



Gosden News

Friday 18th September 2026



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By Mrs Smale

It has been wonderful to welcome both our returning pupils and those joining Gosden House School for the first time. The start of the new academic year has been exceptional, with pupils settling quickly, engaging positively in learning, and embracing new opportunities across the school. It has been especially lovely to see new friendships forming and so many kind, positive interactions.

Over the summer break, a great deal of work took place across the site to further improve our learning environments. We have new spaces for learning, classroom refurbishments, and a quiet dining area. We have also added outside toilets to our incredible gardens.

Thank you to our staff, site team and wider school community for all their hard work in preparing for the new year. We look forward to an exciting and successful term ahead



AMAZON WISH LIST

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 Reminders

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.

Lost Property

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



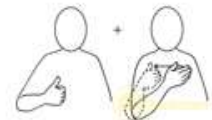
Speech & Language Therapy Team ★ Makaton Champions ★

Signs of the week w/c 21st September 2026

Greetings

This week's champion is:

★ Lily 10H ★



Dates for the Diary

Monday 12th – Friday 16th October – Sports Focus Week

Monday 19th – Friday 30th October – Autumn Half Term

Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th November – School Photos

Wednesday 11th November – Parent's Evening

Friday 4th December – Early finish 1.30pm

Saturday 5th December – Christmas Fair (time tbc)

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



ARBOR GUIDE

Arbor is our MIS system and the way we communicate with parents and carers. Communications will come via emails into your email inbox (please also check your spam folders), and 'in-app' messages via the app.



Lunches are ordered through Arbor.

If you have not yet finished creating your account please do the following:

1. Go to <https://login.arbor.sc>
2. Click 'forgot password'
3. Then, follow the on-screen prompts. When asked for date of birth, this is the date of birth of your child. dd/mm/yyyy
4. Download the Arbor Parent App - using the same log-in details. You will then be able to see your child's profile and update your details, order lunches, pay for items. Note: allowing notifications on the app will enable you to see communications as they arrive.

IMPORTANT: if you have changed your email address, or would like to check which email address the school office holds for you, please call the office on 01483 892008, or email arbor@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk

Please note: parents and carers cannot access the system with the same email addresses. Each parent/carer must have an individual address

Once you have finished creating your account please do the following asap:

1. Check, add/edit information and guardian details for your child by going to 'View Student Profile'
2. Medical – Check the information showing is correct
3. Dietary Requirements – Check the information showing is correct
4. Parent/Guardian contact details – Check these are up to date

PRIMARY

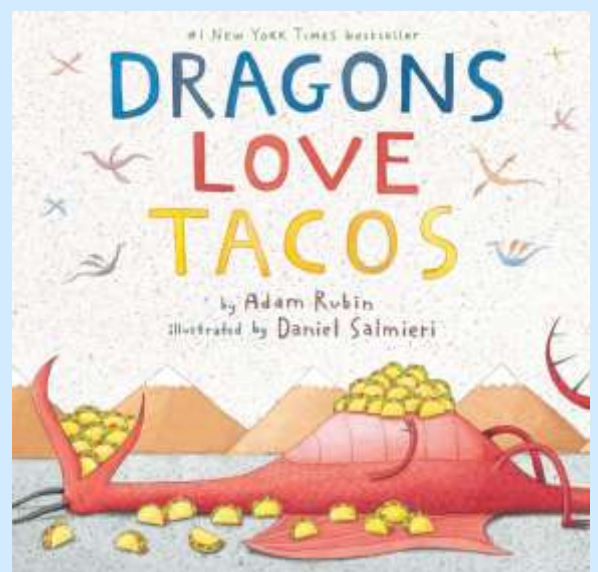
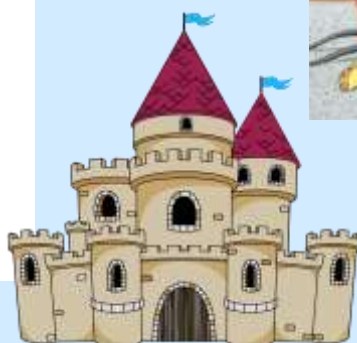


We've made it through our first couple of weeks at big school, and what an amazing start it has been! We couldn't be more proud of all of our **Robins**. They have settled in brilliantly, taking their new routines in their stride, and have loved throwing themselves into the provision. We can't wait to see what fun and exciting learning we get up to throughout this year!

The **Foxes** have had a great time settling into their new class. They are enjoying learning our new story 'Dragons Love Tacos'; the children have made a story map and their own actions to retell the story and act it out. We are now waiting to see what post comes from the dragons next... watch this space!

