



GOSDEN HOUSE SCHOOL

GOSDEN NEWS

4th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Many of you will know that this week is my last, after almost 24 years as Gosden staff. It seems incredible to say, no two days have ever been the same in that time. When reflecting on why I have remained here for so long, I can only liken it to my mum's failsafe chocolate cake recipe, in that when you get the ingredients right, magic happens. That is the alchemy at Gosden.

Mix creative, insightful and empathetic staff, who care for both learners and each other, add our bright, engaging and generous children, with a dollop of our beautiful learning environment and magic happens!

Gosden continues to shine despite the troubling educational landscape and I know that our community will continue to thrive and prosper. My thanks go to all those colleagues and families I have worked with over the years and I have appreciated the generosity of kind words and gifts that have filled my desk this week.

With love for the future,

Julie

Julie Clarke, Assistant Head



DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

I'm Steph, I am the Falcons class teacher. On Sunday 6th April I will be running the Brighton Marathon. I'm raising money for the charity Mind that support mental health. If you feel you would like to donate please use the link below. Any amount would be greatly appreciated and support someone in need. I'm really excited to be running and am looking forward to it! Thanks, Steph

https://www.justgiving.com/page/steph-wiedemann-5?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL



RECENT PARENTMAILS

Art Bytes Competition

Football Club Manager wanted

Designer Treasure

Generation Girls/Peer Production

Headlice

Activate Learning

Year 6 Final Instalment for Residential

Visit to Sea Life Centre Brighton

Breakfast Club - Primary

Visit to Winchester Science Centre

Year 5 – Transition to Secondary Show-round

Year 6 Residential

Easter Egg Raffle

Flat Project Letter

School lunches



Gosden House School are excited to be part of the government's breakfast club early adopter scheme, which is funding universal breakfast clubs in up to 750 primary schools.

From Summer term 2025, free breakfast clubs will be available in early adopter schools, as part of a test and learn phase, so that the government can plan for a full national roll-out of universal breakfast clubs in primary schools.

As part of the offer, Gosden House School will offer 30 minutes of childcare alongside a free breakfast from 8.30am-9.00am (or on arrival of transport if not brought in by parent/carer)

The club is open to all pupils from Reception (Robins) to Year 6 (Kestrels) and can be booked via the link sent in parentmail.



Young Company FREE Taster Session

FREE Taster for Young Company | Free drama project for 12-16yrs

Wed 9 Apr 2025

Calling all young people interested in drama and performing arts!

Join the Yvonne Arnaud Young Company.

FREE Taster session: 9th April 4.30-6pm

[Young Company FREE Taster Session | Yvonne Arnaud Theatre](#)



The Rainbow Centre, Epsom, and Woking Leisure Centre offer SEN sessions for families.

Information available at:

<https://www.better.org.uk/leisure-centre/epsom-and-ewell/rainbow-leisure-centre/inclusive-rainbow-leisure-centre>

Unlimited Potential (UP!) Orchestra

UP! Orchestra is an award winning ensemble accessible for young people aged 12 and above of all backgrounds and abilities including those with special educational needs, neurodivergence and disability. We are particularly interested in welcoming young people who have been unable to access music education because of their life circumstances and lack of suitable opportunities on offer locally.

UP! Orchestra helps to facilitate:

- Making new music in a supportive, safe and creative environment
- Learning to play a new instrument, sing or build on existing skills
- Making new friends
- Having lots of fun
- Performing at high profile events

[Registration - Surrey Arts](#)

surreyarts@surreycc.gov.uk



Yvonne Arnaud Theatre

Tuesday 8th April 2025

0 -10 Years

Spring craft activities & Dress up and join in with a spring themed sing-along!

Please book your free ticket on the link below:

[FREE Easter Family Fun day 0-10 Years | Yvonne Arnaud Theatre](#)



Family Gardening Sessions

Saturday 5th April

from 2:00 PM to 3:30 pm

FREE Event, simply show up and get stuck in! What to expect - Planting, weeding, and seeding, Exploring the garden together, Learning new skills while enjoying the fresh air, Perfect for all ages. Bring the whole family and connect with nature.

