



The Gusford Gazette

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Cultural Diversity Week

All this week the children have been taking part in activities with a focus on cultural diversity. We have been looking at language, food, ethnicity, religion, aspiration and the community. In our special assembly on Friday afternoon, we celebrated our differences. Please note it's still not too late to enter our diversity competition (see attached).



Earth Song

Earth Song have been with us all week. They are an amazing group of people who deliver a culturally diverse, hands on, music workshop. It's brilliant-ask the children! However, their van is on its 'last legs'. Watch their funny video below and see if you can help out.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/help-earthsong-music-cic-replace-elderly-van>



Awareness Days and Whole School Diary Dates

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 (back for 12.30pm)

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** (money raised towards installation of a school flag pole £1.00 donation)

Ipswich Town Day

Friday 15th (the day before the game against Norwich) we are holding an Ipswich Town Day. Wear blue and donate £1.00 towards our flag pole installation. First flag ITFC! We are really pleased that Mark Ashton (CEO Ipswich) will be joining us for our assembly in the morning. Up the (flagpole) Blues!!!



Attendance Matters

Our attendance this week was 93.8%. 5SI and 6TM 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.

Yellow Fish

On Thursday, Yellow Fish Groundworks (Rob and Jane) visited our Year 6 children to discuss pollution and our river system. Have you seen any yellow fish painted by the drains in and around Gusford?

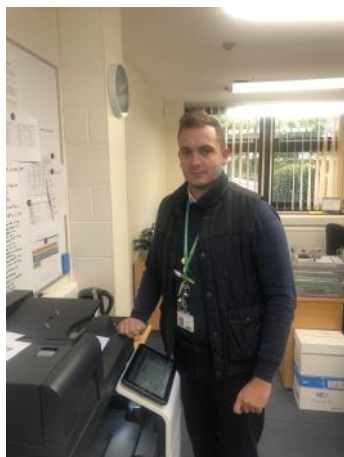


Nike Community

Here are our new Sports Ambassadors wearing their Nike Community Anti Racism kit.



Our Year 4 Teachers



Mr Bland

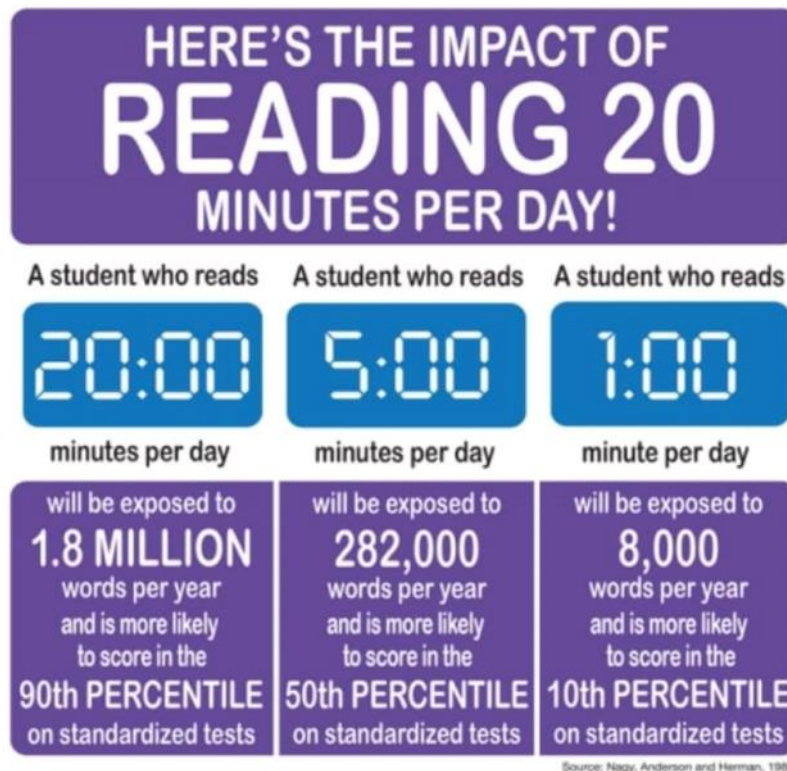


Miss Knights



Miss Bergdahl

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



Remembrance Day

On Friday, a group of our service children took part in the Remembrance Service at Ipswich Cemetery. They were very proud to represent the school and Mr Garwood and Miss Kennell said they were great Ambassadors for the school. Thank you

At the same time, we held our own service in school. It made it very special to hear the 'Last Post' being played live by Mr Garrido from the Ipswich Philharmonic Orchestra (and our brass teacher). It was also a pleasure to hear our Choir sing 'Remember' and 'We will Remember'. Thank you Choir and thank your Mrs Ingram.



Tom Hunt MP

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Very poignant as always. This morning I was at the World War One and World War Two cemeteries in Town remembering our fallen heroes. I laid a wreath... [See more](#)



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 perimeter route with a refreshment break: 1 hr 30 mins

Return to school: 30 mins (for 12.30pm)

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

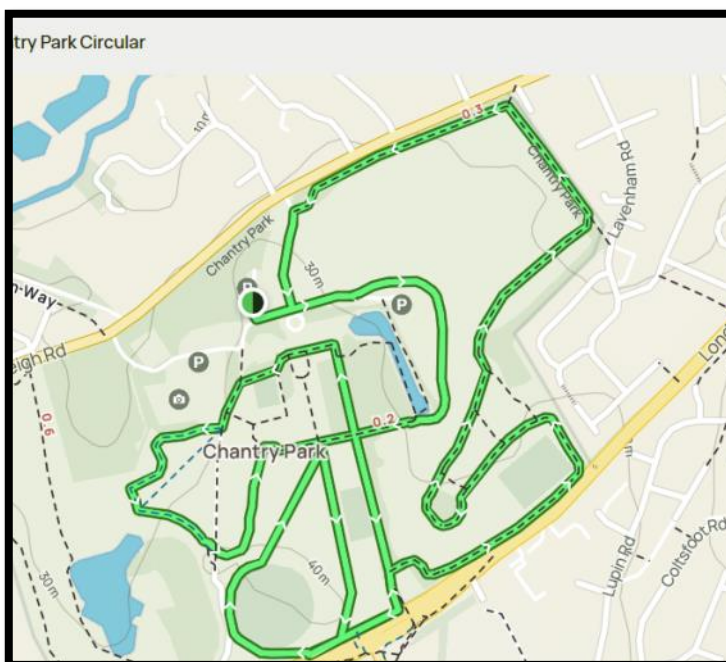
The café at the park will be open, the cakes are delicious but quite expensive.

Dogs welcome.

We will go whatever the weather, do please dress accordingly (Wellington boots).

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.



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

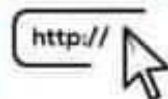
Saturday

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!



Enter our **Super Draw**

WIN A PLAY STATION 5 VR2 BUNDLE



- Win a Limited Edition Spider-Man 2 Playstation 5
- AND the brand-new Playstation VR2 Headset!
- Tickets from just £1 a week
- Play now and support our school!

BUY TICKETS:

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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