries/gl/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.

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.

🌍 Exploring Our Wonderful World!

What a fantastic and busy term it has been in Foxes Class! We have been on an incredible journey of discovery, learning all about our planet, wildlife and the amazing people who help us understand and protect it.

🦊 Our Sir David Attenborough Adventure

This term, we have been inspired by the remarkable life and achievements of Sir David Attenborough. We explored his incredible career spanning over 100 years and learned about the many countries and continents he has visited throughout his lifetime.

The children were fascinated by the animals, habitats and natural wonders he has shared with the world. We even wrote our own letters to Sir David, sharing what we have learned and thanking him for inspiring us to care for our planet.



🌱 Becoming Planet Protectors

We have been reading the wonderful book *10 Things I Can Do to Help My World* and have taken many of its messages to heart. The children have explored ways they can make a positive difference to the environment and have enjoyed putting these ideas into practice.

We have learned about:

- ♻️ Recycling and reducing waste
- 🌍 Looking after our local environment
- 🦋 Protecting wildlife and habitats
- 🚫 The effects of pollution on our planet
- 💚 Small actions that can make a big difference

The children have shown great enthusiasm for becoming responsible and caring global citizens.



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Forest School Fun

Our weekly Forest School sessions with Mrs Hall continue to be a huge highlight of the week! One of our favourite activities has definitely been making popcorn over the campfire! There is always great excitement when the kernels start popping, and it is a wonderful opportunity for the children to develop independence and outdoor skills while enjoying time together in nature.



Growing and Caring

Foxes Class has also been busy tending to our sunflower and tomato plants. We have carefully watered and monitored their growth and learned about what plants need to survive and thrive.



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We have been curious learners in **Science** learning all about Rocks...

The **Sponsored walk** was so much fun and we even completed activities such as sorting Plastic and Non-Plastic items, aiming & balancing.



I loved going in the maze - Leo



It was very fun to look around - Ray



It was interesting looking at the old-fashioned palace - Tyler C



Year 7 have certainly enjoyed an exciting range of school trips this year! Our most recent visit took us to Hampton Court Palace, where pupils were in awe of its rich history and stunning beauty. We used our Life Skills to navigate the grounds using a map - learning hands on so we didn't get lost!

Our day was varied from the very beginning, as we stepped back in time and walked through the Tudor kitchens, imagining the hustle and bustle of life. From there, we found ourselves in a dramatic re-enactment, where pupils were fully immersed in the events of the Tudor court. The class found it funny when Miss Williams had to be one of the actors. We used our Learning together and Working Together learning muscles to work as a group to find out information about people who lived in the palace and what royal life was like. As we moved through the palace, the class asked thoughtful and relevant questions, showing real curiosity and engagement with the history around them. The whole class demonstrated their Being Brave Learning Muscle as they needed to speak to members of staff to ask questions about the exhibitions/activities.

Lunch on the lawn was lovely before finishing the day in the maze—definitely a highlight, and one that inspired us to design our own maze back at school during our Wild Learning Week.

It was really interesting seeing all the portraits - Ollie



Year 7 and 8 have embraced the heatwave and have created different business ventures. On Wednesday we had an NHS doctor's surgery, equipped with GPs and consultants for patients to have their temperature taken, their heart listened to (with a stethoscope) and were given medication when required.

Yesterday, two of our team created a cafe where they made their own premises and products to sell to staff. We particularly enjoyed the range of goods from healthy snacks to home made goodies.

Today we have a spa. As you enter you are greeted by the calming sounds of relaxation. The receptionist asks for your requirements, and you sit in the waiting room with a magazine and cooled lime/lemon water. Customers have enjoyed foot and hand massages, face packs and serenity. The staff are very proud of the amazing entrepreneurship shown. They have created their own learning environments, given a high standard of customer service and are aware of some of the skills needed to have a successful business (including health and safety/washing towels etc.)

What an amazing opportunity!



9W had a great time during Wild Learning Week!

We started the week by having a trip into Guildford for lunch using money that we had made from our business enterprise project. It was great fun to be able to choose what we wanted, order it and then of course eat it!

We were surprised when we came back to school to notice that Wilson had received a letter from an anonymous person, threatening him! We investigated the letter and started to think of potential suspects, later in the week we came into school to discover the classroom had been trashed and turned into a crime scene! We had to work as a team to investigate the evidence and interrogate potential suspects. Eventually we concluded that it was both Mrs Boyce and Mr F-P that were responsible! We wrote a letter to Mrs Smale explain what happened and she told them off!



Year 10 have been very busy recently with lots of events, trips and activities going on and more coming up before the end of term. One of the main highlights was our Wild Learning Focus Week. On Monday morning, pupils arrived to find a letter from Mrs Heal explaining that she had apparently run away to join the circus! With no cover teacher in place, they were expected to elect a new class teacher, manage their own learning and make sensible decisions throughout the week. At the same time, they had the task of producing a school magazine by the end of the week. The whole experience gave pupils a real chance to show independence, resilience and teamwork, and they rose to the occasion really well and created a brilliant magazine!

In Catering students took on the challenge of running an event and catering a three-course lunch for supporters of Gosden. This was a big undertaking and involved careful planning, organisation and plenty of teamwork. Pupils prepared a tomato and mozzarella salad, lasagne and sticky toffee pudding.

We were also involved in Tea under the Trees with students baking, making coffees on our barista machine and selling plants. It was wonderful to see students working so independently, showing off the skills they have learnt and confidence that has grown throughout the year.

In DT we visited a local cafe Art and Grind to see some wonderful artwork as part of the Surrey Open Art Studios week. We really enjoyed looking at the variety of pieces on display, picking our favourites and some of us even contributed some of our own artwork to the wall of art on display in the cafe.





A huge congratulations to our Year 11 Leavers of 2026, who celebrated their Prom last night in style. They looked absolutely amazing, with the girls looking so beautiful in their dresses and the boys looking incredibly smart in their stylish suits. There was such a buzz as we waited for them to arrive, there was smiles, laughter and excitement all around. It was especially lovely to see even our more nervous learners embrace the occasion and just enjoy it!

We couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them. It was truly special to be there welcoming them and a wonderful way to celebrate their time at Gosden House. We wish them every success and happiness as they begin their next chapter.



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.

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/>

Speech & Language Therapy Team

★ Makaton Champions ★

Signs of the week w/c 29th June 2026

Moving Up

This week's champions are:

★ **Zoe and Vanessa – Foxes** ★





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GOSDENBERRY 2026

**GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL
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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.

