



GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL GOSDEN NEWS

21st March 2025

Project Sensory room is finally complete. Fit with new fibre optics, pea pods, cuddle cushions and more, we will now be opening up the sensory room for students to use.

We know just how beneficial a safe sensory space can be for children and young people with additional needs and are very excited to be able to offer that space to our learners. Thank you to all those who donated, and to the Surrey Schools Mental Health Support Team, for making this happen.

Beth Sutton, Child & Family Support Worker *Beth*



AMAZON WISH LIST

A big thank you to the parents and carers who have purchased items from our Amazon wish list so far. We have received a variety of items which will benefit and bring joy to both our Primary and Secondary pupils.

For anyone else who wishes to take a look, please visit the link below:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/registries/gi/guest-view/HLH16NVYVLGU>



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 25th March – Gosden's Got Talent

Monday 31st March – Year 5 Transition to Secondary Show-round, 1.15pm (see Parentmail)

Friday 4th April – end of term, 1.30pm

7th – 21st April – **Easter Holidays**

Tuesday 22nd April – Summer term starts

Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday – School closed

Wednesday 14th May – Sports Day

w/c 19th May – Focus Week – Gosden Values

Monday 26th – Friday 30th May – **Half Term**

Wednesday 18th June – Year 11 Prom

Thursday 26th June – Year 11 Leaver's Assembly

Friday 27th June – Year 11 Last Day

Wednesday 2nd July – Year 7 Transition Day and Whole School Moving Up Day

Tuesday 8th July – GOSFEST and Meet the Teacher

Monday 14th July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Friday 18th July – End of Term, 1.30pm

RECENT PARENTMAILS

Pupil Premium and Free Meal Entitlement

Year 11 Prom

Road Closure

Year 5 Transition to Secondary Show-round 2025

Parent Consultations

Year 5 Visit to Sea Life Centre

BEARD Construction photo/video consent

Fox Class Letter

Julie Clarke retiring

Red Nose Day

Gosden's Got Talent

UK Health Information – Tick Bites

Outreach Project

Year 6 Residential Information Evening

Holiday Activity Vouchers (HAF Vouchers)

Sayers Croft Free Stay and Play

Thanks to Jo, Harmony, the School Council and Kestrels class, we now have a clothing, shoes and textiles recycling bin at Gosden! As well as a way of recycling these items, it will also earn the school 20p for every Kilo collected, so the more we can collect, the more we earn!

Please feel free to use the bin at drop off or pick up, or send in a collection with the taxi/minibus in the morning. If sending in with transport, please ensure the bag is clearly labelled "FOR RECYCLING BIN" as we are unable to gain access once the bag has been deposited.



The items that can be collected and recycled are: clothes, shoes, bed linen, accessories such as belts, hats, gloves, scarves and handbags. Duvets, off cuts and carpets/curtains are NOT able to be recycled.



With the money raised from the Shalford Christmas coffee morning, our Site Team have been busy replacing the old tool shed in the allotment area, with a brand new one. We have now also got a specific potting area. Everyone in the gardening team is delighted.



ROBINS

This half term in Robin Class, our learning has centred around our topic, 'On the Farm'. We have enjoyed learning about the different roles that people and animals have on a farm, like sheep, who provide us with wool, and vets, who take care of all of the animals. We have also been drawing comparisons between cities and the countryside, identifying similarities and differences between the environments.

In our Maths learning, we began by exploring cardinality, and the different ways that we could represent an amount. We noticed that we could use numerals, Unifix cubes, Numicon and a range of counting objects in a tens frame to represent our amounts, and enjoyed finding new ways to show different amounts.

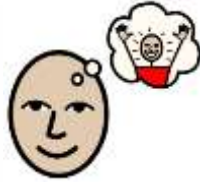


In our Literacy lessons, we have been immersed in our class text – 'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson. We have labelled the characters with a range of adjectives, generated predictions of what we think might happen in the story and created our own maps. Now that we've finished our book, we've even turned into News Reporters to have a go at retelling the story!

Fox class have been delighted to welcome three new class mates this half term. Our **'learning together'** learning habit has been put to good use as we support our new class mates and introduce them to all the wonderful learning activities on offer at Gosden - from creating our own characters in drama to our outdoor adventures involving cooking and goats!



F O X E S



In RE, we have been looking at Bible stories and the theme of kindness. We have been **exploring** the idea of being 'saved' and the term 'saviour'. Fox class have used their **'creative'** and **'learning together'** learning habits to act out different scenes from Bible stories which demonstrate people being kind and helpful. We then used our **'creative'** learning habit to create scenarios where we can be kind and helpful to our friends at school.



The School Council have been very busy this term spending some of their fundraising efforts. They provided new pens for each class and a smart new rainbow friendship bench for the playground.



They are planning an Easter raffle to support Canine Concern who offer support dogs for visits to schools. We are very lucky to have Kiwi coming in to school once a week to spend time with our pupils. Tickets will cost £1 each and you can buy up to 5 tickets with a chance to win a chocolate hamper or one of 3 runners up eggs.



