



Gosden News

Friday 2nd October 2026



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Autumn Term

It has been another busy and successful couple of weeks at Gosden House School. Pupils have been making the most of the last of the summer sunshine, enjoying outdoor learning and activities across our grounds. Our Year 9 students enjoyed a visit to Hounslow Arts Centre, where they embraced new experiences, developed their creativity and represented the school brilliantly.

Another highlight was our Macmillan Coffee Morning, organised by Mrs Heal and a group of Year 10 students in the Bakehouse last Friday. The event helped to raise funds for a wonderful charity, while giving pupils the opportunity to showcase their teamwork and culinary skills.



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

ARBOR

- We have recently added new parental consent forms to Arbor that require your attention.
- Please log in to the app or parent portal and check the **Notices** section where you will be able to review and respond to any outstanding consent requests for your child.
- Please complete these as soon as possible.
- If you have not yet accessed Arbor or you need any assistance, please call the office on 01483 892008.

Thank you!

Speech & Language Therapy Team

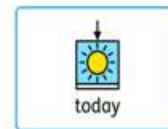
★ Makaton Champions ★

Signs of the week w/c 5th October 2026

Greetings

This week's champion is:

★ Finley Year 8 ★



Dates for the Diary

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

Thursday 15th October – Flu vaccinations

Thursday 15th October – Hello Yellow Day

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

Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th November – School Photos

Wednesday 11th November – Parent's Evening

Monday 16th – Friday 20th November – Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 4th December – Early finish 1.30pm

Saturday 5th December – Christmas Fair (time tbc)

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

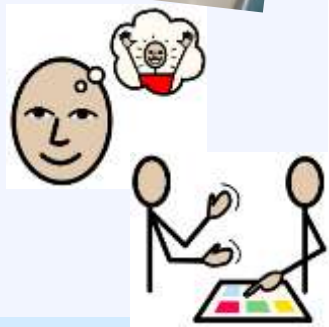


PRIMARY

Owls have settled brilliantly into their new classroom environment, enjoying provision play and lots of outdoor learning too!

As part of our 'Healthy Me' topic, Owls have been busy using their 'Creative' and 'Explaining' Learning Habits to notice features on their faces, paint self-portraits, and to share about the people in their family.

Over the past two weeks, Owls have delved into their Literacy learning to explore healthy foods through our story, Kitchen Disco! Owls have created a class story map and this week, have been adding actions and dance moves too!



Squirrels have really enjoyed going Swimming again every Friday. We are all improving our technique and are becoming confident swimmers.

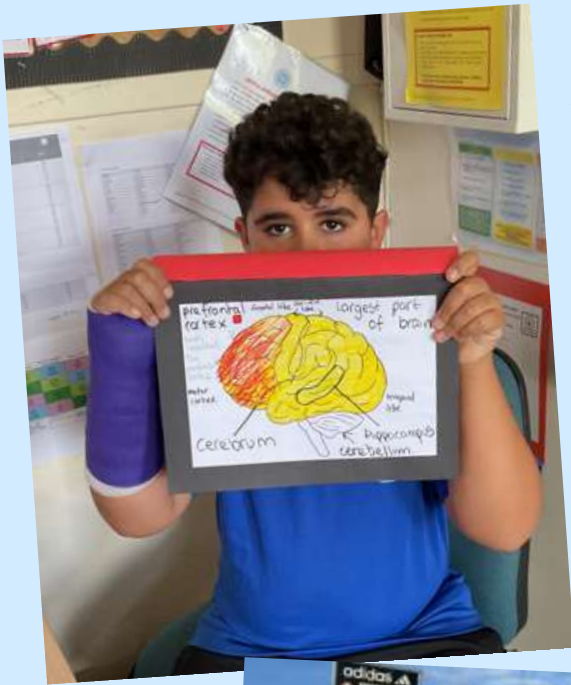
As part of our collective class reward, the children enjoyed a fantastic pizza-making afternoon. Everyone had the opportunity to make their own pizza, choosing their favourite toppings and getting involved in the whole process. We then sat together to enjoy our delicious creations – a lovely way to celebrate our hard work as a class!



We've loved our visits to the Art Studio with Mrs Rolt and have been learning about Mosaics and been making roman helmets.



SECONDARY



Year 7H have made a brilliant start to their learning experience at Gosden and have settled in well. They have been developing their understanding of the brain in science and have demonstrated resilience to challenges and learning together. What a fantastic few weeks!



During our 'Leisure for Life' sessions in **Year 10FP**, students followed a simple recipe to make delicious waffles.

Judging by the photographs, they thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were very proud of their creations!



We have also been exploring the artwork of Romero Britto and have recreated our own colourful pieces inspired by our favourite animals. Students have enjoyed experimenting with bold colours and patterns to create their unique designs.



In our Sports Leaders sessions, students have been busy planning activities to support the upcoming Sports Accessibility Week. They are looking forward to putting their plans into action and leading activities for others to enjoy. Photos will follow in the next newsletter, showcasing all their hard work in action!

IN OTHER NEWS...

