



GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL GOSDEN NEWS

14th February 2025

What a quick half term this has been! I have been at home recovering from an operation and each day have eagerly logged on to my laptop to start planning for the next half of term.

I have loved hearing all the stories about the Year 11 work experience placements. Staff have kept me updated with what has been going on, much of their news filling me with pride and making me laugh and smile.

Thank you to all the staff who have supported our learners, driving them to and from work experience. It has been a proper Gosden family effort and highlights the true meaning of the phrase team work.

Sandra Tidbury, Aspirations Advisor

Sandra

In Sandra's absence I have been overseeing the Year 11 students who have represented Gosden to the highest standard. We have seen professionalism, an amazing work ethic and buckets of confidence from the whole class. Each learner should be extremely proud of themselves as they have taken the opportunity to fully experience the world of work, enhance their skills and qualities and grow as individuals. The class have shown themselves to be well on their way to becoming Gosden Graduates.

This year we have added some new businesses to our portfolio in industries such as: retail, horticulture and landscaping, catering and hospitality and the transport services. A big thank you to all of the employers who have been understanding, keen to teach and supportive throughout.

Sophia Phillips, Year 11

Sophia



DATES FOR THE DIARY

24th February – back to school

Wednesday 5th March – World Book Day

Wednesday 19th March – Parent's Evening

Friday 21st March – Red Nose Day

Friday 4th April – end of term, 1.30pm

TRAVEL APPLICATIONS

All parents of current Year 2s and Year 6s – you need to reapply for transport for your child's Year 3 or Year 7 place in September 2025. If your child is staying at Gosden you still need to reapply. Please apply as soon as possible.

[Application for Travel Assistance for Children under 16 years of age - Surrey County Council](#)

If you have any queries please contact Lucy Ellis at school lellis@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk

RECENT PARENTMAILS

Year 9 Residential Trip

Year 9 – catch up vaccinations

Year 9 Residential Information Evening

Parent Consultations

Price and Buckland Uniform

Lunches w/c/24.2.2025

FSM Vouchers

Headlice

Online Safety – WhatsApp Guidance

Red Nose Day

Wanted – Scooters!

Number Day

Warner Brothers Trip



Gosden Links invites you to the
Gosden House



BRIDGE AFTERNOON

Tuesday 11 March 2025

BRAMLEY VILLAGE HALL

from 2pm to 5pm

Please arrive by 1.45pm and bring table, cards, pens and cloth

£48.00 per table
includes a delicious afternoon tea



**Gosden House Students will be involved
in preparing some of the tea as part of
their Hospitality Qualification**



Raffle

Please reserve your table by:

- 1) Sending an email to
lsutherland@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk
- 2) Completing a bank transfer for £48.00 to Gosden Children
First bank account:
Account number 02675157 Sort Code 30-93-74
Use your name and Bridge Tea as Reference

Receipt of reservation and payment will be acknowledged

YEAR 11 WORK EXPERIENCE

Ryan and Leo had a brilliant time working with Chris and the team at Bushy Business



Muddy but great! - Leo

I loved working with Chris - Ryan

Lily-Rose showed a huge amount of independence at The Hive



It has been very inspiring - Lily-Rose



Lexie loved her time with Becky, Jamie and the team at LUSH, Guildford



I had a happy time and the staff were so kind - Lexie

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Charles learnt a huge amount from the Surrey and Sussex Police Workshop

I enjoyed putting the sirens on - Charles



Skye gained enormous input from Robyn at The Forge on the Green



Work experience has been amazing - Skye

Amr embraced two placements – one at CEX and the other at Guildford Care Home



JJ excelled at Dorking Library

It has been very interesting and a good opportunity to see what a job is like. I have met a lot of nice people - JJ



I enjoyed socialising with my colleagues - Amr

Aicha was in her happy place with the animals and Frankie

I love being with the animals - Aicha



Zac enjoyed three different placements - ArtVenture, Elise in Drama and Trudy in Art

My favourite day was with ArtVenture - Zac



Joey had THE biggest smile on her face for two weeks at K9 Dogs

I have loved being with the dogs every day, they keep me calm - Joey



The highlight of the half term for Badger Class was our trip to The Look Out Discovery Centre in Bracknell. We used so many of our Learning Habits while we were there. We started off by **Learning Together** in the Build section.

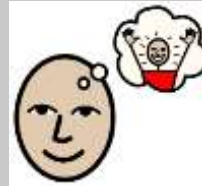
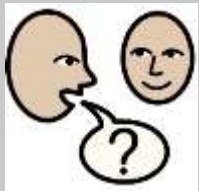


B A D G E R S



In the Light Room, we were **Exploring** and **Asking Questions**.

We were also using our **Creative** Learning Habit, using the light rods to create patterns and even write our names!



At lunch time, we all sat together using our **Listening** Learning Habit as we talked about which section we had enjoyed the most.





B A D G E R S



In the afternoon, we started off in the Balloon Room using our **Problem Solving** and **Explaining** Learning Habits.



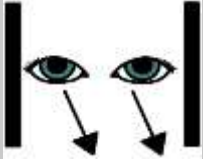
We finished in the Water Room, **Learning Together** as we had throughout our trip. We had a fantastic day!



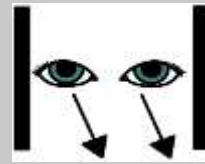
Falcon class have been so enthusiastic in their Geography learning. We have explored globes, maps and atlases and have been able to locate and name various hot and cold places. We know that people live in the Arctic but the Antarctic is too cold for anyone to live there.



FALCONS



We have learned about an Inuit artist, Ooloosie Saila, and had a go at creating Arctic art in her style. We learned about Dawn Crothers who paints birds and used her art as inspiration for our own bird art.





