Gosden News

Friday 13th November 2026



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Autumn Term

By Mrs Smale

As the autumn term continues, it has been wonderful to see learning come to life across the school. Whether in classrooms, around the wider site, or through enrichment opportunities (there have been many trips), pupils have demonstrated curiosity, resilience and increasing independence as they engage in a wide range of exciting experiences.

We are also delighted to see our pupil leadership groups making such a positive impact. Our new 2026 Pupil Voice Team has already begun sharing creative ideas to enhance learning, wellbeing and school life, building on the successes of the 2025 team. Alongside them, our Wellbeing Ambassadors have been working closely with the pastoral team, launching the Kindness Week initiative and planning future activities to support our school community.

Our Eco Ambassadors have also been busy, recently taking part in staff interviews and confidently challenging candidates on their ideas for sustainability across the school. Meanwhile, our Animal and Sports Ambassadors continue to make valuable contributions, demonstrating enthusiasm and responsibility.

It was also a pleasure to welcome so many parents and carers to our first Parents' Evening of the year. The strong partnership between home and school is invaluable, and we greatly appreciate the opportunity to share pupils' achievements and discuss their ongoing progress together.



Parent Information



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.



CHRISTMAS FAIR
SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER

We are in the depths of planning the annual Christmas Fair and would LOVE your help please!

We are asking for kind donations for the following:

TOMBOLAS - these are a hugely popular part of our fair! Donations can be sent to school with your child from Monday 16th - Thursday 26th November

- BOTTLES & CHOCOLATES - anything that comes in a bottle (drinks, bubble bath, fancy olive oil!) or is a chocolate - in date please!!
- TOYS & GAMES - new & nearly new (a good excuse for a clear before Christmas!)

RAFFLE

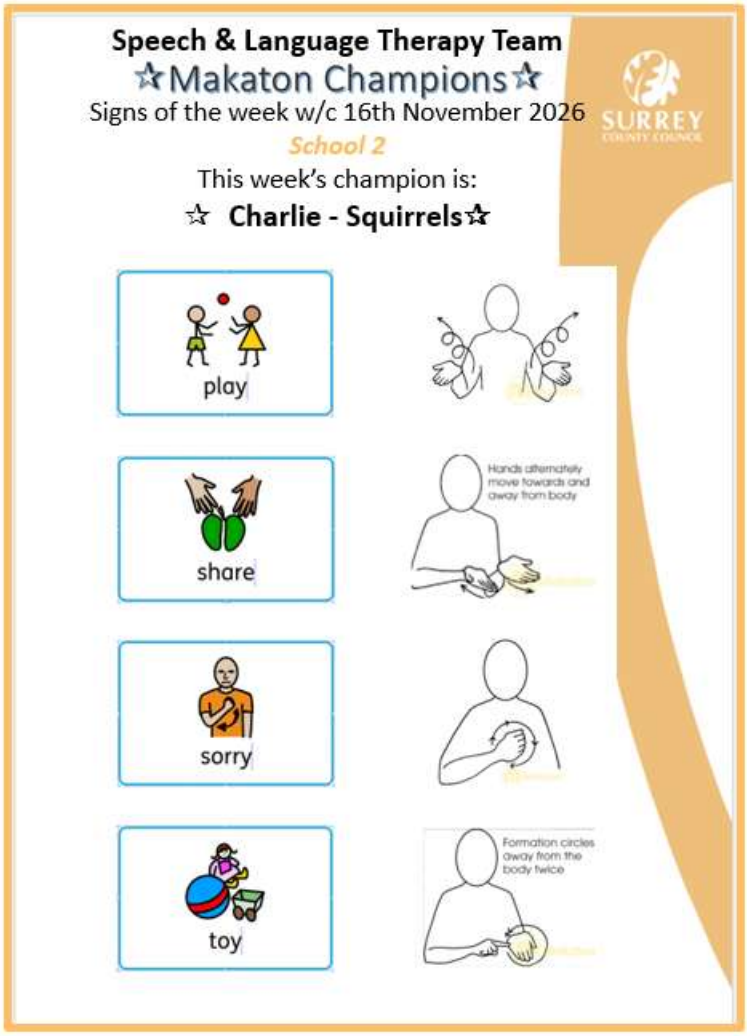
We need fabulous prizes so please do get in contact (details below) if you have something you can donate - vouchers, experiences, gifts all would be very appreciated

VOLUNTEERING

We rely on wonderful volounteers for setting up and on the day to run stalls. Please see below a link where you can sign up to help make the day festively fabulous! An hour makes a huge difference if you can spare it!

SIGN UP HERE

WWW.SLOTTR.COM/SHEETS/18296469



Dates for the Diary

Monday 16th – Friday 20th November – Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 4th December – Early finish 1.30pm
Saturday 5th December – Christmas Fair 12-3pm
Wednesday 9th December – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Friday 11th December 1.30pm – Primary Christmas Presentation (just for Primary parents)
Friday 18th December – End of Autumn Term, 1.30pm finish
Monday 4th January – Inset day
Tuesday 5th January – Start of Spring Term

PRIMARY





Owl Class have returned to school after their two-week half-term full of enthusiasm! We spent the first week delving into exploration around the celebration of Halloween; making potions in Forest School, measuring pumpkins in Maths, and practicing our colourful semantic skills in Literacy, using illustrations from the story, *Room on the Broom* by Julia Donaldson.









