



GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL GOSDEN NEWS

17th January 2025

The start of a new year is an obvious time for reflection and re-set. Since our return to school we have been talking to the pupils about basic standards and how we need to think about our values. In assembly, pupils identified areas such as kindness, respect, manners and uniform, as ways to show pride and improve our own feelings of self-worth.

I have asked them all to think about small acts of kindness that they can show others every day. Little things like a smile or a hello and I have been really impressed to see many examples in school over the first two weeks. Please encourage this at home and celebrate the positives, as we will continue to do so in school.

Happy New Year to you all.

Becki

Rebecca Smale, Head Teacher



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 7th February – Number Day
Tuesday 11th February – Safer Internet Day
17th – 21st February – Half Term
Wednesday 5th March – World Book Day
Wednesday 19th March – Parent's Evening
Friday 4th April – end of term, 1.30pm

RECENT PARENTMAILS

Minibus – Mechanical Issues
Reminder – Year 9 Vaccinations
Opportunity – Destination STEM
Pupil Privacy Notice
KS4 School Uniform Vocational Days
Out and About
Swimming cancelled
Year 11 Residential – payment reminder
Year 9 Residential – payment reminder
Secondary Uniform – Letter from Becki
Update re Year 8 – Trip to Milestones
Gosden Children First Christmas Fair update
Mobile Phone Safety Session for Year 6 upwards
Fishbourne Palace update
Year 8 – Trip to Milestones
Challengers – Workshops and Fun Days
8A Changes for Spring Term
Change of PE days for 8S
Maths at Home
Changes to PE days for Year 9

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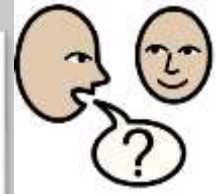
Please remember to name all your children's items of clothing, water bottles and bags.



KESTRELS

What a busy time we have been having in Kestrel Class!

Last term we enjoyed our topic 'Ancient Romans', finding out about this interesting period of history. First, we made a timeline and found out where it fits with other major historical events. We then used our **Asking Questions** learning habit as we learnt about the Roman army, the Roman Baths, Roman roads and compared a day in our life to the life of a Roman child. Next week, we are looking forward to going to Fishbourne Palace to see some amazing original mosaics and take part in Roman life workshops.



In Maths, we have been learning about directional and positional language. We had lots of fun playing games helping us to understand terms, including left and right as well as clockwise and anticlockwise.



During our 'Forces' Science topic, we used our '**Exploring**' and '**Noticing**' learning habits. We investigated the differences between the forces push and pull and the effect of friction on the speed of a moving object. We carried out experiments to find out what gravity is and the effect of air resistance. We also learnt about magnets by testing different materials to find out which are attracted to the magnet. We enjoyed using this understanding and our '**Creative**' learning habit to make a magnetic game.

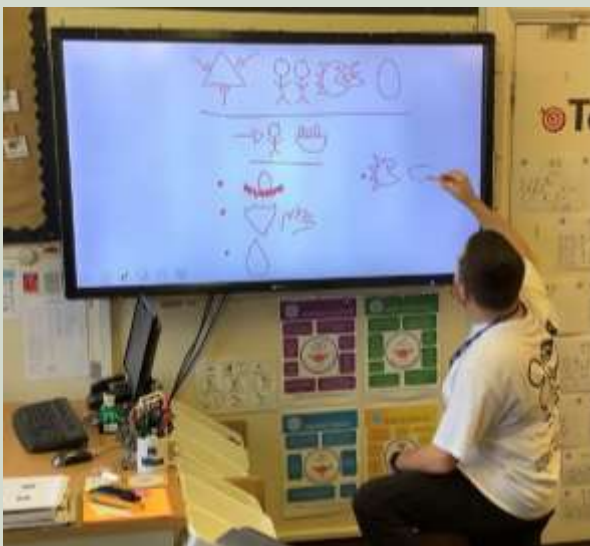


Year 7 have jumped right into a new term of learning! We have started our new Our World project – Food of the Gods! We were very excited to discover that we would be learning about The Aztecs, The Mayans and chocolate!

We kicked off our project by thinking about what we already knew and what we wanted to learn about. We wrote some notes on paper and made them into pebbles to throw into our knowledge and wonder pond. There was a strange looking frog that resembled Wilson!



In Literacy, we were very surprised when we received a mysterious parcel addressed to us! After a thorough investigation we discovered it was a dragon egg with instructions on how to care for it! We have been analysing the instructions and have created text maps to help us learn the structure of instructional writing. We are looking forward to changing the instructions and then creating our own creatures to write instructions for!



There has been lots of Toolkit collecting and stretching of our Learning Muscles already! We can't wait too see what the rest of this term brings!



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.

Monday 27th January, 6.30pm - TEAMS

Please make a note of our free Mobile Phone Safety session for parents and carers of children in Year 6 and upwards



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3rd December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

We are running a free 'Mobile Phone Safety' session for parents and carers, which will be delivered by Targeted Youth Services. The session will take place via Teams on Monday 27th January at 6.30 pm. The session will cover the topics below, so if you are considering allowing your child to have a mobile phone or if they already have one, it may be worth attending.