On Saturday 19th September a small group from our school football team were invited up to the sensory room at Stamford Bridge to watch Chelsea Women vs Birmingham City Women. We got the chance to meet the mascots, watch both teams warm up pitch side, and of course watch the Chelsea Women win 2-0! During the game we spent some time with a Chelsea coach who helped us practice our ball control skills too! This was a fantastic experience for us all and we hope to practice some of the skills we saw on our own football pitch back at school. Thank you, Chelsea FC!



SECONDARY

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.

7D

Jess L
Lou D-B
Eni O
Freddie L-B
Tom N

7H

Lacey B
Destiny C
Daisy W-G
Noah Y
Maia C
Aiden M-D
Tiff H
Nathan C
Porscha R
Chloe S-R
Isabella D



TOOLKITS

PASTORAL CARE



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By Jen,
our Pastoral Assistant



An easy tool recommended is discussing 3 positive things at home each day. This can help shift a child's focus to notice the good which builds resilience and can lower feelings of anxiety.

AUTUMN TERM OPEN EVENTS

Sandra Tidbury



Sixth Form Provisions



Where: FOX GROVE, Leatherhead

When: 9th November 4-4.30pm

Info: No booking required, just join the tour



Where: PHILIP SOUTHCOTE, Addlestone

When: 12th November

Info: Open morning



Where: CARWARDEN HOUSE, Camberley

When: 19th November

Info: Open morning

Colleges



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

Roblox Online Safety Reminder for Parents and Carers

We would like to make families aware of some horror-themed content currently being shared through Roblox, including a scary version of the Cat in the Hat character. Some children may find these games and videos upsetting.

A small number of our pupils have recently seen this content and found it distressing. We encourage parents and carers to regularly monitor the games their child is playing, check the content they are viewing, and use parental controls where appropriate.

Please encourage your child to speak to a trusted adult if they see something online that makes them feel worried, frightened or uncomfortable. Thank you for your continued support in helping to keep our pupils safe online.



Online Safety Trends to be aware of:



1. The "Cat in the Hat" trend—typically AI produced images of a cat in the hat figure standing on driveways, in streets at night. Made to appear creepy and many now contain weapons and have a gory nature. Appearing on children's YouTube videos. We are aware this is appearing in Roblox games now also.
2. The "764" trend refers to a dangerous online network of predators who target vulnerable children and teenagers to coerce them into self-harm, violence, and exploitation. targeting teens through Roblox, discord, Minecraft and other online chat sites. Signs to look/listen out for are talking to strangers, unusual self harm (cutting words/numbers) and abuse of family pets/animals.
3. The "nox trend" is another dangerous social media phenomenon where teenagers inhale this gas recreationally to achieve a brief, euphoric high, with serious health risks—appearing on YouTube, TikTok and Instagram videos. The cannisters can be purchased from vape shops and are available in a variety of colours and flavours making them appear 'safe' and appealing to teens.

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>



THE LIGHTHOUSE
Graveland

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 10.30am - 12.00pm Drop in and enjoy a cup of tea, chat to our staff and volunteers, and see what we're up to.	MEN MATTER 10.30am - 12.00pm A chance for men to come and talk to our staff and volunteers, and see what we're up to.	MUMS & UNDER 2s 10.30am - 12.00pm A chance for mums and their children to come and talk to our staff and volunteers, and see what we're up to.	COMMUNITY CHOR 10.30am - 12.00pm A chance for the community to come and sing with our staff and volunteers, and see what we're up to.
TOGETHER OVER TEA 1.30pm - 3.00pm A chance for the community to come and enjoy a cup of tea, chat to our staff and volunteers, and see what we're up to.	12-WEEK COURSE 10.30am - 12.00pm A chance for the community to come and learn from our staff and volunteers, and see what we're up to.	COMMUNITY MONEY ADVICE 10.30am - 12.00pm A chance for the community to come and get advice from our staff and volunteers, and see what we're up to.	FOR MORE INFO 10.30am - 12.00pm A chance for the community to come and get more information from our staff and volunteers, and see what we're up to.

Instagram: @thelighthousegraveland Facebook: thelighthousegraveland Twitter: @thelighthousegraveland



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, observe and respect the natural world	SKILLS Learn practical countryside skills for life	FRIENDSHIPS Make memories and build lasting friendships	ACHIEVEMENTS Gain badges and celebrate your progress	COMMUNITY The part of a farm, inclusive and welcoming community
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Where clubs, hobby activities, farm events, countryside adventures, outdoor education, nature and so much more.
 A year of adventures. A lifetime of memories.

ELYSIAN EVENTS
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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 growing and growing to maintenance and more	MAKE FRIENDS Building friendships in a supportive, fun and inclusive environment	EARN BADGES & RECOGNITION Celebrate achievements and take pride in learning new skills	BE PART OF SOMETHING SPECIAL Join a membership community and make memories that last
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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 admission days with full farm and special family events	CAMPING ADVENTURES Members-only camping and games to be part of the JEF community	BADGES & AWARDS A unique JEF awards programme to celebrate growth, effort and contribution	MEMBER BENEFITS Priority booking, exclusive discounts on JEF activities and access to special offers	JEF MERCHANDISE Branded clothing and goodies to be part of the JEF community
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WHY PARENTS LOVE JEF

- Real life experiences that build confidence and resilience
- Screens down, fresh air up
- 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 and becoming our Founding Members and enjoy exclusive launch benefits as our community grows and develops.

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