FALCONS



Last Friday, we had a whole day of maths for Number Day. We created our own Numicon biscuits, taking on the challenge to only make biscuits to the value of 12-we found lots of different ways to make our biscuits.





A huge thank you to those parents and carers who have donated scooters and playground games to our school. We are looking forward to whizzing around the playground! We will post some photos in the next Newsletter.

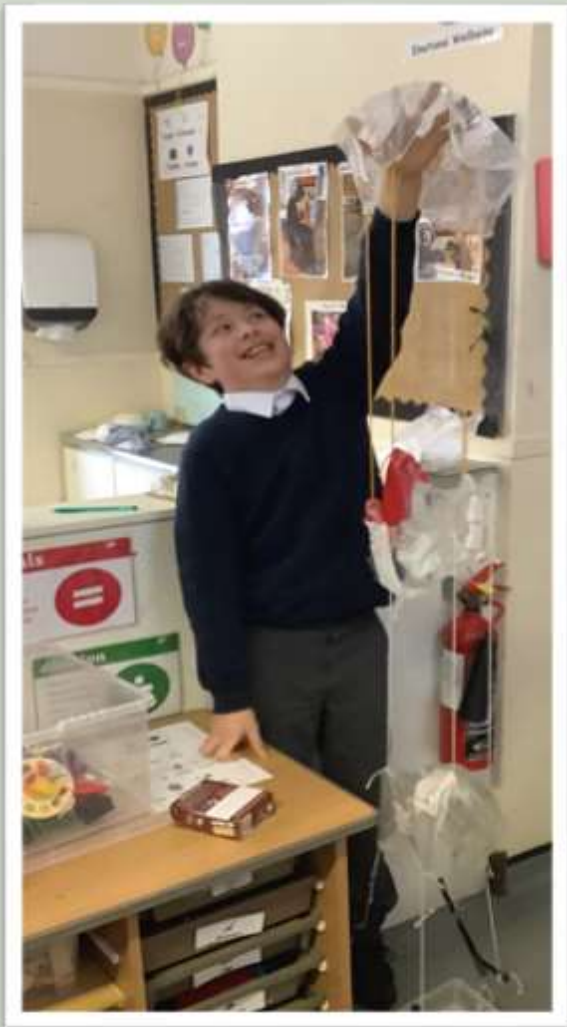


On **Friday 21st March** we will be supporting Red Nose Day in School.

The children are allowed to come to school on that day wearing something red and or with fun headwear or hair. Please bring in a suggested donation of £1 for Comic Relief.

There will also be an art competition which will be completed in school.

This term in science we have been exploring different forces. We used our “**Getting Ready**” Learning Muscles to find examples of different forces around Gosden, such as gravity, water resistance and friction.



We explored how gravity can be used to make a marble run, and then we were given a challenge - to design a parachute which would use air resistance to create a soft landing. It was great fun trying out different materials and seeing who could come up with the best designs!



In PSHE we have been learning about keeping healthy. We used our “**Learning Together**” Learning Muscles to make life size 2D models of the bones in the body, and we learnt what we need to keep our bones healthy. We also learnt about our circulatory and respiratory systems, and used a heart rate monitor to investigate what happens when we exercise.



In “Our World” our topic has been “the Victorians – the good, the bad and the ugly.” We have explored many different topics, such as children in the factories and the workhouse, Victorian homes and Victorian schools. It was sad to learn that children had such difficult lives in the past and it is good to know how much things have improved today.



Upcoming Open Events

Brooklands Technical College

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

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 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.

Safer Internet Day 2025

11th February 2025 focused on **protecting children from online scams**. Help children navigate online scams and keep themselves safe online with a range of resources for parents and carers below:

[NSPCC AI Safety Tips](#)

[Saferinternet Parents Carers Guide](#)

[Tackling Online Scams PDF](#)



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
Lily
James
Ruby

Year 8A
Lily W

Year 10
Micaela



The Anna Freud website has lots of advice and guidance for parents and carers on how to support a young person's wellbeing and mental health.

<https://www.annafreud.org/resources/family-wellbeing/>



Challengers
The Hub

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
thehub@disability-challengers.org 01483 661002



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

bsutton@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk
jcowles@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk
pastoral@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk

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/>



<https://www.actionforcarers.org.uk/news/household-fund-bill-payments-for-unpaid-carers-in-need/>



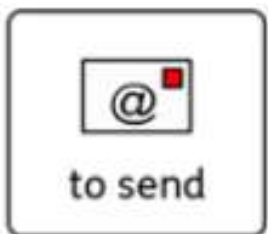
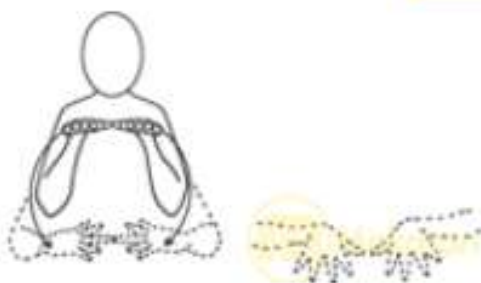
Speech & Language Therapy Team

★ Makaton Champions ★



Signs of the week w/c 10th February 2025
(Theme: Safer Internet Day)

This week's champions are:
★ George & Henry – 7W ★



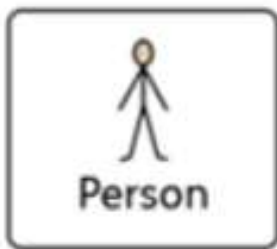
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★ Makaton Champions ★

Signs of the week w/c 24th February 2025
(Theme: Safeguarding – people we know)

This week's champions are:

★ James & Leo P – Falcons ★



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.

