



The Gusford Gazette

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Pumpkin Carving Competition

We had over 120 pumpkins in our competition and they were all fabulous. I was very impressed and all pumpkins were highly commended by PUMP UK (Peoples Union to Majestify Pumpkins). It was almost impossible to choose three winners but we did try. Next year we might break it down into year groups. Thank you for your support.



Awareness Days and Whole School Diary Dates

Cultural Diversity week. Monday 6th-Friday 10th November.

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.

Sunday 19th November-**Gusford Gambol.** Children in Need Ramble. Leaving 10.00am from school car park.

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 2.30-3.00pm

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

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

Attendance Assemblies

Great to see so many parents at our three attendance assemblies on Wednesday. If your child just missed the 96% mark, please remember that if your child attends everyday from now on, then any absence percentage will decrease and the attendance figure will increase.

Attendance Matters

Our attendance this week was 94.4%. 3RS were the highest attenders with 98.7%. Quite simply if the children are in school they are much more likely to be successful in their learning. Thank you.

Foxburrow

Year 2 had a fantastic day at Foxburrow Farm. They went pond dipping, explored invertebrates in the Orchard, looked at the woodland habitat, named different trees and classified the animals that live there.

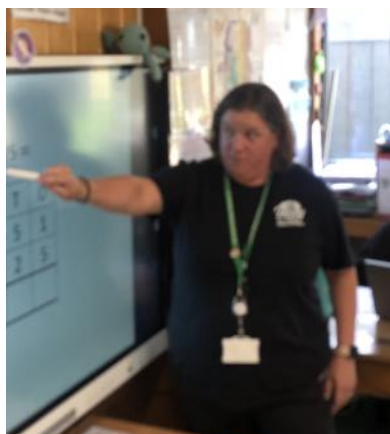


MS Fundraising

During the half-term break, Mrs Yates did it! Congratulations. With your help she has now raised over £1100 for the MS Society. Its never too late to help out!



Our Year 3 Teachers



| WEEK TWO | | | | | | |
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| 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 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  |
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Children in Need Ramble The Gusford Gambol

Sunday 19th November

Leaving from the school car park: 10.00am

Walking to Chantry Park: 30 mins

Following the park route with a refreshment break: 1 hr 30 mins

Return to school: 30 mins (for 12.30pm)

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

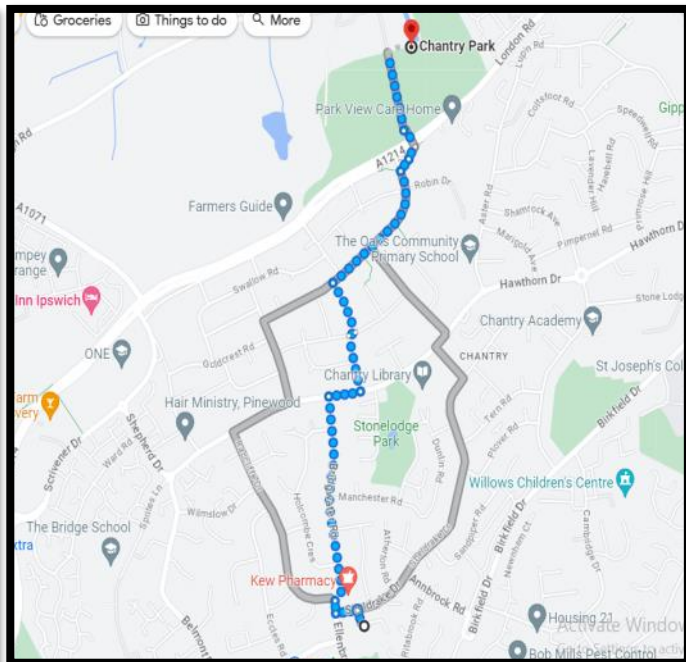
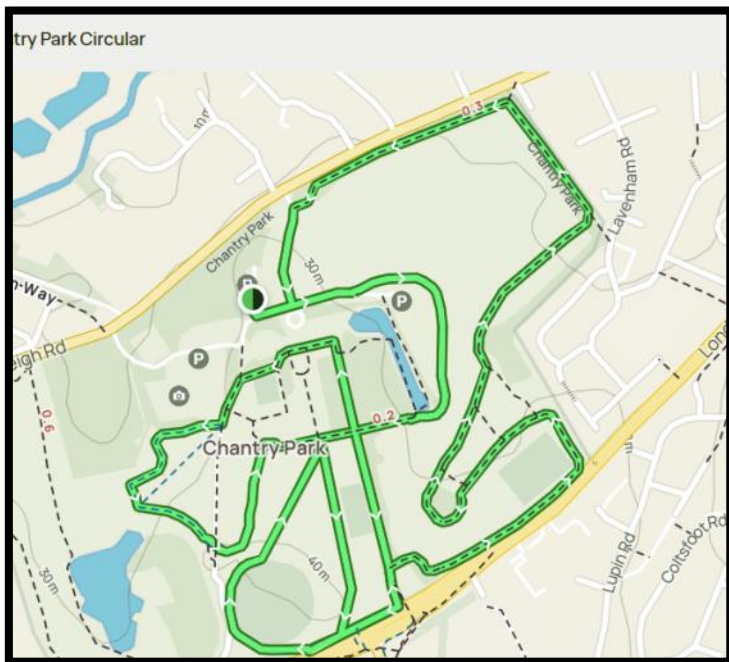
Dogs welcome.

