



The Gusford Gazette

Please remember we break up for half term on Friday 20th October and return after the holiday on Monday 30th October.

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Friday 13th October 2023

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Reading Cafe (8:20 - 8:40am)

We have one reading café date left on Thursday 19th October for EYFS and Year 4. Parents are welcome at all sessions. No need to book, just turn up on the day.

Black History Month

Ask your children if they know who these two nurses are?



New Lunchtime Menu

After the October half-term, there will be a new lunchtime menu (still a three week cycle). Please see the attached. It has been updated. It still looks great!

Microbits

Look what arrived today! A big thank you to @microbit_edu for our new and free 30 micro:bits! Mr Webber is a very excited computer lead.



National Mental Health Day

On Tuesday, we celebrated World Mental Health Day. It is a universal right to have mental health. It was great to see so many children wearing yellow in school. Thank you for your support.

Awareness Days and Whole School Diary Dates

Parents' Evenings—Monday 16th October 4:00pm-7:30pm and Wednesday 18th October 3:45pm - 5:45pm.

Friday 20th October—**Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Orange Day** (non-uniform £1.00 donation). All money raised to MS.

Pumpkin Carving Competition—Tuesday 31st October. Bring pumpkins to school in the morning and take them home at the end of the day.

Wednesday 1st November—**Attendance Celebration** (for all those children with 96% attendance and above). 10.30am.

We are holding an **Open Evening** on Thursday 2nd November 6.00-8.00pm in the school hall. You can phone up and book in or just turn up on the night. You are also welcome to ring the school at anytime and the Headteacher will show around while the children are at work.

Friday 10th November—**Remembrance Day Service** 10.45am. We will also be sending a small group of children to the British Legion's Schools' Service at Ipswich Cemetery.

Friday 17th November—**Snowwhite LIVE!** In the school hall. £1.00 donation please.

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

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

Tuesday 12th December— School Disco

Reception 2.00-3.00pm

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

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

Friday 15th December—**Ipswich Town Day** (money raised towards installation of a school flag pole £1.00 donation)

Friday 2nd February—**World Cancer Day** (Sunday 4th). Non-uniform £1.00 donation. All money raised to CRUK.

Thursday 7th March—**World Book Day** (dress up as your favourite book character. No donation just celebration)

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

Sports Days

Nursery and Reception - Monday 1st July 10:15-11:45am

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

Pumpkin Carving Competition

Tuesday 31st October. Bring in your pumpkins in the morning, we'll put them on display outside the Year 3 classrooms, choose 3 winners and you can then take them home at the end of the day.

1. Classic pumpkin
2. Most intricate carving
3. Best decorated

Animal Trail Challenge

We had lots of entries into our animal trail. The longest were both over 100. Well done Riley A and Martha B. Prize in Monday's assembly.

This Week's Challenge

My Autumn coat has three buttons. I'll wear it at the gate when it gets a little colder. Sometimes, I do the buttons up starting with the top button. Sometimes, I start somewhere else. How many ways can you find to do up my coat? How will you remember them? Do you think there are any more? How do you know? Just pop your entries to Mr. Tapley before the end of term.

Realise Futures 'Curious Families'

In January, we are hoping to run a series of special 'Curious Families' pop-in-Parents carrying out activities alongside their children in the hall. Starting Thursday 18th January 2024, 1.30pm to 3.00pm. More details to follow.

Clubs and Competitions

Did you know we have competitors in the BSGA trampolining competition and the world combat championships? If your child is involved in an outside club or activity and is taking part in an important competition, then please let me know.

Attendance Matters

Our attendance this week was 94.5%. The Little Dragons (RAL) were the highest attenders with 99.6%. Quite simply if the children are in school they are much more likely to be successful in their learning. Thank you.

Year 3 Trip to the Owl Sanctuary

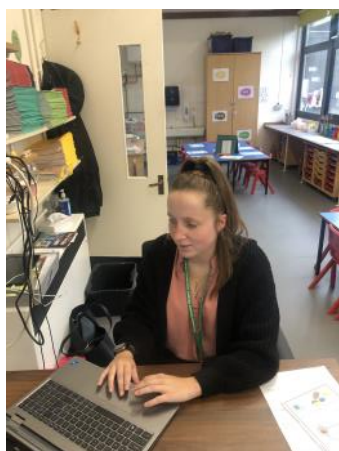
This coming Tuesday, Year 3 are visiting the Owl Sanctuary.

Culture Club

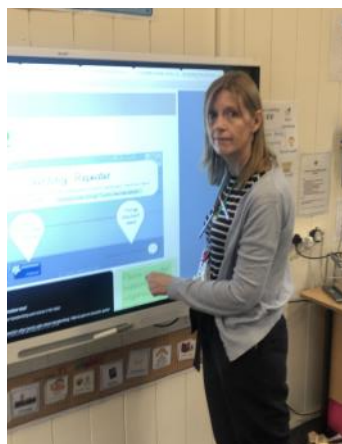
In Mrs Slater's Culture Club the children have been learning about the Philippines. Mrs Slater said it was wonderful to hear one of our members describe the culture and language of the Philippines. The children learnt about the national dish, Adobo, which everyone tried and tasted this week. We all thought it was scrummy!



