



The Gusford Gazette

Why can't Christmas trees sew?
Because they always drop their needles.

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Wriggly Nativity

This week our Nursery and Reception children performed 'Wriggly Nativity' on Thursday and Friday afternoon. The children were brilliant. Thank you for your support and well done to all our staff too.



Year 5 at Duxford

Last week, Year 5 visited Duxford Air Museum. Look out for a special feature in the 'East Anglian Times'.

New Choir for 7-12 years of age

Launching January 2024 Suffolk County Music Service are launching a new weekly choir at Northgate Arts Centre, Ipswich on a Saturday morning (9.00 – 10.00am) from January 2024. Contact: 01473 263400 or county.music@ Suffol.gov.uk

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

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** (non-uniform).

Friday 15th December-**Ipswich Town Day**. Wear Blue (non-uniform). £1.00 donation all money raised to Ipswich Town Foundation.

Year 1/2 Christmas Performances:

Lights, Camera, Action!

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

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

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

Science Club

On Monday Mrs Garner's science club had fun with skittles.



Attendance Matters

Our attendance this week was 94.3%. 1SR were the highest attenders with 98.3%. 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.



The St Francis Christmas Tree Festival

Visit our Facebook page to see who found our 'Silent Knight'.

Challenge

This is my favourite Christmas challenge. On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me a Partridge in a pear tree. On the second day of Christmas my true love gave to me two Turtle doves and a Partridge in a pear tree. By the end of the twelfth day of Christmas how many presents will have been given in total.

Day 1: 1

Day 2: 2 1

Alfie's Christmas Card makes it to Number 10



Geography Walk

On Wednesday, 2JW went on a Geography Walk.



Autumn/ Winter 2023/ 2024	GUSFORD	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE						
30/10/2023 20/11/2023 11/12/2023 15/01/2024 05/02/2024 04/03/2024 25/03/2024	Option one	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad	A choice of Burger (Beef & Bean or Vegan) with Toppings and Potato Wedges	Roast of the Day, Stuffing Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option two	NEW Chef Mariam's Vegetable Couscous	BUILD A BURGER	Veg Wellington, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Veggie Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Cheesy Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Mandarin and Cinnamon Cake	Fruit Jelly with Mandarins	NEW Melting Moment Biscuits	NEW Jam Sponge and Custard	Oaty Cookie

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!

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.



School Discos

Tuesday 12th December

Reception 2.30-3.00pm

Y1/2/3 3.30-4.30pm

Y4/5/6 5.00-6.30pm

Reception children can come to school in their party clothes.

Year 1/2/3 can get changed into their party clothes in school before the disco starts (bring clothes in a bag).

Year 4/5/6 go home and come changed for the disco.

Please note that all children will be collected from their classrooms after the discos and **must be picked up by an adult.**

Thank You Bypass Nurseries



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about DISNEY+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

LESS SUITABLE CONTENT

While Disney+ is predominantly family friendly, there are some movies and shows in its library which are aimed at an older audience: these may scare younger ones or contain themes or language that you'd rather your child wasn't exposed to. You could avoid such situations by enabling Junior Mode (see 'Adjust content settings', below) or specifying a content age rating for your child's profile.

BINGE WATCHING

With the option to view content on any internet-enabled device and a growing catalogue of movies, cartoons and documentaries, Disney+ can make managing screen time difficult. This could result in children binge watching content, distracting them from activities like homework or socialising. Too much screen time has also been shown to negatively impact mood, sleep patterns and weight.

PHISHING EMAILS

Be especially cautious if you receive emails or text messages purporting to be from Disney+. There have been numerous reports of online scammers impersonating Disney+ staff in an attempt to gain access to subscribers' personal information. Disney+ states it will never email or call customers asking for their payment details, their private information or their password.

The Walt Disney Company's streaming service, Disney+ combines entertainment from the famous animation studio itself with Pixar, Star and National Geographic, plus the Marvel and Star Wars franchises. With access to the latest releases, Disney classics and original series, there's plenty of content to explore. While parents may have noted that adverts have now been introduced on some versions of the service, the platform is – unsurprisingly for a Disney product – designed to be appropriate for the whole family.

ENCROACHING ADVERTS

Disney+ has introduced a new subscription package – Disney+ Standard with Ads – which plays commercials before movies and during shows (like many TV channels). There are no adverts in Junior Mode, but profiles with a content rating of 6+ years will see ads appropriate for that age category. Adults who give consent will see personalised adverts based on their location and viewing history.

ACCESSING ADULTS' PROFILES

If adults don't set a PIN for their profile, children could access it and encounter content which isn't age appropriate. In the settings, Junior Mode has a toggle titled 'Kid-Proof Exit' which requires the user to read four words (numbers, spelled out) and enter them to switch profiles. For older children who can read, though, this isn't secure enough – so using a PIN for adult profiles is recommended.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ADJUST CONTENT SETTINGS

When setting up an account, there's an option to create profiles in what's called Junior Mode. This generally covers material that's suitable for children up to age 6 and is therefore fairly limited. You can give older children a wider choice of viewing by building a standard profile, then going into the settings and choosing a content rating from one of the pre-set alternatives: 6+, 9+, 12+ or 14+.

ADD PIN PROTECTION

Disney+ enables you to effectively lock profiles behind a four-digit PIN. In particular, some of the shows on the platform's Star content hub are far more oriented to adults (including several hard-hitting dramas from US networks), so protecting parents' or older siblings' profiles with a PIN will help to prevent younger children stumbling across material which isn't intended for them.

TURN OFF AUTO-PLAY

When a cartoon, show or movie finishes, Disney+ uses algorithms to identify content with similar themes, which it thinks your child will also enjoy. This suggestion will then automatically begin to play by default. There's an option to turn off this auto-play function in the profile settings, which will encourage your child to take a break from the screen and move on to a different activity.

ENJOY AS A FAMILY

When your child watches a movie or show on Disney+ for the first time, you may want to sit with them to ensure it's suitable. You could do the same when introducing them to older films that you haven't seen for years: your perception of what's appropriate has very probably changed, and some of the language and attitudes in movies from your own childhood may seem quite shocking today.

Meet Our Expert

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WEAR BLUE DAY

15 DECEMBER 2023

Join other primary schools across Suffolk in turning the county blue!

Pupils are encouraged to donate £1 to wear blue for the day, with all funds raised to be split evenly between each primary school and the Ipswich Town Foundation.

For more information, please contact mike.phillips@itfc.co.uk

Blue Day Raffle

We will be running a raffle during the morning of Friday 15th December. First prize includes a brand new white Ipswich Town top. A single ticket will cost 50p and a strip £2.00. Tickets can only be bought from 8.00am on the day. The winning tickets will be drawn by Mark Ashton in assembly at 10.30am.