We will go whatever the weather do please dress accordingly.

Please let the school office know if you want to join us.

You can donate via text to BBC Children in Need by texting the relevant key word to the relevant number (the “short code”). Each text message you send will result in a donation to BBC Children in Need and the amount donated will depend on the keyword stated in the sent message or the number texted. For example, by texting the word FIVE to 70701, you will donate £5.

Text messages cost the Donation Value, plus your standard network message charge (based on your service provider rates).



South Suffolk Panathlon Champions

On Friday morning, our team took part in the Panathlon Championships and came out on top. The panathlon consists of a variety of different events (including bean bag target throw, bowling, new age curling and archery). The team did so well they also made it through to the County Panathlon Competition. What a super effort from the children and Mr. Garwood.



A message from Mrs Garner

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are always looking to enrich our curriculum in as many ways as possible to allow the children to experience the richest range of learning opportunities. With this in mind, we were wondering if any parents and carers would be able to help with this, by coming into school to share information about their culture, religion, talents, skills or career. This could be an opportunity for you to tell us that you have lived in a different country, are a keen photographer or work as a nurse. If you are unsure whether your speciality is something that we would be interested in, please speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the senior leadership team and we will more than likely reassure you that it is!

The class teacher would lead the session and it could be either a short presentation or a simple question and answer session. To share any of these areas of learning with the children would further enhance our curriculum and provide the children with inspiration for hobbies, interests and future careers. We would be extremely appreciative of any help and we really look forward to working together.

If you would be interested in sharing information about your culture, religion, talents, skills or career with a class of children, please complete the questionnaire sent home by Parentmail.

Thank you for your support with this.

**Mrs Garner
Deputy Headteacher.**

A message from Tom Hunt MP

DEADLINE - 20th NOVEMBER

Good afternoon,

I hope you and your pupils are enjoying the Autumn Term. I am getting in touch regarding my annual Christmas card competition which is open to pupils across Ipswich Primary schools.

Following the incredible success of last year's competition, I know the skilled designs the pupils of Ipswich can create for my 2023 Christmas card. There is always a high level competition between MPs to see which local school can produce the best card and I am lucky to see the plethora of designs pupils in Ipswich have to offer.

There is a tight deadline to get these cards produced which means I will need the designs from your students back by 20th November. Whilst there is no limit to the design, I hope they will be cheerful and colourful to lift all our spirits this Christmas.

