



The Gusford Gazette

We break up on Wednesday 20th December (no school on Thursday) and return on Thursday 4th January. Have a safe and happy Christmas.

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KS1 Christmas Production

The Year 1 and 2 Christmas production on Monday and Tuesday this week was great fun. There were 150 children on stage and nearly 200 in the audience for both shows. Well done children and thank you parents for your support.



Flag Design Competition

Over the Christmas holiday we are planning to get our flagpole installed (at the front of the school by the main entrance doors). We have an Ipswich Town FC flag, some Saint flags and an Elvis flag...but we need a school flag too. Can you help?

- Design your flag on A4 landscape (name and class on the back please)
- Use strong colours (pencil or felt-tips)
- If you write anything, please make sure there are no spelling mistakes and all words are large and clear

We will get the winning design made into our flag. Closing date Friday 5th January. Ms Talbot, our art co-ordinator, will judge the entries. Good luck.

Awareness Days and Whole School Diary Dates

Wednesday 20th December. **End of Term.**

Thursday 4th January. **Start of Term.**

Monday 8th January 10.30am. **Attendance Assembly.**

Thursday 18th January. **Curious Families Workshop (Realise Futures).**

Bikeability

Year 6	29th January to 1st February
Year 5	5th February to 8th February
Year 5	12th February to 15th February

Friday 2nd February. **World Cancer Day.**

Tuesday 6th February. **Safer Internet Day.**

Friday 9th February. **Gusford Performing Arts Festival.**

Tuesday 13th February. **Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday).**

Wednesday 14th February. **Valentine's Day.**

End of Term. Friday 16th February.

Start of Term. Monday 26th February.

World Book Day. Thursday 7th March.

Mother's Day. Sunday 10th March.

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

Monday 22nd April. **Bluey Club trip to Felixstowe.**

Tuesday 23rd April. **St George's Day.** Wear red and white (or club uniforms).

Week beginning Monday 13th May. **KS2 SATs.**

Friday 21st June-**Suffolk County Day** (wear something connected to Suffolk). No donation just celebration.

Sports Days

Nursery and Reception - Monday 1st July 1015-1145am
Years 5 and 6 - Tuesday 2nd July 1.30pm
Years 3 and 4 - Wednesday 3rd July 1.30pm
Years 1 and 2 - Thursday 4th July 1.30pm

Go-kart Festival. Saturday 13th July. 10.00am-12.00pm.

End of Term. Thursday 18th July (no school on Friday 19th July).

Attendance Matters

Last year, our attendance was 92%, this was below the national average. This year we are approaching 95% which is above the national average. Stay in touch, stay engaged and ask for support if you need it and we can get there!

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

Christchurch Junior Parkrun

Why not join me at the Ipswich Junior Parkrun (Christchurch Park) on Sunday morning, that's Christmas Eve, 9.00am start. Register below then come and say hello in the morning. Walk, run or jog.

<https://parkrun.org.uk/register/>



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!

The Four Gift Rule

If you are unsure what to buy or need to limit present buying then this might help. The four gift rule is a concept where, **instead of buying multiple gifts for each person, you limit the number of gifts to four: something they want, something they need, something to wear, and something to read**

WEEK TWO							
06/11/2023 27/11/2023 18/12/2023 22/01/2024 19/02/2024 11/03/2024	Option one	Tomato Pasta 	Sausage Roll with 1/2 Jacket Potato	 CHICKEN SHACK Roast Chicken, or Roasted Quorn Fillet Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy  Vegetables of the Day Vegetables of the Day  Peaches and Ice Cream	 Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce with Rice 	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
	Option two	Macaroni Cheese	Phat Mexican Bean Roll with 1/2 Jacket		 Veggie Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice 	Quorn Burger with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day		Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	Dessert	Lemon Drizzle Cake	 Apple Crumble with Custard		Chocolate Drizzle Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Vanilla Shortbread 	

Ten Things in a Wizard's Pocket by Ian McMillan:

1. A dark night. 2. Some words that nobody could ever spell. 3. A glass of water full to the top. 4. A large elephant. 5. A vest made from spider's webs. 6. A handkerchief the size of a car park. 7. A bill from the wand shop. 8. A bucket full of stars and planets, to mix with the dark night. 9. A bag of magic mints you can suck for ever. 10. A snoring rabbit.

Can you write a similar poem for 'Ten Things found in the bottom of Santa's Sack'?



Harrison was our first 100 ticket winner. Well done Harrison. If you have any Christmas presents you want to 'repurpose' then we would welcome them as golden ticket prizes.



On Saturday 13th July, we are holding a go-kart race on the school field. One driver-two pushers-one-winner-two laps of the track (driver can change in the pit area after first lap). Why not think about making a go-kart this Christmas?



A collection of children's books and a small red box on a wooden table. The books include 'David Walliams SPACEBOY', 'David Walliams THE WIND-UP BOOK', 'The History of Britain', 'The Ugly Duckling', 'ROALD DAHL BUTT & MINPINS', 'The Story of Dinosaurs', 'The Owl and the Pussycat', 'Androcles and the Lion', and 'Sack of Rats'. A small red box with 'The Owl and the Pussycat' on it is also present.