



The Gusford Gazette

This week's attendance was 94.4%. Three classes have the joint highest attendance 1NG, 2JW and 5LP with 98.3%.

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History Off The Page

History off the page visited the school this week. They are a very exciting group of history experts who bring hands-on artefacts into school. They worked with Y6 on 'Ancient Greeks' on Tuesday, Year 2 and the 'Great Fire of London' on Wednesday and then our EYFS (Reception) and 'Toys through the ages' on Thursday.



World Cancer Day

World Cancer Day is on Sunday 4th February. We are planning a non-uniform day (**wear something orange** if you can) on Friday 2nd February. £1.00 donation, all proceeds to Cancer Research UK.

<https://www.worldcancerday.org>

Reading Books and Reading Diaries

Please remember to send in your child's reading book and reading diary everyday. Thank you.

Awareness Days and Whole School Diary Dates

Friday 2nd February. **World Cancer Day.** Non-uniform, wear something orange £1.00 donation.

Bikeability

5/2 and 6/2 - 5NT
7/2 and 8/2 - 5SI
12/2 and 13/2 - 5LP
14/2 and 15/2 - Year 6

Monday 5th February and Wednesday 7th February. **Parents' Evenings.** Please book an appointment via Parentmail.

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

Wednesday 7th February. **Our Big Schools' Birdwatch.**

Wednesday 7th February. **On-line safety workshop for parents and children.** Booking slips available from the school office.

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 (no donation)

Mother's Day. Sunday 10th March.

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

Friday 15th March. **Year 5 Stargazing Sleepover.**

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.**

Oliver Twist. Friday 7th June 2024.

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.

Chantry Chariot

Mr Garwood and Miss Kennell are running the 'Chantry Chariot' (mini-bus collection service) to ensure all our children make it to school on time.



Christchurch Junior Parkrun

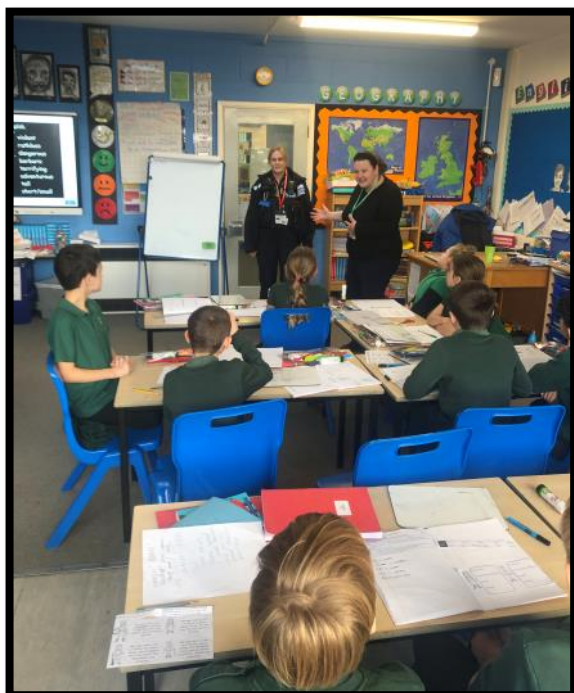
Why not join me at the Ipswich Junior Parkrun (Christchurch Park) on Sunday morning, 9.00am start. Register below then come and say hello in the morning. Walk, run or jog.

<https://parkrun.org.uk/register/?eventName=ipswich-juniors>



PC Beth

Mrs Hopkins introduced PC Beth to our Year 5 and 6 classes today. Thank you for popping in PC Beth.



Trampolining

Amelia (6GS) competed at the BSGA Zonal Schools competition today, and qualified to compete at the National Finals, against the rest of Great Britain on 16th March in Telford. She is super excited about it (and rightly so, what an achievement Amelia).