Our Year 1 Teachers



Miss Glasse



Mrs Race

Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Roast of the Day, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	BBQ Chicken with New Potatoes	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Option 2	Falafel with Cous Cous	Wholemeal Vegetable Pasta Bake	Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Quorn with New Potatoes	Mexican Bean Roll with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Vegetables	Mixed Salad Coleslaw	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Peas Baked Beans
Dessert	NEW Syrup Snap Biscuit	Fruit Jelly with Mandarins	Fruity Cookie	Iced Vanilla Sponge	Oaty Cookie
Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily					

Social Media and Messaging

In our PSHE, lessons we are doing everything we can to provide the children with information about on-line safety and give them a chance to discuss their use of social media. We are organising additional input from 4YP for our upper KS2 children. However, most social media apps (Whatsapp, Instagram, Snapchat) have an age limit of 13 or above. This is not because they are difficult to use but because it is difficult for younger children to deal with the consequence of negative messaging. If a problem does arise, the Police and the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOPs) say that **primary school children simply shouldn't be using these platforms** and state that it is a question of parental responsibility and ultimately safeguarding.

So with this advice in mind, please make sure you know what your child is doing on-line and who they are messaging. Our staff do not have the time or capacity during the school day to investigate on-line incidents.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Seeing is Believing and Share sessions

Feed Back – October 2023

Year 6 - It was very relaxed and all the children's ideas were listened to. We really enjoyed it – Thank you!

Year 6 – I really enjoyed the session. Mr Minter was fantastic supporting myself so I could engage with my daughter. I can't thank him enough.

Nursery – I really enjoyed the session – It was really nice to see how much activities you have and to see the seasonal activities too. Friendly and chilled environment. I think you are doing a great job!

Year 5 – It was fun working on prepositions for the scene of the film.

Year 5 – Loved seeing the learning in practice. Thank you! Very calm classroom – with a great atmosphere!

Year 3 – It was lovely to see the work the children do and the set up of the classroom. The teacher was very welcoming and it was enjoyable for both myself and my child.

Year 2 – Loved all the interaction, and to see what they have learnt and putting it into practice. A lovely bright and happy learning environment.

Year 3 – Really nice to be welcomed into my child's classroom. Lovely to see the great relationship between teacher and pupils.

Year 2 – I liked the amount of different activities that there were around the classroom. All the children seemed to enjoy it and even taught us parents something.

Reception – It was lovely to see the children practice songs, follow instructions and see the different stations they use for painting, crafts, maths, patterns etc.

Reception – It was great to see the children in their learning environment. Loved the way the teacher captures the attention of all the children

Nursery – It was very nice to be invited into the classroom and have a brief view of what happens each day. I was really impressed with also seeing the teacher – pupil relationships. Its lovely to see him progressing and enjoying himself in school.

Year 5 – Made to feel welcome, children listened and worked very hard. The teacher was very enthusiastic.

Nursery – Loved it! Do it more often please!

Even better if.....

Maybe an extra classroom assistant for children that may need some extra guidance.

You continue to keep pushing and encouraging.

More homework!

Maybe to know a bit more exactly what is taught in the curriculum.

Call the Office...

If your child is going to be late or has a morning appointment you must call the office and order a dinner for your child before 9.45am. We are unable to order a hot dinner or pick and mix after this time. Sorry

Menu for after half-term

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		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
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	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	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Apple Crumble with Custard	Peaches and Ice Cream	Chocolate Drizzle Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Vanilla Shortbread
WEEK THREE 13/11/2023 04/12/2023 08/01/2024 29/01/2024 26/02/2024 18/03/2024	Option one	NEW A choice of Tomato or Carbonara Pasta with Toppings	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		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	Coriander Tart
MENU KEY Added Plant Power Wholemeal Vegan Chef's Special						
Available Daily: - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings - Bread freshly baked on site daily- Daily salad selection						
ALLERGY INFORMATION: If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.						
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Home School Agreement and Homework Expectations

On Monday, we are going to send everyone a new home-school partnership agreement. It outlines our expectations for the children and parents/carers and what you can expect from the school in return. You can also find the agreement on the school website at:

<https://gusfordprimary.net/parents/behaviour-expectations>

The agreement mentions homework. After our share meetings with parents, we read your feedback and want to clarify our expectations for homework for all year groups. These expectations and timings are in line with Government (DfE) guidelines for primary aged children. We don't want homework to become a burden or a point of contention in the family home but it is important that the children see that parents and carers value schooling and education and the work should support the children's learning in school. Next week we will upload these expectations onto the website at:

<https://gusfordprimary.net/curriculum/homework>

Seeing is Believing and Share Sessions



Over the last two weeks we have held a number of Reading Cafes, an EYFS phonics and early reading information morning, several share dates and three 'Seeing is Believing' sessions. It was great to see so many parents and carers at all the events. Thank you for your feedback and we look forward to seeing you again in school at Parents' Evening on Monday and Wednesday next week.

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