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Tom Hunt MP

On Monday 11th December, Tom Hunt MP is popping in to school to meet Alfie S, who won Mr Hunt's Christmas card competition this year.

Year 5 at Duxford

On Wednesday, our Year 5 children visited Duxford Air Museum. They had a super day.



Reading Diaries

The reading diaries are the best way of tracking the number of times the children read with an adult both in and out of school. Please can you ensure the books come to school every morning, Please note the children also earn golden tickets by reading regularly. Thank you.

Awareness Days and Whole School Diary Dates

Friday 1st - Sunday 3rd December. St. Francis Church **Christmas Tree Festival** which will take place over the weekend. Look out for our tree

Nursery/Reception Christmas Performances Wriggly Nativity

Two performances, 7th and 8th December starting at 2.00pm.

Tuesday 12th December- School Disco

Reception 2.30-3.00pm

Y1/2/3 3.30-4.30pm

Y4/5/6 5.00-6.30pm

Wednesday 13th December-School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Year 1/2 Christmas Performances: Lights, Camera, Action!

Two performances, 18th and 19th December starting at 2.00pm

Friday 15th December-Ipswich Town Day. Wear Blue. £1.00 donation all money raised to Ipswich Town Foundation.

Wednesday 20th December. 2.00pm **Christmas Assembly**.

Monday 11th March. Our **Choir** are performing at Snape Maltings.

4YP for Year 6

We are looking forward to an assembly and workshop for our Year 6 children from 4YP on the use of social media, on-line issues and mental well-being.

Get to know Age Ratings

Age ratings are in place to help protect your child, so we thought we'd provide you with a little reminder of how important it is to check the age ratings of what your child is accessing online. Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are accessing. Did you know that WhatsApp has an age rating of 16?



Attendance Matters

Our attendance this week was 94.7%. 5NT were the highest attenders with 99.2%. Quite simply if the children are in school they are much more likely to be successful in their learning. Thank you.

Wear Blue Day

Wear Blue Day on Friday 15th December is now Suffolk wide for all primary schools. Find out more at:

<https://www.itfcfoundation.co.uk/2023/11/21/wear-blue-day/>

Three Statue Challenge

Send in a photo of you standing by the statue of each of the three Ipswich footballing heroes and win a hand crafted and stylish, one off pin badge. Good luck.

Advent Calendars

Shop bought Advent calendars start on 1st December. Advent 'proper' though starts on the fourth Sunday before Christmas which is actually next Sunday-3rd December. This is when lots of C of E Churches light the first candle on their wreath, which is purple and symbolizes hope (sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle").



At the Dentist

The Dentist visited our Reception and Year 1 children on Wednesday.



The St Francis Christmas Tree Festival

Why not pop in and see if you can spot the knight hiding in our Christmas tree. Take a photo of you and the tree, send it to me and we'll put it on our FB and Twitter page.



WEEK THREE						
13/11/2023 04/12/2023 08/01/2024 29/01/2024 26/02/2024 18/03/2024	Option one	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Wedges	 Mexican Beef with Rice 	Sausages, Onions and Gravy with Roast Potatoes	Chicken Pie with Mashed Potatoes 	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishcake with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option two	Tomato Pasta 	 Vegetable Fajitas with Rice 	Veggie Sausages, Onions and Gravy with Roast Potatoes 	Creamy Vegetable Pie with Mashed Potatoes	BBQ Quorn Fillet with Chips 
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Iced Sponge	NEW Chocolate Orange Cookie 	Fruit Jelly with Pineapple 	Peach Upside Down Cake with Custard	Cornflake Tart

Performing Arts Competition

Do you want to be a politician, newsreader, teacher or even a youtuber?

On Friday 9th February 2024, in the evening we are running a performing arts competition for our children which may help. There are three age groups: Year 2 and under, Year 4 and under and Year 6 and under and there are three categories you can enter in each of the age groups.

1. Recital set piece. Learning the given poem and then reciting it from memory (practise at home/school first).
2. Reading set piece. Reading the narrative text from the book (practise at home/school first).
3. Sight reading. Reading a given piece out loud but only after seeing it for the first time two minutes before the performance.

There will be certificates for everyone and medals for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed winners in each category. You can download an entry form and see all the set pieces on our website:

<https://gusfordprimary.net/curriculum/performing-arts-competition>

It's free to enter and should be good fun. Give the school a ring if you require any more details and good luck!

Challenge

We would like to start sending postcards home to our children, telling parents about their good work, excellent behaviour and for our new children, simply welcoming them to the school. If you have a design for a postcard like this, then please send it in. It could be a winner.

Christmas Jumpers

If you have a Christmas jumper you no longer need then please bring it in for our rail. I'll leave the rail by the front door and you can swap your jumper if you want and try a new one this Christmas.



The Fire Service

On Thursday, the Fire Service visited our Reception children and let them look round the engine. Thank you for visiting us.



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When accompanied by a paying adult
Show e-voucher to reception
at Crown Pools to redeem
your swim



*Available now, must be redeemed by 31st December 2023. T & Cs apply please see website.
1 voucher per child and can only be used once.



Blue Day Raffle

We will be running a raffle all day on Friday 15th December. First prize includes a brand new white Ipswich Town top. A single ticket will cost 50p and a strip £2.00.

Next Week

Nursery/Reception Christmas Performances: Wriggly Nativity

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Year 3 and 4 Reading Café. Thursday 7th December 8.30-8.40am.

Staffing update

Mrs Bergdahl is leaving at Christmas. She has done a brilliant job and will be covered by Mr Rutland until the end of the school year. Miss Cook is moving to a different school after Christmas. She has also done a super job and she will be covered by Miss Bradley until the end of the school year. Miss Girling is taking her maternity leave after Christmas. Good luck. Miss Girling's class will be covered by Miss Waller (a teacher known to the Trust who comes highly recommended).