Location: Rosamund Community Garden, Longdown Road, GU4 8PP



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EASTER EVENTS AT GODALMING LIBRARY

*The Staff at Godalming Library would like to tell our customers
about some of our upcoming events and ongoing activities*

DROP-IN CRAFTS

Join us at Godalming Library for some Easter Themed drop-in crafts

SATURDAY DROP - IN CRAFTS

*Every Saturday afternoon in the Easter Holidays we will be running
drop-in craft sessions. Come down to the library any time between 12
noon and 4pm to make one of our special Easter themed crafts.*

We will be making:

Saturday 5 April - An Easter Chicken

Saturday 12 April - An Easter Egg (with a special surprise inside)

Saturday 19 April - Easter Bunny Bookmarks

Donations Welcomed



WEEKDAY DROP - IN CRAFTS

We will also have some drop-in craft sessions at 11am on
Mondays and Fridays during the Easter Holidays.

We will be making:

Monday 7 April - A pop up Easter Chick

Friday 11 April - A pop up Easter Card

Monday 14 April - A Rabbit Mask

Donations Welcomed



DOGS TRUST WORKSHOP

On Tuesday 8 April at 1:30pm The Dogs Trust will be running a
FREE workshop at Godalming Library!

*Give your family a treat and learn some new tricks by coming along
for a dog-focused, fun, and educational free workshop.*

*It is packed with engaging dog-related games, activities, and role play,
designed to teach children how to behave responsibly around our four-
pawed friends, understand their body language, and keep them happy
and healthy.*

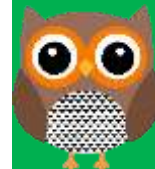
Places are limited so for more information or to book a space visit

www.tinyurl.com/goliberents



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Over the course of this half-term, Owl Class have been '**Exploring**' our topic, 'On the Farm'. Delving into practical exploration within our Understanding of the World and Expressive Arts and Design learning, Owls have used their '**Learning Together**' Habit to discuss jobs on the farm, and to draw comparisons between the city and countryside. They have drawn maps linked to our story, made observational sketches of the cress and beans that we have grown, and used their '**Creative**' and '**Exploring**' Habits to paint and print using vegetables!



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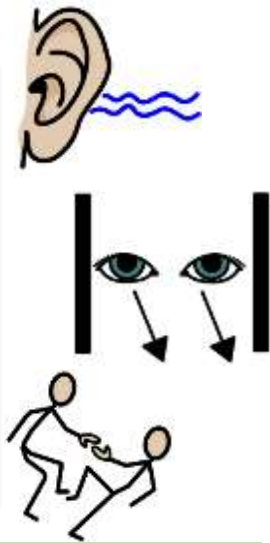
In our Maths learning, we began by **exploring** numeral representations before moving onto shapes. We noticed that we could use a variety of shapes to build with, and enjoyed constructing with the stickle-bricks, mobilo and large foam blocks.



More recently, we have been further developing our understanding of Part-Whole Models, using our '**Keep Trying**' Learning Habit to investigate how numbers are made up of smaller numbers.

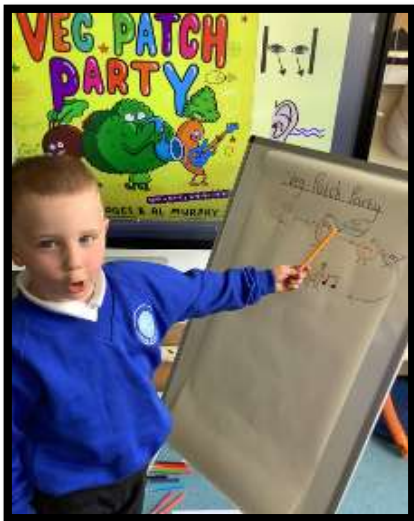


In our Literacy lessons, we first read the story, 'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson. Owls used their 'Noticing' and 'Listening' Habits to label characters using adjectives, and to predict what might happen next in the story.



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Owls even took on the role of News Reporters, to recount the story and share what happened next. Since finishing our story, Owls have been 'Learning Together' to engage in some fantastic role-play centred around police officers who catch the "bad guys!"



Owls also immersed themselves into our book, 'Veg Patch Party' by Clare Foges and Al Murphy. Owls used Colourful Semantics and their 'Explaining' Habit to help create our class story map and to re-tell the story. Owls had so much fun at their very own 'veg patch party' with Robins to celebrate the end of term!



Rabbit class are growing and blooming each day and are all very enthusiastic about the arrival of Spring, particularly the joy and transformation of our lovely School. The grounds are looking absolutely glorious under the warm sunshine, making it a delightful time for our all our learners to learn and play.



R A B B I T S



As we reflect on the current term, it's wonderful to see how much the children have embraced their learning experiences. We recently completed our engaging topic on life on the farm, both in past and present contexts. The children showed great enthusiasm **exploring** how farm life has evolved over time.



Excitingly, Becki's very own spring chicks have hatched, much to the delight of everyone, providing an enriching real-life experience for the students.



