



Gosden News

Friday 16th October 2026



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Sports Week

We all had an amazing Sports focus week with so much fun and energy around the school.

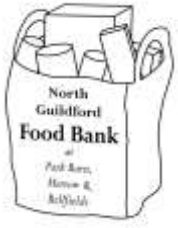
We had lots of extra visitors, including Lloyd Martin the marathon runner and rugby and frisbee experts. As well as trying out a range of activities, we learnt about famous sports people and explored what we can also achieve. Enjoy the photos to see a sample of our **sportstastic** week.



Sports Week Highlights



Parent Information



Thank you so much for your Harvest donations. Your generous giving really helps us to build our stock in preparation for the winter and our busiest time of the year in December.

The North Guildford Food Bank

Important Reminders

Cauliflower Christmas Cards - we have managed to negotiate an extension to order Christmas Cards. Orders will now close on Monday 26th October. If you have difficulties ordering on a mobile device, please try a laptop or Ipad.

Arbor App - thank you all for your support as we transition across to Arbor. If you can log onto the Arbor App and check any outstanding 'consents' then that would be very helpful.

Flu vaccinations - the immunisation team arrived yesterday. If you did not get around to completing the consent form the portal has now reopened.

AMAZON WISH LIST

We have an [Amazon wish list](#) with lots of lovely items and categories. Please take a look in case there's anything you would like to purchase for our students.



Dates for the Diary

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)

Wednesday 9th December – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

Friday 11th December 1.30pm – Primary Christmas Presentation

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

Monday 4th January – Inset day

Tuesday 5th January – Start of Spring Term



PRIMARY



In **Badger** Class, our topic is Castles, so we have been reading fairy tales and myths set in castles. We read *The Princess and the Frog*, *Rapunzel* (an alternative story) and *King Midas and the Gold*. We used our 'Listening' and 'Learning Together' Learning Habits to retell the stories.



We have had a very busy and fun first half term in **Woodpecker** class. Our topic has been 'Ancient Rome' and we have been using our 'Exploring' and 'Creative' learning habits in lots of different ways including mosaic, mask and shield making. Next half term we are looking forward to becoming soldiers in the Roman army!



In Maths we have been learning about numbers and shapes. To help our understanding we have been playing games, baking and using the outdoor area. Our literacy lessons have focused on storytelling, and we have enjoyed creating and then retelling our stories to audiences using props.

SECONDARY

Year 8 have made a fantastic start to the new school year, enjoying a wide variety of lessons and activities. The class have fully embraced their Viking Topic, 'Raiders and Traders'. Working collaboratively in groups, students created their own clan names, designed clan shields and carried out research into Viking life and culture.



KS4 have put 100% into their sports focus week, taking part in a wide range of sports activities. From frisbee to football: they've thrown, dived and dodged their way through this energetic and fun-packed few days. The students pitted themselves against a formidable team of staff football players, asked taxing questions to a range of guests from the world of sport and challenged themselves to gain a place in the hallowed hall of fame in the Gosden Book of World Records. What a fabulous end to a wonderful half term!



In other news, **Year 11** met with the Bramley Helping Hands to make connections for their Community Action ASDAN module. The students will be planning fundraising activities and supporting the local food bank, helping to provide a valuable service for their local community.



SECONDARY

TOOLKITS

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 7D

Jack S
Grayson L
Sulayman M

Year 8

Ray F
Tyler F
Ollie M
Finley R
Austin F
Leo P
Jess C
Emily S

Year 9

Ruby S
James R



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By Jen,
our Pastoral Assistant

It is a beautiful time of year, and October Half Term is a fantastic opportunity to explore. The benefits of being in nature include improved sleep, focus and mood.

Here are some cost-effective ideas:

- Pumpkin picking Pumpkin Farm in Surrey | Pick Your Own
- Collecting conkers
- Arts and crafts using leaves
- Building dens with sticks by your local woodland



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**Families First
Guildford**
Supporting families in our community



Guildford Family Centre

EARLYBIRD PROGRAMME

Join the National Autistic Society's EarlyBird programme for parents and carers of autistic children aged under 6 years.

