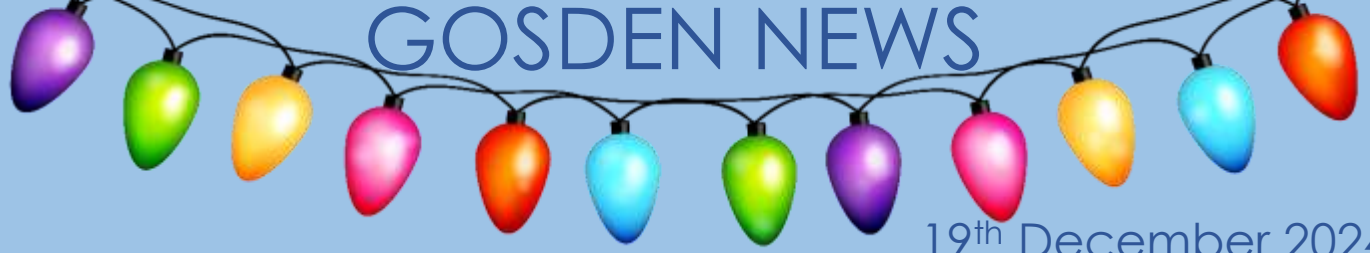


GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL

GOSDEN NEWS



19th December 2024

As the term draws to a close, and I look back over the last 15 weeks, I am amazed at everything we have managed to fit in. What stands out is the exuberance for learning and the kind acts that I see on a daily basis. The support that staff and pupils offer each other is incredible and palpable in the warmth you feel whenever you walk in.

Christmas in a school is without doubt an amazing experience. We welcomed families to the Christmas fair at the beginning of December and my thanks go to the PTA for arranging such a brilliant event. Then the whole school got to experience the magic of the theatre at the Yvonne Arnaud, this time thanks to the amazing community that is Bramley, whose support is unwavering.

We have also had the pleasure of watching the Primary Christmas presentation. It was wonderful, we have such a talented group of students who were ably supported by the incredible team around them. It was just brilliant.

Father Christmas made a welcome return on Friday, and what a return that was!

Finally, as we break for 2 weeks, may I wish you all a very Happy Christmas.



Becki

Rebecca Smale, Head Teacher



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 20th December, 1.30pm – End of Term

Monday 27th January, 6.30pm – Mobile Phone Safety
Session via TEAMS for Year 6 and above

Friday 7th February – Number Day

W/C 3rd and 10th February – Year 11 Work Experience

17th – 21st February – Half Term

Tuesday 11th February – Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 5th March – World Book Day

Wednesday 19th March – Parents' Consultation Evening

Friday 4th April – End of term, 1.30pm



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Thank you from the Office team for all the festive gifts. They are very much appreciated.
Happy Christmas from us all!



RECENT PARENTMAILS

School Lunch Spring Menu

Smart Watches

GASP Motor Project 2025

Care Crew

Surrey Sports Park Saturday Sports Club

Channel 4 – 'Swiped – the School that banned mobiles'

Christmas Countdown

Norovirus

Lost Property

LOST PROPERTY

Please refer to Parentmail with Lost Property photos and let the office know in the first week of term if any of the items belong to your child/children. If they are not claimed they will be donated to charity.

Fox class have enjoyed **exploring**, investigating and singing our way through this busy term! In our Literacy lessons, we have been using our **noticing** and **explaining** Learning Habits to research and present facts about polar animals. This topic has introduced us to lots of new vocabulary such as 'tundra' and 'blubber'.



F O X E S



Within our art lessons, we have made links to polar lands by exploring the work of the artist, Zaria Forman and created our own replications of polar landscapes

This half term we have also enjoyed the company of the Gosden guinea pigs in our classroom. We have been taking it in turns to feed, water and handle the guinea pigs. Fox class have loved this responsibility, and it has inspired us to continue our fact finding to research about guinea pigs.



With Christmas approaching, we have been honing our class performance skills by using our **learning together** learning habit to practice our song and dance for the Primary Presentation.