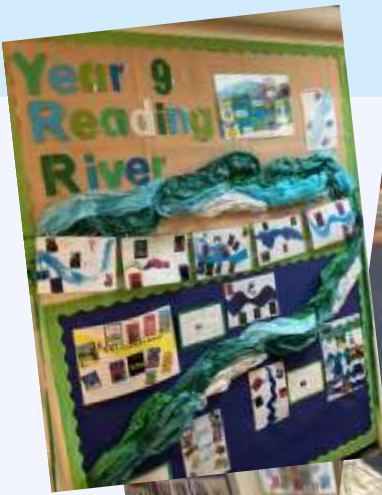
We have also started to learn about our new topic in history – castles. They are now officially Knights in training.

A great start to the year **Fox** class, well done.



SECONDARY

Year 7D have made a fantastic start to their journey in secondary school and have settled into school life with confidence, enthusiasm, and resilience. They have embraced new routines, formed positive relationships, and shown great engagement in their learning across the curriculum. The class has particularly enjoyed developing important life skills in the Life Skills Flat, where they have been building their independence through practical activities and everyday tasks, demonstrating impressive progress and growing self-confidence.



Year 9 have embraced The National Year of Reading by sharing their reading experiences and creating their own Reading Rivers. We have talked about our favourite books, who we like to share our reading with and where. Our reading journey continued as we visited Bramley Library to see if they had any books we may be interested in. A great start to the year Year 9...keep reading!



We have had a great start to **Year 10** and are really enjoying all of our vocational subjects on Thursdays and Fridays. We have also started working on our life skills, thinking about all the jobs we need to do in our homes as we prepare for adulthood and how we can do these safely.



PASTORAL CARE

 pastoral@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk

 07864 721931

 **By Jen,**
our Pastoral Assistant

I am excited to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you all, I am Jen Everard who will be joining the pastoral team. I am a qualified Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) with experience delivering therapeutic interventions in both primary and secondary education settings. It has been a fantastic first couple of weeks getting to know everyone in this wonderful school and watching all the happy learners in each classroom. I look forward to joining the pastoral team and supporting the children through their educational journey here at Gosden House School.

5•4•3•2•1 GROUNDING TECHNIQUE



5 things
you can see



4 things
you can feel



3 things
you can hear



2 things
you can smell



1 thing
you can taste

This is a great mindfulness tool to practise at home or when out and about. By imbedding this strategy into every day life, it can help our children and young people to feel empowered in new and busy environments.

THE LIGHTHOUSE *Guildford*

WHAT'S ON

The Lighthouse is a place to feel welcome, whatever your story.
We run free projects that support, encourage and bring people together.

Take a look at our current projects...



OPEN HOUSE

MONDAYS & THURSDAYS
10.30am - 12.00pm
Drop in for a chat, a cup of tea, a snack, a game, a book, a listening ear, what you need & get to know your local community.



MEN MATTER

TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS 10.30am - 12.00pm
For men of all ages, from 16 to 60+, who feel they need a place to talk, to share, to be heard, to be part of a community.



MUMS & UNDER 1s

WEDNESDAYS 10.30am - 12.00pm
A welcoming space for mums and their children to meet, to talk, to share, to be heard, to be part of a community.



COMMUNITY CHOIR

WEDNESDAYS 10.30am - 12.00pm
Sign up for the choir, sing, share, be heard, be part of a community.



TOGETHER OVER TEA

LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH
1.00pm - 3.00pm
A friendly space for people to meet, to talk, to share, to be heard, to be part of a community.



BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY

FOR ALL AGES 10.30am - 12.00pm
A regular time to share your story, to be heard, to be part of a community.



COMMUNITY MONEY ADVICE

WEDNESDAYS 10.30am - 12.00pm
Free money advice, help, support, to be heard, to be part of a community.



FOR MORE INFO

Visit the Lighthouse website, call 07864 721931, or email info@thelighthouse.org.uk



@thelighthouse



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Charity No: 1029902



ASPIRATIONS ADVICE

Sandra Tidbury

College Open Events – Autumn Term



Where: GUILDFORD COLLEGE

When: 10th October & 18th November

Book: [Guildford College October Open Event - Guildford College](#)



Where: MERRIST WOOD

When: 7th October & 14th November

Book: [Events - Merrist Wood College and University Centre](#)



Where: BROOKLANDS TECHNICAL COLLEGE

When: 15th October

Book: [October Open Event 2026 | Brooklands Technical College](#)



Where: FARNBOROUGH COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

When: 13th 14th October & 18th November

Book: [Events from 13 October – 16th June 2027 – Farnborough College of Technology](#)



E-SAFETY

Online Behaviour Reminder for Pupils and Parents

As we start a new school year, we would like to remind all pupils about the importance of being kind, respectful and responsible online. The way we behave online should be the same as the way we behave in school. Our words have power. Kind words can make someone's day better, while unkind words can hurt people's feelings and have lasting consequences.