The six-session programme covers:

- Understanding autism
- Communication
- Understanding autistic experiences
- Supporting daily living
- Health and wellbeing
- Connections



National
Autistic
Society



EarlyBird
Licensed

The EarlyBird programme aims to empower parents and supporting professionals to understand more about autism and discuss useful strategies on how to support autistic children.

All sessions run from 9.30am-12pm:

Friday 8 th January	Friday 29 th January
Friday 15 th January	Friday 5 th February
Friday 22 nd January	Friday 12 th February

The cost of the course is £35, but if you are experiencing financial hardship, please come and speak to us.

ENROL HERE: familiesfirstguildford.com/events



ASPIRATIONAL UPDATES // By Sandra Tidbury

Ellie, in Year 11, has currently completed week 4 of her Traineeship at St Emanuel's Café in Guildford. This is a 12-week Hospitality Traineeship aiming to build confidence, in a friendly and supportive environment and develop transferable skills. She has really pushed herself to work independently outside of Gosden to develop her social and communication skills and is thoroughly enjoying it!

As Animal Ambassador, Owen in Year 11 and Peter, who is an amazing volunteer, put together a presentation including costings, for Mrs Smale to explain their new project – an outside, weatherproof, transportable run for the rabbits as he felt they needed to have some time to eat grass. Work will start on this after half term.

We also have a lovely volunteer Ian, who is coming in once a week to work with some KS4 students on basic bicycle maintenance. If this proves successful, he will hopefully open it up to key Stage 3 students so do have those conversations with your young person to see if it is something they might like to access.

Finally, 3 Year 11 students and myself go to Brooklands college every Friday morning. So far they have accessed Care and Art. It's a brilliant opportunity to see what a big Further Education college is like, especially the busy canteen at lunchtime. They look forward to going each week and this puts them in good stead for their pathway post Gosden.

AUTUMN TERM OPEN EVENTS



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: 18th November
Book: [Guildford College October Open Event - Guildford College](#)

Where: MERRIST WOOD
When: 14th November
Book: [Events - Merrist Wood College and University Centre](#)

Where: FARNBOROUGH COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY
When: 18th November
Book: [Events from 13 October – 16th June 2027 – Farnborough College of Technology](#)

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>



october half term

Mon 19 October - Sun 01 November

Calling little ghosts and ghouls - check out our thrilling workshops and events this half term and Halloween.

live events & screenings

Mon 26 Oct

Holmes and Watson and the Curious Case of the Masked Magician

Wed 28 & Thu 29 Oct

Crafty Kids at the Museum

Wed 28 Oct

Toy Story 5

Fri 30 Oct

Silent Disco: Trick or Treat

Sat 31 Oct

Halloween at the Museum

workshops

farnham **maltings**



Tue 20 Oct

3D Design & Make - Autumn (8+yrs)

Wed 21 Oct

Ghost Stories - Drama Workshops (5-7yrs or 7-11yrs)

Beaded Halloween Jewellery (6+yrs)

Thu 22 Oct

Rustic Autumn Paint and Draw Workshop (6+yrs)

Fri 23 Oct

Demon Dancers (7-11yrs)

Cupcake Decorating: Out of this World (5-12yrs)

Mythical Creatures in Watercolour (12+yrs)

Whimsical Watercolour Cat (8+yrs)

Mon 26 Oct

Print your own Halloween T-shirt (6+yrs)

Screen Print a Halloween Trick or Treat bag (6+yrs)

Tue 27 Oct

Family Watercolours Autumn Leaves (7+yrs)

Special Effects Stage Make-Up (7-11yrs or 11-16yrs)

Wed 28 Oct

Crystal Stars (8+yrs)

Thu 29 Oct

Cupcake Decorating Halloween (5-12yrs)

Fri 30 Oct

Halloween Soap-Making (5+yrs)

farnhammaltings.com/halfterm

Bridge Square, Surrey, GU9 7QR



Year 11 Sport Taster Day

We have an exciting Year 11 Sport Taster Day taking place at Merrist Wood College:

 **Tuesday 20 October**
 **10.00am-2.00pm**

Students will have the opportunity to experience college life, take part in practical activities and find out more about studying Sport with us.

[Sport Taster Session – Merrist Wood College – Eventbrite](#)