This week, Owls began their new story linked to our topic of 'Toys', titled Traction Man by Mini Grey. They have been busy using their 'Creative' Learning Habit to design a new outfit for the action figure and have been using their 'Explaining' and 'Problem Solving' skills to make a prediction about what his special mission might be.

Foxes class have had a wonderful and busy few weeks since returning from half term. We were delighted to welcome Mrs Williams into class, who helped us create some beautiful autumn-themed artwork. Everyone enjoyed getting creative, and our colourful masterpieces are now proudly displayed around the classroom.



In Maths we have started to learn about partitioning numbers and recognising tens and ones.

SECONDARY



This half term in science **Year 7D** have begun their topic on the digestive system. They started by learning about the mouth, the different types of teeth and their functions. The children then enthusiastically made models of the gums and teeth, bringing their learning to life in a fun and practical way. It has been wonderful to see the children engaging so positively with their learning and embracing every opportunity to develop their scientific knowledge and skills.



Last half term, **Year 9** were invited to Goodwood Home Farm to explore careers in agriculture. They had an opportunity to explore the vast grounds and see the different jobs adults had including; looking after the livestock, forestry, farm shop, maintaining the grounds. We milked a pretend cow and made our own butter and made flour from wheat.







In **KS4** Catering and Hospitality last week we were putting our customer service skills to the test with some visitors from County Care in Fetcham, a post-16 provision. We made a selection of sweet and savoury treats that we served, alongside hot drinks on our barista machine which we are now all trained up on. Students showed great communication and organisation skills and we really enjoyed hosting our first external visitors in the cafe space.

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
Tjay
Lou
Eni
Freddie
Jess L
Beatrice
Tom N

Year 10FP
Jess R

Year 7H
Tiff
Daisy
Isabella
Noah
Maia
Destiny
Porscha
Kian
Aiden
Nathan
Lacey
Chloe

Year 8
Jess C
Tyler C
Tyler F
Leo P
James T
Kerina
George L
Emily S

AUTUMN TERM OPEN EVENTS



Sixth Form Provisions

Where: CARWARDEN HOUSE, Camberley
When: 19th November
Info: Open morning

Colleges

Where: NESCOT COLLEGE
When: 18th November
Book: Nescot College Open Event

Where: GUILDFORD COLLEGE
When: 18th November
Book: Guildford College October Open Event - Guildford College

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

PASTORAL CARE

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By Jen, our Pastoral Assistant

It's lovely to see all the happy faces at Gosden on return from October Half term. Here are some helpful tips for good sleep to help all settle back into their normal routines:
-Turn off devices (TV, iPad) 60 minutes before bedtime
-Enjoy a quiet activity together to help relax and unwind
-A bath or shower before bed can increase hormones that promote good quality sleep



getting it right for every child

NHS Lothian

Special Time for Play in Your Weekly Routine

'Special Time' is a time for you and your child to play together and may be in addition to the times you already have.

Before you start



- Set aside 10 minutes to be on your own with your child
- Avoid any background noise or distractions Make sure the radio or TV is turned off by one of you.
- Ask your child to choose something for both of you to do together.
- Try to follow what they are doing with the toy. Let them lead the play.
- Start your time when he/she has made his choice and you are ready to start playing; a timer can be used if required. Remember the toys may need to be set up before you start playing.

What to do:
Spend the ten minutes together doing what he/she has chosen (e.g. puzzles, building things, Lego, playdough, drawing/craft, dolls, cars, small figures such as playmobil) It must be something that you can do together that could make conversation or following their lead easy. Remember no props may be needed for some activities e.g. rhymes, songs, tickling games.

During Special Time it is best to avoid watching TV, using electrical devices, reading books or running around games as these do not encourage as much two way interaction.

- Give your child undivided attention for the whole 10 minutes.
- Play face to face and down at your child's level.
- Concentrate on what he/she is saying during the play rather than how they are saying it, or what they are missing out. Try to use comments and not too many questions.
- When you get to the end of 10 minutes – stop. Many children will try to extend this time. If this happens you will find it becomes harder and harder to fit it into your routine, so keep it to the 10 minutes.
- At the end of the 10 minutes thank your child for the time together.

Questions you might have

Why only 10 minutes?
You may feel that you want to have longer than 10 minutes and that your child enjoys the time with you and doesn't want to stop. It is important to try and keep to only 10 minutes because:

- It makes it easier for you to have the 'Special Time' more regularly. If you spend a long time on it, you are more likely to miss a day when you are busy.
- Children respond well to routines and once you have established a 10-minute 'Special Time' with your child he/she will get used to the routine and know what to expect.

What about your other children?
If you have other children in the family it would be useful to set aside a 'Special Time' for them too if you can.

How often do you have 'Special Time'?

- Aim for at least 3- 4 times a week.
- You can choose any time that is convenient for you.
- Some parents like to have their 'Special Time' at the same time every day.
- Work out a system that suits you.

Remember to have fun!



Follow the link for more info: Special Time | Let's Talk NHS Lothian | Info and Top Tips

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