In Art, we have delved into the study of proportion, with students drawing and painting farm scenes that reflect their newfound skills and creativity.



In Forest School, we've been focusing on the safe use of new tools and refining our lighting skills, which has been both challenging and exciting. Den building has continued to be a favourite, nurturing teamwork and creativity amongst the children. The pond dipping activity at the school's pond was a big hit as well, with students eagerly examining the contents of their buckets after each dip, discovering the wonders of aquatic life.



We are looking forward to embracing the continued joys of spring at Gosden, with more opportunities for growth and discovery. Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in your child's learning journey.

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Badger Class have had a very busy time this half term and have done so much learning!

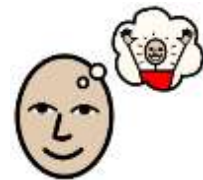
We are working really hard on our phonics and reading. We used our **listening** learning habit when we told each other stories in the walled garden and read with the Year 10 on World Book Day.



B A D G E R S



Each week, we study a book. Last week it was In the Deep Dark Wood and this week it's Tad by Benji Davies. We answer questions and describe the settings, the characters and the events in the story using colourful semantics. Then, we use our **creative** learning habit to create and say sentences with the help of widgeits. We write the sentences and we try to use correct letter formation too!

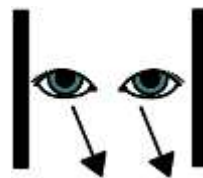


In Maths, we have been working on one more, one less and addition. We have even used our **challenge** learning habit to write number sentences!



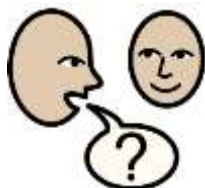
This half term, our Creative and Curious topic has taken us into the rainforest, where we have used our **exploring** learning habit to find out about the trees and animals that live there. We used our **noticing** learning habit to look at the mammals that live at Gosden and found out if they are carnivores, herbivores or omnivores!

B A D G E R S



In literacy we have been reading the books “10 things I can do to help my world” and “Dear Earth”. Both books have inspired us to find out more about our planet and how we can look after it. Last week we enjoyed writing a letter to the earth, telling the earth what we love about it. We were very **creative** and all used lots of adjectives like “wet, crunchy, tickly green grass”.

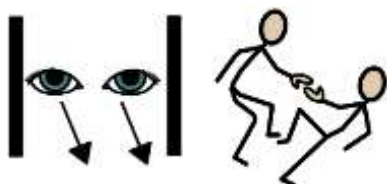
In Science we have been learning about habitats and the learners have enjoyed making shoebox dioramas for their chosen habitat. This involved researching the habitat, planning their design and then making it!



This week in PSHE we talked about video games, what games we play what devices we play them on. We learnt games have age ratings that tell us who the games are made for. Some of the age ratings surprised us and we learnt it’s always good to check. We looked at how you can find that information on the game box or in the app store.



We have really enjoyed **exploring** the outdoors in forest school this half term. On Monday as a treat we had a campfire and made smores. We loved eating them, and showed we could be very mature and follow proper fire safety.



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Easter Raffle!

Thanks to everyone who bought Easter raffle tickets, we have raised **£105** for Canine Concern.



The School Council organised our Red Nose Day event and we are delighted to share that we raised **£100!**





Gosden House School

Bramley, Guildford

Super Draw

Win a Luxury City Break, or £1,000 cash!



About our cause

Welcome to Gosden House School lottery. This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children – we aim to provide extra resources for the children, improve the school environment as well as run extracurricular activities such as music, art and sport.

Your support is greatly appreciated and we wish you good luck!

Yours sincerely

Your PTA TEAM



£395.20 of £1040.00 target

19 tickets of 50 ticket goal

[Buy tickets](#)

[Share our lottery](#)

Next draw prizes

£25,000 jackpot

£5.70 guaranteed prize (this will go up as tickets are sold)

Next draw

1d 8h 51m

Sat 5 April 2025

[Support Gosden House School when you play Your School Lottery - Your School Lottery](#)

RAISE
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Last week we were invited to go down to the Robins and Owls. We chose what activities to do and planned and prepared the resources. They all looked so happy to be doing activities with 8A.



A treasure hunt was created around the Robins play area.



An art activity - making a flower was organised.



We had a letter and number hunt.



Nail salon with paint.

Other activities included a matching people game using matchsticks and bottle tops, and a sensory hand print game.

We all enjoyed it that much we decided to go down to Rabbit's class and do some more work with them this week.