The School Council organised our Red Nose Day event and will look forward to counting the donations and letting you know how much we raised. They are also looking forward to judging the Red Nose decorating activity and seeing just how creative everyone has been.

The Arts Society, Guildford, are displaying some students art work in Farncombe Station. If you are nearby, do pop in to the waiting area to have a look.



THE ARTS SOCIETY

“Where there is life, there is art.”

Frank Pick, Managing Director London Underground, 1917

Pick's ambition was to make Art part of every journey. 100 years later the Underground still commissions Art and Design for each of its stations, pushing the boundaries of public Art.

In our own way we have embraced the spirit of this vision and have collaborated with South Western Railways to exhibit local young artists' work within the Waiting Rooms, Ticket Halls and Platforms of their stations.

Art @ the Station was conceived by The Arts Society and has developed to comprise a rolling series of Art from young artists in the public space of a station's Waiting Room, Ticket Hall or Platform, giving the students a rare chance to have their work displayed within a 'real exhibition', publicly.

The work is sourced from local schools, colleges and community projects and typically is changed on a termly basis.

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Year 10 and 11 Arts Award DT students had the opportunity to visit an art exhibition called Evoking Connections in Epsom. The exhibition was all about bringing neurotypical and neurodivergent artists together and was curated by Marcele Silvina, a neurodivergent artist who the students had the opportunity to meet on the day. Here are their thoughts on the exhibition.



I went to see decorative painting and art at The Horton Gallery. My favourite pieces was Why Does it Always Rain On Me, I loved that it was really realistic. I enjoyed looking around everywhere. The artists and the paintings were really inspiring.

Rayan



There were many art pieces at the exhibition but my favourite was Mountain Light by Kate Stephens. I very much enjoyed seeing the vast diversity between the different artworks. I found it inspiring how so many had found their passions and their mediums, sharing it all to the world. Truly great. **JJ**

We went to see the different arts people do at Evoking Connections. My favourite pieces was the Lego artwork, I liked the design. I enjoyed how it was built. I found this piece inspiring as you could use the Lego in a non-traditional way.

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My favourite art piece was the Red Fox. I enjoyed looking at the different art styles and their beautiful windows (in the gallery). It inspired me because I would love to be able to paint/draw something so realistic. I wish to go to Evoking Connections another day eventually. **Lulu**

On 12th March we went to Milestones Museum in Basingstoke. It is a living museum which means it is like going into the past. We used our map to show us where we needed to visit and we went to a seaside pier where there were a lot of old games which needed olden day money to use them. We were lucky because we found some money and had a go on some of the machines.

We even found a Victorian school which had a long list of rules, one of them being that boys and girls were not allowed to sit next to each other. One of the funniest things we saw was a model sitting on an outside toilet. We had opportunities to dress up in Victorian costumes which was hilarious. *Written by Safa.*

My favourite bit was the sweet shop and the arcade - Bethany

I enjoyed the vehicle workshop, caravan and winning coins on the arcade games - Ryan



My favourite bits were the 'car showroom' and the 'bike shop' - Kaylum

We used our Being Brave muscles to ask adults who worked there questions about the museum. Our trip really helped us understand our topic in Our World about how Victorians lived and the industrial revolution.

Year 10 had an exciting visit last week from Maddie from Try a Train. During the visit Maddie told the students lots of interesting facts about trains as well as telling them everything that will happen on our upcoming trip to Dorking. She even brought in some train crew equipment that the students got to try out for themselves!



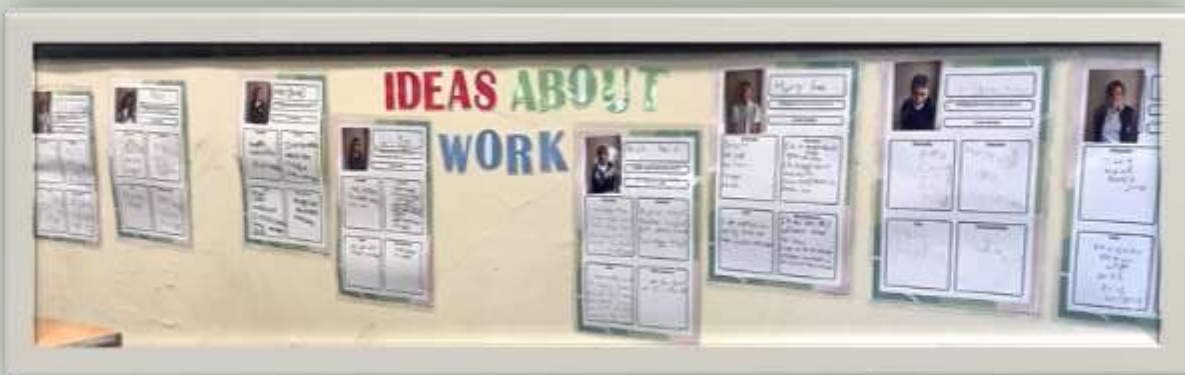
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This term in our careers lesson we are using our Getting Ready learning muscle to discuss various career paths. Learning about the steps to successfully move on to our next pathway once we become a Gosden graduate.

