



GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL GOSDEN NEWS

9th September 2022



The Gosden House community join the Nation and the Commonwealth in mourning the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.



Welcome back to a new school year, it has been a positive start at Gosden. We are all very saddened by the news of The Queen's death this week. We are spending time in class looking back at Her Majesty's life, and talking about how we are mourning as a nation. I'm sure you will be aware of the coming events – we are changing our timings today so we can watch the 96 gun salute. Tomorrow will be the proclamation of King Charles III as King. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/live/uk-62842089>

We are welcoming several new families this term and a few new staff. We look forward to meeting everybody very soon. New parents and carers, please do make contact with the PTA and other families in your child's class – we have a wonderful Gosden family.

We are aware that many families will be struggling with increasing costs. While we also will be struggling as a school, we have determined that the children will continue with a hot meal every day, and we will keep the school warm. We will also be looking at other ways to support families, so please don't hesitate to contact your class teacher if you need assistance. Annie is our Home School Link Worker and Jane is our Pastoral Assistant.

Regarding uniform: We have logo'ed blazer and jumper, but beyond those items you are welcome to purchase clothing from your local supermarket. A second hand uniform service is run by Jo McGee, please contact Debby or your class teacher.

It is an absolute pleasure to be back at school again, see you all soon.

Cindy O'Sullivan, Head Teacher

DATES FOR THE DIARY

w/c 17th October	Learning Outdoors Focus Week
Monday 24th – Friday 28th October	Half Term
Monday 31st October	Children return to school
Wednesday 9th November	Parents Evening
w/c 14th November	Anti-bullying Week
Wednesday 16th November	INSET Day – Staff only
Thursday 8th December	Whole School Panto Trip
Wednesday 14th December	Primary Christmas Production
Thursday 15th December	Christmas Dinner
Friday 16th December	Father Christmas visiting

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This is Alfie on holiday with family in Turkey. He tried lots of new foods and did lots of swimming. He even learnt a few words so he could speak to the locals.



This summer Sebastian went on an adventure through France. He really enjoyed all the modes of transport, particularly the train and spotting all the different types of motorcycles! We finished our trip with a very special visit to Euro Disney!



Lily-Rose loved visiting Paultons Park during the holidays. She tried some new rides and saw Peppa & George too!



Leo's Mummy and Daddy got married in the summer and Leo and his brother were pageboys. Leo also visited the Natural History Museum and Madame Tussauds.



Louisa loves animals. Her best day was when she went to visit Miller's Ark Farm where she got to pet lots of animals, including ponies, pigs and ducks!



James went to Blackpool and stayed in a hotel for two nights. While James was there he went to a naming ceremony with his family.

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Sam did his first high wire course through the trees in France. Despite lots of nerves, he was super proud of himself for navigating the course with help from his Daddy; independently taking control of the carabiner and safety clip.

Ruby had a day out at Hampton Court with Young Carers



Micaela assisted at a music festival this summer and really enjoyed it



Imaan went to St Andrews in Scotland and also saw the Terrible Tudors at the theatre.



Freddie spent some time down at the farm with his buddy Rudy.

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One of Lucie's favourite days out was a family trip to Brighton where we visited the Upside Down House. We had time upstairs and downstairs for a fun photo shoot and a man helped us set up lots of funny photos. Here we are upside down in the bedroom!



Harry had a lot of fun during the summer. He camped with his Scout group and with his family. Here is a photo of him on a woodland walk trying a wooden drum kit.



Before the end of last term, Harry took part in Swim 22 a fundraiser for Diabetes UK. He raised over £100 and swam 11 miles and his medal arrived during the holiday.



Charles and his family went for a week in Snowdon National Park in North Wales. There are lots of nice steam railways, beautiful scenery but warning... it can rain a lot!!

Fun Fact: Sir Handel in Thomas and Friends was named after the engine Sir Hadyn at the Talylyn Railway.

USEFUL INFORMATION

CAP Life Skills

Click on the link below to
access details about
CAP Life Skills

[CAP UK | CAP Life Skills](#)

WARMTH MATTERS: HELP WITH YOUR ENERGY BILLS

Zero Carbon Guildford are hosting drop-in events to help people with their energy bills.

More information can be found by clicking on the link <https://www.zerocarbondguildford.org/event-details/warmth-matters-help-with-your-energy-bills-2022-09-13-11-00>

Families living in Surrey can get access to free online guides that include top tips from childcare, education and NHS health experts.

Click on the link below to find the available guides.

[Free guides: understanding your baby, child or teenager :: Children and Family Health Surrey \(childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk\)](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT GOSDEN



VOLUNTEER DRIVER

**Are you local to Bramley or Shalford?
Can you spare a few hours each
week to become part of our school
community as a volunteer minibus
driver?**

Most journeys are very local taking various classes to swimming lessons and offsite learning opportunities, but there will also be occasional trips further afield for days out. All trips will take place during the school day (9am – 3pm) and will be term time only. This is a voluntary role but we will reimburse travel expenses.

It is essential that you have a clean D1 driving licence with a minimum of two years' driving experience, or have passed a minibus driving test. D1 is a category on your driving licence that permits you to drive vehicles of between 9 & 16 seats. If you passed your test before 1st January 1997, you will automatically have category D1 on your licence.

We would also require you to be DBS checked, which we will organise for you.

If you are interested in becoming a valued member of our school community please arrange to contact us on 01483 892008 (term time only), or email comms@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk

Gosden House School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The appointment will be subject to satisfactory references and an enhanced disclosure through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).