This term, our second cohort of learners were welcomed at The Forge on the Green for another Social Enterprise Project. The group named themselves 'The Gosden Forge Stars' and spent a wonderful five weeks with Robyn and the team. They showed independence using the till, confidence taking orders, knowledge in using the coffee machine and skill baking in the kitchen. Overall, the group raised an amazing £169 for their positive impact project. This money will be put towards the cost of a photo booth at prom.



Year 11 had a visit from Jason who works at the charity Halow. Jason shared with the class the amazing opportunities available to them once they turn 16, including social gatherings to Thorpe Park, bowling, discos and much more. The class asked some great questions and all took a leaflet home to share with their parents/carers.

This term, we hosted our annual careers fair. It was a delight to welcome back some of our employers from work experience. The Year 11s each paired up with an employer and helped them to inform their peers about employment opportunities within the industries.



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Students were pleased to welcome back Bushy Business and LUSH, Guildford.



In early March, Sophia and I kicked off National Careers Week with a short assembly about jobs and the message was “Your Future is in Your Hands”.

In the afternoon we had our very own internal Careers fair open to the secondary students and Year 6. There were 11 stalls around the hall including K9DC, a development and training centre for dogs, Chrissie from Guildford House Care home who is a carer but also a Medic, Lauryn who is one of our original Gosden Graduates. Lauryn left us in 2015 and is now working at Notcutts Garden Centre after completing her supported internship. We also had Lush Cosmetics, Beard Construction, G & B Electronics and Bushy Business, a local landscaping and gardening business. Mel, our chef, came along with a variety of things to smell !

Year 7's came with pre-prepared questions to ask the employers and it was brilliant to see how everyone engaged. They were enthusiastic and took part in all the practical activities on show. Staff commented on the buzzing atmosphere.

It is fair to say that Gosden presented a “MEANINGFUL ENCOUNTER”. This is something the Government want to see happening in all school and college provisions – all done in a very Gosden-like way that is perfect for our learners.





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.



Our Young Carers group enjoyed a brilliant morning with **Carol from Popolo Ceramico Guildford and Godalming** this week. Carol bought everything to school so that we could paint in the comfort of our coach house.

We chose from mugs, bowls, tiny dogs and many more items- and we're very excited to see how they turn out after Carol's popped them in the kiln!



We wrapped up our morning with a **Pizza Picnic Party** in the walled garden, making the most of the sunshine.

Our pastoral line, and safeguarding email will be monitored during the Easter Holidays. Please email safeguarding@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk for support or call **07864 721 931**.

- For any child and family worries for which you may need additional support or advice you can request it by contacting the Surrey Children's Single Point of Access Team on 0300 470 9100 and press 1 and then option required.
- For support and advice about domestic abuse, mental health or safety in the home visit <https://www.healthysurrey.org.uk/domestic-abuse> or call 01483 776 822
- For 24/7 support regarding your child's mental health and wellbeing, call the Mindworks Crisis line on <tel:08009154644>

For any other support, visit

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/support-and-advice/families> or our Gosden House School Pastoral Support Page on <https://www.gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk/our-pastoral-support/>

We hope you enjoy a lovely Easter Break ☺ Pastoral Team



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@kinhsip.org.uk or
call 07961 049810**

Charity Registration: 1093075



Anna Freud

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/>



SEN Team Manager Opportunity

- Recruit coaches & players
- Promote the team locally
- Ensure FA safeguarding & coaching standards
- Coordinate with the club & Surrey FA SEN provision
- Run fun, safe & inclusive sessions



Glebelands 

Sundays 

welfare@cranleighfc.co.uk 

www.cranleighfc.co.uk 



SEN Team Manager opportunity

Cranleigh FC is launching a new Sunday morning SEN football team at Glebelands School, offering fun, inclusive sessions for children with special educational needs. We're seeking a passionate Team Manager to lead this exciting initiative.

Key responsibilities include:

- Recruiting coaches and players
- Promoting the team locally
- Ensuring FA safeguarding & coaching standards
- Liaising with the club, Surrey FA, and Glebelands School
- Running safe, engaging sessions
- Supporting player families

Help make football accessible for all!

✉ Contact Lisa Hard:
welfare@cranleighfc.co.uk

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Speech & Language Therapy Team

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Signs of the week w/c 31st March 2025

(Theme: Easter)

This week's champions are:

☆ **Finley & Rosie – Robins Class** and
Bonny & Jake – Owls Class ☆



Easter



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Easter egg



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AMAZON WISH LIST



Gosden House School

Gosden House Wish List

<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.