- Phone Apps
- Consent
- Mobile phone etiquette
- How to keep safe on a mobile phone
- Screenshots
- How to get help if I am unsure or worried

Please complete the form via the link below. Once we have collated all this information, we will then send you a Teams invite to join the meeting.

<https://forms.office.com/e/x0Vsvacjxx>

Many thanks for your support.

Emily Mainwaring
Deputy Head



Artemark
Gold Award
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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.



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Parent Workshops

Positive Family Relationships	Mon 3rd February - Farnham
Toilet Training	Tues 28th January - Guildford Thurs 27th March - Farnham
Education - How to get what you need	Weds 12th March - Farnham
Sleep	Weds 12th February - Guildford
Supporting Parents of Children with Anxiety	Tues 4th March - Farnham
Healthy Parent Carer	From Friday 31st January for 6 weeks - Farnham

For more information and to book on to our sessions, head to our website or scan the QR code

www.disability-challengers.org/thehub

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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/>



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Healthy
PARENT CARERS

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FREE

HEALTHY
PARENT CARER
PROGRAMME

Starting Friday 31st January

Running for 6 weeks

(not running Friday 21st February)

Come along from 9.45am for a
10am start. Finishes at 12.30pm

Farnham Play Centre, St James Avenue, GU9 9QF

Parent carers often put the needs of their children before their own wellbeing. The

Healthy Parent Carers' programme is designed to help you focus on your own health and wellbeing. The programme promotes empowerment, confidence and resilience, and gives you some time to focus on your own needs in a realistic way!



Sessions are delivered by Maddie and Becky, who are both parent carers and have attended the workshop themselves.

If you're interested and want to know more, please get in touch.



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<https://disability-challengers.org/thehub/>
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TRANSITION AGE 14 YEARS + EXPERT PARENT WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

FREE

Join our free workshop and learn how to get the best outcomes for your child. The Expert Parent Program maps out the current health system specifically to the needs of children and young people with additional needs or disabilities (diagnosed or undiagnosed) with a focus on our children as they approach adulthood.

Workshop topics include:

- Making the most of appointments
- Using language effectively
- Moving towards outcomes
- Needs, rights, levers and laws
- Looking after yourself as a carer

This workshop is written and delivered by parent trainers with lived experience.



"I found the course so invaluable and insightful, thank you for organising"

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Transition Age Workshop Date

- 25th Feb - Transition Age 14 to 18 years - Guildford
9.30am to 2.30pm

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EXPERT PARENT WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN AGED 0 TO 13 YEARS

FREE

Join our free workshop and learn how to get the best outcomes for your child. The Expert Parent Program maps out the current health system specifically to the needs of children and young people with additional needs or disabilities (diagnosed or undiagnosed) with a focus on our children up to the age of 13 years.

Workshop topics include:

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- Using language effectively
- Moving towards outcomes
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Workshop Dates

- Tues 21st Jan - The Hub, Challengers, Guildford
 - Mon 27th Jan - The Bandroom, Cranleigh
 - Weds 19th Mar - Farnham Challengers
- 9.30am to 2.30pm

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The Hub

Family

FUN DAY



Come and enjoy our soft play and outdoor playgrounds with all the family



Guildford and Farnham
Various Sundays 10am to 2pm



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A huge thank you to everyone who gave up their time to help at the Christmas Fair. You were all amazing and the Fair could not have happened without you.

We still have a few more pennies to come in, but at the moment the total raised stands at...

 **£2,261.34**

Thank you to everyone who donated, set-up, manned stalls, purchased and cleared up afterwards.



Speech & Language Therapy
Team

☆ Makaton Champions ☆

Signs of the week w/c 20th January 2025
(Theme: Relationships)

This week's champions are:

☆ Elaina – Y9 & Aalia – Y7 ☆



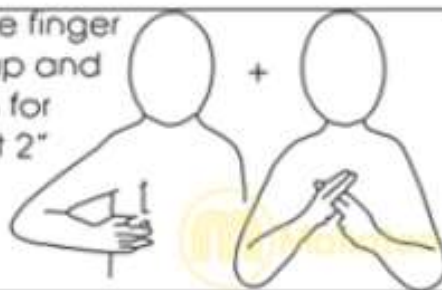
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Middle finger
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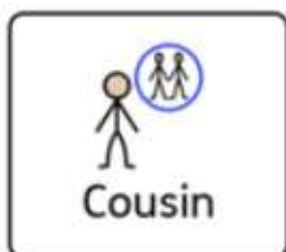
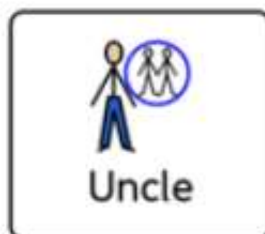
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★ Makaton Champions ★

Signs of the week w/c 13th January 2025
(Theme: Relationships)

This week's champions are:

★ Tia – Year 10 and Lexie Year 11 ★



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.

