



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

A very warm welcome back to 2025! The staff and I would like to thank our families for the kind gifts received at the end of the Autumn term - we hope you had a lovely holiday with families and friends.

I would like to formally welcome Mrs Twidell our new Learning Support Assistant, who joined us just before the holidays and is supporting in 3N and 4H classes. I would also like to welcome back Mrs Roberts who is a familiar face to our school community and will be teaching 3G class whilst we recruit for a permanent replacement teacher. Lastly, we announce the very special news that Mrs Wilcox is expecting a baby in May and I am sure you will join me in congratulating her on this lovely news.

This term has many exciting activities planned, starting of course with Young Voices at the O2 Arena in just under two weeks! Please do ensure you read all communications regarding this visit, to help us ensure that your child has a great time and so we can prioritise their safety at all times. If your child is not attending this trip, the allocated staff back at school will be taking care of them for the day and we are currently planning a range of exciting and fun activities for them so they don't miss out! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to catch me at the school gate or ask your child's Class Teacher.



CHRISTMAS CARD

We were delighted to welcome our local MP Gregory Stafford to school at the end of term. Mr Stafford met with Evelyn Huisamen who won his Christmas card competition, and officially signed the card which was then sent to His Majesty The King.

Mr Stafford also met Ruby and Pinny who received a special commendation for their card entry.

YOUNG VOICES MUSIC

In preparation for Young Voices, all the songs, videos and dance videos are be accessed here:

<https://yvmusicroom.com/auth/parent/register-referral?code=NTkwNS8xNzM2MjY3OTE3>

When following this link you need to create a profile – you can make up a fake name but please be reassured that no personal data is saved.

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SAM MUSIC LESSONS

SAM Music lessons are now cheaper! If your child is interested in either guitar or ukulele lessons, SAM will be in school on a Tuesday. For further information please visit

<https://sammusicservice.com/shottermill/>

BEAVERS

We have been asked to circulate some information regarding a new Beaver group which takes place in Beacon Hill from Monday 24th February. Beaver Scouts are for boys and girls aged six and seven. The meetings take place from 4.45pm-5.45pm. For more information please email Jean on arrickjean@gmail.com. Additionally if you are interested in volunteering please also contact Jean!

CHILDREN'S SINGING WORKSHOPS

Join Godalming Children's Choir for their next series of singing workshops and performance starting on Saturday 8th February. These fun filled workshops offer children the chance to discover the joy of singing together in a group and rehearsing to put on a performance to be proud of! The sessions include fun singing games, vocal techniques, learning to follow scores and sing unaccompanied.

For more information email gcc@godalmingchoral.org.uk or visit Godalming Choral - CHILDREN'S CHOIR



WELL DONE

A HUGE well done to Alice (Year 4) who was awarded this huge trophy for her sailing achievements during the 2024 competition season, sailing double handed Cadet dinghies with her sailing partner Zach.

They won this trophy for being the highest placed dinghy from Frensham Sailing club, at the Cadet National and Inland championships combined. A very impressive achievement!



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KEY DATES FOR 2024-2025

January	
Monday 6 th January	Start of the Spring Term
Thursday 23 rd January	Young Voices
Friday 24 th January	Inset Day
Monday 27 th January	Year 3 Greek Day
February	
Monday 3 rd February	Year 4 electricity workshop
Monday 10 th February	Year 6 Curriculum workshop: 2pm
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February	Half-Term
Monday 24 th February	Year 5 Space Dome visit in school
March	
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Monday 10 th March	Year 4 to Fishbourne Roman Palace
Friday 14 th March	Year 3 Assembly: 9.15am
Wednesday 19 th March	Parents Consultation Afternoon/Evening: from 1.30pm
Friday 28 th March	Year 5 Assembly: 9.15am
April	
Thursday 3 rd April	Year 4 Assembly: 9.15am
Thursday 3 rd April	Year 4 Roman Day
Thursday 3 rd April	School Disco: 6pm-7.30pm
Friday 4 th April	End of Term: 1.30pm finish
Tuesday 22 nd April	Start of the Summer Term

Penalty Notices - Just to remind parents/carers that if you take your child out of school without authority, you will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable is £80.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £160.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive four penalty notices. Please note if you have received a penalty notice fine since 19th August 2024 the second penalty notice will be a flat fee of £160.00 – there is no reduction in fee regardless of how quickly payment is received. If you incur two penalty notices within three years you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996. Our full Attendance Policy is available to view on our website.

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