Entries must be in A4 size, coloured in using paper or pen and nothing stuck on (NO GLITTER!). Please clearly label the name, class, and school with the pictures. They can be sent to my office in Westminster at: Tom Hunt MP, Richmond House 4-10, House of Commons, Westminster, London, SW1A 0AA.

Although I can only choose 1 winner, who will receive a special prize from the House of Commons and have their name and school printed inside the card, all schools that enter will have several 'special mentions' who will receive a certificate from me. The winning card might even end up on the Prime Minister's mantelpiece – who knows!

I hope you can help me and have your school join in. I look forward to receiving all the creative entries your school has to offer in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Hunt.

ALL WELCOME | £2 PER BAG
NO QUALIFYING CONDITIONS | NO REFERRALS



Tuesday

9.30-10.30 All Hallows Church, Landseer Rd IP3 0JH

Wednesday

9.00-10.00 St Mary Le Tower Church, Church St IP1 3BE

9.30- 10.30 Triangle Church, Dickens RD IP2 0JW

11.30-12.30 St Mary & St Botolph Church Whitton IP1 6LT

13.30-14.30 St Peters Church, Stoke Park Drive IP2 9TH

14.00-15.00 St Johns Church , Cauldwell Hall Rd IP4 4QB

Thursday

9.00-10.00 St Matthews Church, Portman Rd IP1 2BP

13.30-14.30 Safe Harbour Church , St Helens ST IP4 2LS

Friday

12.00-13.00 St Thomas The Apostle Church Bramford Rd IP1 5BS

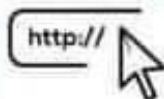
Saturday

10.00-11.00 St Francis Church, Hawthorn Drive IP2 0QQ

Sunday

12.00-13.00 Church of St. Mary Stoke, Stoke Street, IP2 8BX

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Cultural Diversity Week Competition

To celebrate our school Cultural Diversity week next week, we are hosting a competition for you to enter at home with prizes to be won! The theme for our Cultural Diversity week is 'The World Around Us, The World Within Us' and we are particularly focusing on the different cultures that we have within our school community.

The competition is to create a piece of artwork inspired by a flag, using any medium of your choice. There are some examples below for inspiration.

To enter, bring your piece of artwork to school and give it to Mrs Garner or email a picture to: mrs.garner@gusfordprimary.net

Entries open on 6th November and close on 17th November.

Judging will take place the week beginning the 20th November, with the prizes given out in celebration assembly.

Each entry will receive a golden ticket and there will be a winner for EYFS, KS1, LKS2 and UKS2.

GOOD LUCK and I look forward to seeing your creations!



The Firework Code



- **Keep fireworks in a closed box**
- **Follow the instructions for lighting them very carefully**
- **Light them at arm's length**
- **Stand well back**
- **Never go back to a lit firework**
- **Never put fireworks in your pocket**
- **Never throw fireworks**



Foxhall Dental is now accepting new NHS patients under the age of 12 years old.

Please call our reception team on **01473 258396** for more information and schedule a dental check-up

49 Foxhall Road, Ipswich. IP3 8JU

foxhalldentalsurgery@googlemail.com

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WIN A PLAY STATION 5 VR2 BUNDLE



- Win a Limited Edition Spider-Man 2 Playstation 5
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- Tickets from just £1 a week
- Play now and support our school!

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Go to: **YourSchoolLottery.co.uk**

And search for: **Gusford Primary**



Draw date Saturday 25th November. See website for terms and conditions

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Learning in Families



Coming Next
Term

to

Gusford Primary
school

Free Family Festival workshop

Suitable for parents, grandparents
or carers and their children.

Come and share activities
together!

WHEN:

18th January 2024
afternoon

WHERE:

Gusford Primary school

HOW TO BOOK:

Watch out for the
letter of invitation
from the school next
term!

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

Gusford Primary School