Share Sessions:

Nursery - Monday 12th February 10:30 - 11:30am
Reception - Thursday 15th February 2:15 - 3:15pm
Year 1 - Wednesday 14th February 2:15 - 3:15pm
Year 2 - Tuesday 13th February 2:15 - 3:15pm

Seeing is Believing:

Year 3 and 4 - Tuesday 13th February 9:00 - 9:30am
Year 5 and 6 - Thursday 15th February 9:00 - 9:30am

Reading Cafes:

Monday 4th March 8:20 - 8:40am - Year 6 and 2
Tuesday 5th March 8:20 - 8:40am - Year 5 and 1
Weds 6th March 8:20 - 8:40am - Year 4 & Reception
Thursday 7th March 8:20 - 8:40am - Open to everyone!
Friday 8th March 8:20 - 8:40am - Year 3 and Nursery

| Autumn/ Winter 2023/ 2024 | GUSFORD | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| 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 |

Athletics

Our Sports Hall Athletics Team all showed a great attitude towards the other schools and amazing support for one another. All giving 100% in each event. Well done to Team Gusford making us all proud last Wednesday.



Great British Spring Clean

Get ready for the Great British Spring Clean in March and do a litter pick in your street / local area. Pickers can be borrowed from Martha in 2RB or from your local council.



Fandango

Mrs Race and her recorder group, performed a Spanish Fandango in assembly this week. It was brilliant,



Story Circle

This week, we set out our story circle. We hope to develop this into a forest area. Watch this space!



Challenge

When you are on the phone, you're often asked to spell your name. It is useful if you can do this using the phonetic alphabet. If you come & see me and can recite the whole phonetic alphabet then you will receive a special 'motivational' pencil.

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| Alpha | Mike |
| Bravo | November |
| Charlie | Oscar |
| Delta | Papa |
| Echo | Quebec |
| Foxtrot | Romeo |
| Golf | Sierra |
| Hotel | Tango |
| India | Uniform |
| Juliett | Victor |
| Kilo | Whiskey |
| Lima | X-ray |

RSE Consultation

Our Relationship and Sex Education (RSE/RSHE) policy has recently been updated. The policy and curriculum outline is on the school website and available for parental consultation.

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

If you have any comments about the policy or the curriculum content, then please let us know by Monday 26th February 2024. Thank you.

Rewards in School

Did you know there are lots of rewards that the children can earn in school? These include golden tickets, golden time, star of the week certificates, positions of responsibility, badges, trips out, phone calls and post cards home, notes in books, movement up the classroom charts and verbal feedback (to children in class and parents at the door). Next week we'll look at some of the things that can happen if the children make the wrong choice.

Reception Snack Café

Mrs Garner has set up a Snack Café in our EYFS area. We are planning to open it next week. The children will be given 'money' which they can use to buy real snacks and drinks. We are hoping this helps develop basic number skills and decision making as well as provide a healthy snack (for free).

On-line Safety

As part of our online safety offering at Gusford and in addition to the internet safety workshop outlined in the poster attached, we can offer sessions run by a national company for our parents. Please find below the link to access the parent/carers session scheduled for:

Wednesday 31st January 2024

9.30am – 10.15am.

This session is a repeat session (last delivered October 2023) so if you attended that session, then you don't need to attend again.

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Attendees do not need to register, they simply click on the link at the above time to access the session. **Cameras and voice/audio will be switched off for all attendees.** Attendees can ask questions by typing in the Q&A box, but this will be explained during the session.

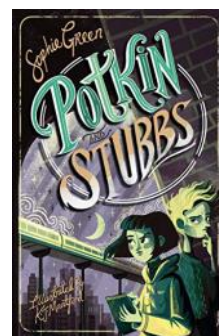
World Book 'Week'

World Book Week (Monday 4th March to Friday 8th March). We have two visiting authors:

Tuesday 5th March Nick Butterworth



Wednesday 6th March Sophie Green





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SUFFOLK ADULT LEARNING

2024



A free workshop to help you to:

- understand the issues that are facing children in connection with the use of technology, and put measure in place to help keep them (& your computer) safe
- understand the positive impacts of technology in the lives of your children
- feel confident to share your concerns about technology with your children

