



# GG News 9th January 2026

Happy new year and welcome back to a new term. We hope that you were able to enjoy some rest over the break. The children have started back at school with a positive attitude and excitement to learn with their new topics well underway. Welcome to our new member of staff, Miss Katherine Martlew to the Y1 team. Her class will be known as 1KM from now on. She brings with her many years of teaching experience and we look forward to her contribution to school life.

## Chartwells Meals

We have noticed an increase in children coming to school with no hot school meal having been ordered for them and no packed lunch. Please can we kindly ask that all children come to school with a packed lunch if a hot school meal has not been ordered, as these are pre-ordered in advance, so Chartwells are unfortunately only able to offer a plain jacket potato in these circumstances.

Chartwells meals must be ordered 10 days in advance through ParentPay.

Thank you for your help and understanding.

Snow!: It was just for a few moments but who could resist a little play in the snow!



## Star of the week



**1HK** Elijah **1KM** Damien **2CA** Autumn **2LN** Willow

**3VW** Liala **3HC** Theo **4KC** Stanley **4TF** Sonny

**5RD** Flo T **5CT** Zara **6HB** Libby **6BA** Mason

## Attendance

The class with the highest attendance in the past week:

**4TF 100%** (they will have 15 minutes choice of a treat next week).

The child with 100% attendance in this last week, chosen by a random generator:

**Kacie M 1HK**- she gets to choose a book from Miss Bowers' selection of prize books.

Last term: **1HK** had the highest attendance all term and win £100 to choose how to spend as a class.



# GG News 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Page 2

## PPA Days for the spring term:

On these dates, the children are asked to come to school in comfortable sport-wear. It does not need to be their PE kit although could be if they wish. They will spend half the day dancing and half the day composing music.

Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 2
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year R
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4

## Greek Art Y5:





# GG News 9th January 2026

## Spotlight on the week:

In Y1 before the holidays the Jolly Postman delivered us some beautiful gifts. We felt them to try and work out how many faces, vertices and edges they had. We were able to find a cube, cuboids, a sphere, a cylinder, a triangular prism and a square based pyramid. We had a go at building 3D shapes using lolly sticks and play dough.



Y6 playground sculptures have developed across the morning and are now beginning to take shape. This is the first step of our STEAM project using the children's designs and creations.



Page 3





**Governor Focus:** We continue our series on the governing body with details on some more of its members.

**Mrs Rosemary Cornish:**

Rosemary has just completed 20 years of service as a governor at Georgian Gardens! While Rosemary jokes that she wishes it were her actual 20th birthday, she reflects that her years of experience—filled with both joyous and challenging moments—have enabled her to make a meaningful contribution to our school. Among her governor duties, Rosemary meets with the Young Governors each term—one of her favourite responsibilities. She finds these meetings both highly enjoyable and eye-opening, and is consistently impressed by the maturity and wisdom displayed by the young class representative. In fact, Rosemary has even wondered aloud if the Young Governors might sometimes be even better than the main Governing Board at holding Miss Bowers to account!



**Mrs Gemma Arkinstall:**

Gemma is a co-opted governor who spent 17 years as a teacher before deciding to make a career change. She now works in Digital Marketing, a move that has allowed her to enjoy more time with her family here in Rustington.

Gemma's connection to Georgian Gardens is a personal one; her eldest child recently moved on to high school after a wonderful time here, and her youngest is still at the school. She originally chose Georgian Gardens because of its focus on the "whole child" and its fantastic community feel. While she's stepped back from the classroom, she still loves being involved in school life and you'll often see her helping out on school trips and at various events.

In her role as Governor, Gemma is passionate about ensuring every child—regardless of their starting point—gets the support they need. She is dedicated to helping the school provide a positive, inclusive environment where all our pupils feel inspired to achieve their very best.





# GG News 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Page 5

Key dates for 2025 - 2026			
Parents' Evenings 3:30pm – 6pm	<del>Mon 20th Oct / Wed 22nd Oct</del>		*Wed 25th Feb/Thurs 26th Feb* Date changed to allow for book fair
Open Classrooms From 2:45pm	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	23 <sup>rd</sup> March	22 <sup>nd</sup> June
Sports Day KS1 am KS2 pm	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June (back up 25 <sup>th</sup> June)		
Summer Fair 3:30 – 5:15pm	*** New Date ***   Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> June		
Y6 production 1:30pm / 6:30pm	Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> July pm / Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> July pm and evening		
Y6 presentation eve 6pm – 7pm	Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> July		