Quick Autumn Term recap....

I had a lovely few weeks being a part of the Year 11 Annual Reviews this half term. It is fabulous to hear the young person's voice as they share their thoughts about their future pathway and what they would like for themselves. It has also been wonderful working with all the parents and carers alongside Lucy and Sophia, coming together to help navigate the next steps for life after Gosden.

Amidst this was our parent consultation evening where some of the different provisions, particularly for post-16, were in the hall ready to share all their information. It was nice to see so many children and families there.

This term I have also been busy planning work experience visits and ploughing my way through risk assessments and health and safety paperwork. Our Year 11 learners are now beginning to talk about what their experience might look like for them...we have café assistants, gardening and landscapers, a vehicle maintenance assistant - to name a few.

This term has flown by and I have loved it....now I have moved offices up to the KS3 corridor I have been able to get to know so many more of our learners. I want to build on this next term and get that language of "career learning" out there so we can all think about the different opportunities there can be for our learners in the future.

All that remains to be said is that I hope you all have a lovely festive holiday, whatever you do and best wishes for 2025!



Upcoming Open Events

Brooklands Technical College

Wednesday 12th February 4.30pm – 7pm

Thursday 24th April 4.30pm – 7pm

[Brooklands Technical College - Vocational training in further and Higher Education](#)

Nescot (North East Surrey College of Technology)

Tuesday 4th March

Thursday 15th May

You need to register online for these dates.

[Nescot Open Events | Nescot](#)

Farnborough College of Technology

Wednesday 5th February

All the Open Days for Farnborough are 4pm – 7.30pm

[Events from 15 October – 18th June 2025 – Farnborough College of Technology \(farn-ct.ac.uk\)](#)

Guildford College

Wednesday 5th February 4.30pm – 7pm

Wednesday 23rd April 4.30pm – 7pm

[Guildford College \(activatelearning.ac.uk\)](#)

Merrist Wood College

Wednesday 26th February 4.30pm – 7pm

Wednesday 7th May 4.30pm – 7pm

[Merrist Wood College \(activatelearning.ac.uk\)](#)

If you have any questions or worries please don't hesitate to contact me via email on: s.tidbury@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk or on the school number 01483 892008.

WELL DONE!

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 7
Aalia

Year 8S
Bethany
Ryan
Rosanna
Safa
Kaylum

Year 8A
Max



For any concerns or support, please do contact Beth Sutton, Child and Family Support Worker (Mon-Fri) or Jane Cowles, Pastoral Assistant (Mon-Weds) at

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You can reach us at 07864 721931 or by phoning the school on 01483 892008.

<https://www.gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk/our-pastoral-support/>

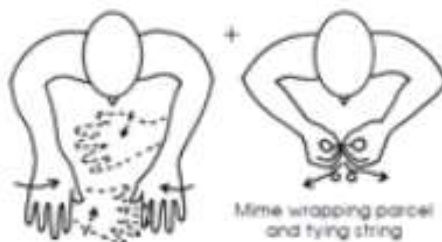
Speech & Language Therapy
Team

★ Makaton Champions ★



Signs of the week w/c 29th December 2024
(Theme: Christmas)

This week's champions are:

★ Georgie and Gareth - Rabbits ★



Speech & Language Therapy
Team

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Signs of the week w/c 16th December 2024
(Theme: Christmas)

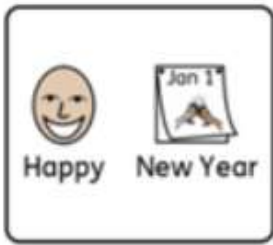
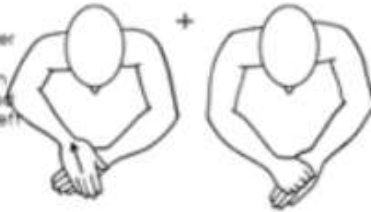
This week's champions are:

☆Bonny, Darcie & Jake - Owls☆

☆Rosie & Susan - Robins☆



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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>

You are able to donate directly or to a particular fundraising page that you would like to support.