**Online Safety workshop
with the children - at
Gusford Primary School**

**Wednesday 7th February
9 am – 11am**

**to book your place
please let the school
office know
by Friday 2nd February**

25th January 2024

Dear Parent/Grandparent/Carer

Re: Online Safety workshop with the children - at Gusford Primary School

To help celebrate National Safer Internet week, Realise Futures Family Learning is coming into school to run a free workshop on:

Wednesday 7th February 9 am – 11am

The workshop aims to help you to:

- understand the issues that are facing children in connection with the use of technology, and put measure in place to help keep them (& your computer) safe
- understand the positive impacts of technology in the lives of your children
- feel confident to share your concerns about technology with your children

Your children will join you for part of this activity. This workshop is free. Please return the tear off slip below to the school office by Friday 2nd February. **Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.**

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Mr Stephen Tapley
Headteacher.

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To: School office

I would like to book a place on the workshop on **Wednesday 7th February, 9 - 11 am** at Gusford Primary School

Name of parent/carers:

Name of child in school:

Class

Realise Futures courses are a part of the Adult Learning programme in Suffolk. Courses aim to offer 'engagement activities' and learning opportunities for parents/carers and grandparents. We are funded by the Government and so they require you to complete a few basic forms which you will be asked to complete during the session. You can learn how to support your children more confidently, re-connect with learning and acquire new skills.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MYLOL

AGE RESTRICTION
13-19

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MyLOL is a free social networking and dating site aimed at teens. Profiles can publicly display users' images and information, including sexual orientation and personal interests. The service bills itself as "the number one teen dating website in the world", claiming to have more than a million users globally. Despite its popularity, the MyLOL app is no longer available from Google Play or the App Store, although the site is still active. In some countries, police forces and schools have previously warned parents about "sinister predators" and "inappropriate activities" on the site.

FLIMSY AGE GATES

Although MyLOL states it is exclusively aimed at users aged between 13 and 19, there is no credible age verification system to prevent a younger child – or an older adult – from signing up to the platform. Coupled with the fact that it's impossible to establish a user's true identity on MyLOL, this raises a serious concern that the site could be used for grooming.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

MyLOL maintains that it monitors all uploaded images for nudity or sexual content. It also claims to be able to detect suspicious keywords. However, there have been numerous reports of explicit content being found on the platform, with users often posting provocative, semi-nude pictures of themselves and engaging in flirty or sexually explicit conversation.

POTENTIAL CYBER-BULLYING

MyLOL lets users 'vote' on other people based solely on their appearance, much in the same vein as the now-defunct site Hot or Not. This feature could easily lead to distress and bullying, especially if a young person's profile pics receive an unfavourable response. Various reviews of MyLOL have noted that bullying frequently becomes an issue in the platform's chat groups and private messages.

IN-APP SPENDING

MyLOL is free to join and use, but it also offers paid-for memberships. Users who have paid money get their profile promoted at the top of the site and in search results. They can also earn additional credits for increased engagement with the platform – such as sharing, replying to messages and voting. At the time of writing, the monthly membership fee was \$9.95 (just under £8).

DATA COLLECTION

According to its privacy policy, MyLOL collects user data including email addresses, contact details and interests. While the company says it is committed to protecting users' privacy, the small print states that information may be shared externally. MyLOL claims to follow procedures to keep data secure, but does not specify what these procedures are, or whether such information is encrypted.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

MyLOL makes it easy to connect with strangers. In fact, the site's rewards feature encourages users to send private messages to people they don't know. There have been several media stories of adults posing as teens on MyLOL to connect with minors, which could lead to extremely dangerous situations, such as a young person meeting up with someone who has been posing under a false identity.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCUSS ONLINE DATING

It's vital to talk to your child about the possible dangers of platforms like MyLOL – particularly the threat of online predators. Remind them of the risks of sharing intimate images and information with strangers and emphasise that most people don't realise they're being 'catfished' until it's too late – it really isn't wise for a young person to meet up with someone they've only spoken to online.