Pupils - Please Remember:

Treat other people with kindness and respect.

If you wouldn't say it face-to-face, don't say it online.

Talk to a trusted adult if something online worries you.

A Very Important Message

Nothing online is ever truly deleted. Even if you delete a message, photo, comment or post, someone may already have:

Seen it

Saved it

Taken a screenshot

Shared it with others

This means that your digital footprint can stay with you for many years.

Before you press "send", ask yourself:

Is it kind?

Is it respectful?

Would I be happy for my family, teachers, future college or employer to see it?

A Message for Parents and Carers

We would be grateful for your support in reinforcing this message at home. Please take time to talk to your child about appropriate online behaviour, monitor their use of social media, messaging apps and online games where appropriate, and remind them that their online actions can have long-lasting consequences.

Please help us by sharing this message with your child and regularly discussing their online activity. Together, we can ensure that pupils understand the importance of being kind online, making safe choices and protecting their future reputation.

By working together, we can help our young show kindness and respect to others both in school and beyond.

Think before you post. Choose kindness. Your digital footprint lasts longer than you think. ❤️

Be Kind Online



COMMUNITY / LOCAL EVENTS / FUNDRAISING



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>



farnham maltings

family festival

Sat 26 September
10am-4.30pm
 Just £2* entry on the door **2026**

Join us for a day of exciting performances, workshops and drop-in activities for children of all ages.

circus beat making pottery art installations storytelling performance printmaking alert darts puppetry and more

Book selected events and browse the full programme on our website.

farnhammaltings.com/family-festival

*admission includes most activities, with a small number of performances and workshops ticketed separately (festival entry included).



Learning Disability Basketball Free Sessions for 12-16 year olds

(We also run sessions for 17+)

Starting Thursday 2nd October
 5-6 pm

St Peter's School, Merrow, GU1 2TN



Contact:
bridget@basketball4everyone.co.uk

JEF

JUNIOR ELYSIAN FARMERS

More than a club. A childhood worth investing in.

Junior Elysian Farmers (JEF) is a brand-new membership community for children aged 6-12 who love animals, nature and the great outdoors.

Through hands-on experiences, practical skills and countryside adventures, children build confidence, friendships and a sense of responsibility – while becoming part of our welcoming farm community.

ANIMALS
Care for horses and farm animals.

NATURE
Explore, discover and respect the natural world.

SKILLS
Learn practical countryside skills for life.

FRIENDSHIPS
Make memories and build lasting friendships.

ACHIEVEMENTS
Earn badges and celebrate your progress.

COMMUNITY
Be part of a kind, inclusive and welcoming community.

Weekly clubs, holiday activities, family events, camping weekends, seasonal celebrations, awards and so much more.
A year of adventure. A lifetime of memories.

ELYSIAN EVENTS
elysianevents.org
events@elysian.org
 Westford Farm, Loddish Road, Sharkey Green, Surrey, GU8 5TL

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A childhood outdoors, connected and full of possibility.

JEF is a membership community where children experience the best of farm life, nature and practical learning – in a safe, nurturing and fun environment. Here, they're encouraged to explore, learn, create and grow.

AS A JEF MEMBER, YOUR CHILD WILL...

CONNECT WITH ANIMALS
Develop confidence and responsibility through animal care and observation.

EXPLORE NATURE
Discover wildlife, the seasons and the wonder of the natural world around us.

LEARN PRACTICAL SKILLS
From grooming and growing to maintenance and teamwork.

MAKE FRIENDS
Building lasting friendships is a superpower that no one can take away.

EARN BADGES & RECOGNITION
Celebrate achievements and take pride in working hard things.

BE PART OF SOMETHING SPECIAL
Join a welcoming community and make memories that last.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

WEEKLY CLUBS
After school and weekend sessions during term time, full of hands-on activities.

HOLIDAY FUN
Exciting holiday activities throughout the year.

FAMILY & COMMUNITY DAYS
Free members' days with half-term and special family events.

CAMPING ADVENTURES
Memorable only camping, weekend and outdoor experiences.

BADGES & AWARDS
A unique JEF awards programme to celebrate growth, effort and contribution.

MEMBER BENEFITS
Priority booking, exclusive discounts on Elysian activities and access to special offers.

JEF MERCHANDISE
Branded clothing and goodies to feel part of the JEF community.

WHY PARENTS LOVE JEF

- Real-life experiences that build confidence and resilience.
- Screen-free, fresh air!
- A safe, well-supervised environment with experienced staff.
- Encourages responsibility, kindness and teamwork.
- Memories and friendships that last a lifetime.

Ready to join us?
 Scan the QR code to visit our website, explore membership options and book upcoming sessions.

Founding Members
 Families joining during our launch period will become our Founding Members and enjoy exclusive launch benefits as our community grows and develops.

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