Our most recent focus has been preparing our CVs, thinking about our own skills and how we can use them going forward. The students did a wonderful job at making their CVs personal and captivating.





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)

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 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

Ben x 2

Bethany

Brooklyn

Ruby

Henry x 2

Bailey

Kayson

George

James x 2

Keira

Katy x 2

Aalia x 2

Year 8A

Alex S

Kai

Year 8S

Ryan

Bethany

Safa

Phoenix

Year 9

Ruby

Jack

Casper





For family or friends who step up to raise a child.



Kinship Virtual Support Group

Join our online group for kinship carers.

A chance to meet, listen, share experiences, and support one another.

All kinship carers and special guardians are welcome.

We'd love to see you at our next session!

Running monthly on Wednesdays, alternating between morning and evening support groups.

2 April 2025 - 11am	24 Sept 2025 - 11am
23 April 2025 - 7.30pm	29 Oct 2025 - 7.30pm
26 May 2025 - 11am	26 Nov 2025 - 11am
25 June 2025 - 7.30pm	28 Jan 2026 - 7.30pm
30 July 2025 - 11am	25 Feb 2026 - 11am
27 Aug 2025 - 7.30pm	25 Mar 2026 - 7.30pm

To find out more, please contact Lisa by phone 07961 049810 or email lisa.morris@kinship.org.uk

Charity Registration: 1022551



For family or friends who step up to raise a child.

Kinship's Surrey Easter Event Family Day



Come and join us for our family fun day at Bockett's Farm

Date: Tuesday 8th April 2025
 Time 11am to 3pm
 Address: Bocketts Farm Park,
 Young Street, Fetcham,
 Leatherhead,
 Surrey KT22 9BS

We would like to thank Surrey Local Authority for their continued support
 RSVP to lisa.morris@kinship.org.uk or call 07961 049810

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/>



For family or friends who step up to raise a child.



Kinship Connected

Kinship carers are invited to join us for a cuppa at our Surrey support group.

- Meet and share experiences with other kinship carers.
- Receive one-to-one support from kinship family workers.
- Running monthly, alternating between Guildford and Reigate.

Guildford Support Group 12pm - 1.30pm

St Nicolas Parish Church
Bury Street, GU1 4AW

3 February 2025
 1 April 2025
 2 June 2025
 8 September 2025
 3 November 2025
 6 January 2026
 1 March 2026

Reigate Support Group 12pm - 1.30pm

Reigate Park Church
Park Lane East, RH2 8BD

5 March 2025
 7 May 2025
 2 July 2025
 1 October 2025
 3 December 2025
 4 February 2026

Visit kinship.org.uk for more information, or contact Lisa by phone 07961 049810 or email lisa.morris@kinship.org.uk

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Free Cooking Course!

Foodwise are offering **FREE** workshops on how to cook healthy food from scratch and ways to make your money go further.

All ingredients are provided and you can take your creations home to eat.

If you sign up before the first week of April and take part every week, you will receive a free airfryer or slow cooker! Contact Foodwise directly to register, see flyer for contact details .

*Please note the 4 week course has already begun but there is availability on other dates.

FREE COOKERY COURSE

Healthy Eating on a Budget



Cooking Courses

Venue: Sheerwater Nursery
Blackmore Crescent
Sheerwater
GU21 5NZ

4 week course: - Wednesdays 5th , 12th , 26th March and 2nd April

1 day course Monday 24th March 12 Midday – 2pm

1 day course Monday 31st March 12 Midday – 2pm

5 week course Wednesday 23rd April – Wednesday 21st May. 10am – 12 Midday

2 week course:- Monday 28th April, Monday 12th May 12 Midday – 2pm

Cook and take home a meal for your family.
You don't need to bring anything with you.
All ingredients supplied free.

REGISTER TODAY!

Limited spaces are available.
To reserve your place, please contact our Food Coach ASAP.

Contact: Grace Luke
Telephone : 007426422221
gracie@foodwisetlc.care

Registered Charity No.
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Team

★ Makaton Champions ★

Signs of the week w/c 17th March 2025
(Theme: Reading Week)



This week's champions are:

★ Bella, Kaileb and Eliza - Badgers Class ★



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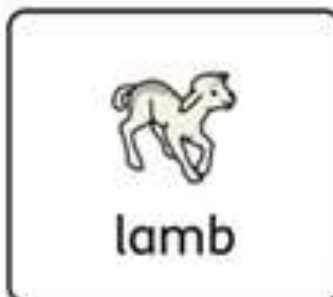
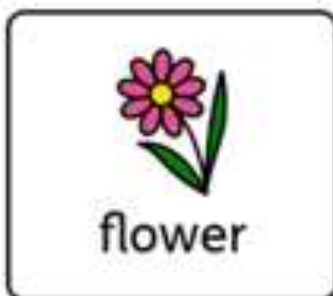
☆ Makaton Champions ☆

Signs of the week w/c 24th March 2025
(Theme: Spring)



This week's champions are:

☆ Isaac & Freddie – Rabbits Class ☆



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<https://www.amazon.co.uk/registries/gl/guest-view/HLH16NVYVLGU>

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.