EXPLAIN PRIVACY RISKS

Before your child begins using a service such as MyLOL, it's important that they understand the potential pitfalls of giving out their personal data on this type of platform. Explain to them, for example, that they shouldn't divulge any personally identifying information to people who they don't know, as scammers can be quite convincing when attempting to steal someone's identity.

RESTRICT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child has access to a bank card or other payment method, they may be enticed into signing up for MyLOL's premium features. Having their profile boosted and receiving more attention could be especially tempting if their friends also use the site. You could consider altering their device's settings to disable internet purchases, or at the very least keeping an eye on their online spending.

SET UP LOCATION ALERTS

If you're worried that your child may be planning to meet up with someone they've met on MyLOL, you could consider utilising GPS or WiFi location tracking technology to follow their whereabouts in real time. You can even set up a virtual boundary or 'fence' and opt to receive an alert to your phone if your child enters or exits a specified area.

Meet Our Expert

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February Fun

February can sometimes drag, this might help...if you think we have missed anything then please let us know.

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| 1 st | First day of the month (White Rabbits). Happy Birthday Hana B! |
| 2 nd | NSPCC Number Day and England v India (Cricket 2 nd Test). |
| 3 rd | Take Your Child to the Library Day. England v Italy (Rugby 6 Nations). Preston v ITFC. Happy Birthday Lillia A! |
| 4 th | World Cancer Day. |
| 5 th | Children's Mental Health Week 5 th -11 th February and Parents' Evening. Happy Birthday Tyson A! |
| 6 th | Safer Internet Day. Happy Birthday Harry G and Laurelle S! |
| 7 th | Gusford's Big Schools' Birdwatch and Parents' Evening. |
| 8 th | National Kite Flying Day. |
| 9 th | Gusford's Performing Arts Festival. Happy Birthday Kai B, Harrison D and Noah M. |
| 10 th | National Umbrella Day and England v Wales (Rugby 6 Nations). ITFC v WBA. Happy Birthday Sonny and Bentley. |
| 11 th | Super Bowl Day (USA) and National Make a Friend Day. Happy Birthday George M. |
| 12 th | Hug Day. Happy Birthday Fynley A-H and Parya M! |
| 13 th | Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day). Happy Birthday Alisha D and Oskar G! |
| 14 th | Valentine's Day. Millwall v ITFC. Happy Birthday Dylan D and Lauren M! |
| 15 th | Nirvana Day (Buddhist Celebration) and England v India (Cricket 3 rd Test). |
| 16 th | Happy Birthday Baylen F-H and Ella H! |
| 17 th | Random Act of Kindness Day. Swansea v ITFC. Fury v Usyk first undisputed unification clash since Lennox Lewis in 2000. |
| 18 th | Battery Day (bring your used batteries for school for recycling). |
| 19 th | International Tug of War Day. Happy Birthday Mary E! |
| 20 th | ITFC v Rotherham. Happy Birthday Myles B and Zachariah P! |
| 21 st | International Mother Language Day. |
| 22 nd | World Scout Day. Happy Birthday Ofelia D, Mackenzie D, Ellie-Mai S and Olivia-Rose S! |
| 23 rd | England v India (Cricket 4th Test). |
| 24 th | Interesting date: 24.2.24 and England v Scotland (Rugby 6 Nations). ITFC v Birmingham. |
| 25 th | Carabao Cup Final. Happy Birthday Pacey B, Thea D, Ashton-Jay M, Blake S and Mimi S! |
| 26 th | National Tell a Fairy Tale Day. Happy Birthday Charlotte H, Maya S, Harry A and Aston S! |
| 27 th | National Pokeman Day. Happy Birthday Leona B and Olivia-Grace F! |
| 28 th | National Tooth Fairy Day. |
| 29 th | National Toast Day. |