



The Gusford Gazette

*This week's attendance was 93.5%. 1SR had the highest attendance with 99.3%.
Don't forget we break up on Friday 16th February and return again on Monday 26th February.*

Issue 2421

Friday 9th February 2024

Circulation: 540

Bikeability

Our Year 5 children completed their Bikeability training this week. Congratulations. Year 6 next week,



Snack Cafe

Some ceremonial scissor action at the grand opening of Mrs Garner's 'Snack Cafe' on Monday morning. Let the snacking commence!



Performing Arts Festival

On Friday evening, a number of our children are taking part in the Gusford Performing Arts Festival. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook to find out who won.

Teddy Bears' Picnic

Visit our Twitter and Facebook pages to see 1NG enjoying their Teddy Bears' Picnic.

Awareness Days and Whole School Diary Dates

Bikeability

14/2 and 15/2 - Year 6

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 Week. Monday 4th to Friday 8th March (no donation).

Mother's Day. Sunday 10th March.

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

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

The Big Sing. Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th March.

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

Visiting Circus. July 6th. On the school field. Shows at 1.00pm and 2.30pm.

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

Parents' Evening

Lovely to meet more of our parents this week. We are much more likely to succeed if we work together to ensure the children in our care are successful. Thank you for your support.

PE Days

Please note we don't allow children to wear earrings in PE lessons or during sporting activities, even if they are covered. Thank you.

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.

Parking

It is always busy outside the school at drop off and pick up times especially on Ellenrook Road and Sheldrake. Please be considerate of other road users and mindful of the children and parents who have to cross the roads to get to school. The parking wardens will be out and about next week. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Nuts and Allergies

We do our best to ensure the school is as free from nuts as we can reasonably make it. We respectfully ask parents not to include items in pack ups that may cause others to have an allergic reaction. Thank you.

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

Beat The Streets

On Thursday we sent home the special BTS cards. You also got a map to help you find out where the boxes are located. You simply use the card to hover over the boxes. The more boxes you visit the more points you win for you and the school. The game starts on Valentine's Day and lasts for 5 weeks.

<https://www.beatthestreet.me/ipswich/map>

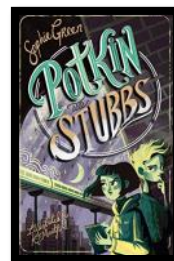
World Book 'Week'

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

Tuesday 5th March Nick Butterworth



Wednesday 6th March Sophie Green



Thursday 7th March Beverley Birch



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

Vegetables of the Day

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

February 2024

Dear Parent/Grandparent/Carer

**Story Sacks course for parents/carers of children
in EYFS and Key Stage 1**

MAKE A STORYSACK FOR YOUR CHILD

Would you like to:

- **make a story sack for your child, which includes one of your child's favourite books plus resources you make to bring the story to life** (free story book provided)
- **learn how to use it to support your child's reading, writing and speaking and listening skills**

A tutor from Realise Futures Family Learning is coming into school this term to run a free 5 week course for parents. The course will run on Monday mornings from 9 to 11 am, starting on **Monday 26th February**. The basic resources will be provided. There will be a selection of free story books to choose from, or you can bring a favourite book of your child to base the story sack on. You don't have to be good at art and craft, just keen!!

Don't worry if you need to arrive late or leave early for a session, perhaps to drop or pick up a younger child – the tutor, Bernadette White, is flexible and understands how busy lives can be!

If you have a child who will soon start, or has recently started, their exciting journey in school, this is an ideal course for you – a gentle introduction into the many ways you can help support your child's learning, and a chance to meet other parents and chat through concerns.

If you would like to attend this course, please could you complete the slip on the back and return it to the school office by Friday 16th February, or email the tutor on bernadette.white@realisefutures.org and indicate which school you are from. Places will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis. If you do not hear from us please assume that you have a place on the course.

If you have any additional support needs that you would like us to be made aware of, please email the tutor on bernadette.white@realisefutures.org

The tutor, Bernadette White, looks forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely

Mr Stephen Tapley
Headteacher

✂

To: **School Office**

I would like to be included on the free story sack course starting Monday 26th February at 9.00am.

Name:

Child's name:

Class:



PANCAKE DAY

MENU

Tuesday 13th February

Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges

Mexican Bean Roll with Potato Wedges
Jacket Potato with Beans and Cheese

~~

Baked Beans
Sweetcorn

~~

Pancakes with a Choice of Toppings

Fresh Fruit
Flavoured Yoghurt





Gusford Primary School
Ipswich,
Wednesday 20th March
3:30pm - 5:00pm



FREE TASTER FUN DAY

FOR ALL LOCAL FAMILIES

Come and join the
Kicks and Tricks team for an
afternoon of fun activities



www.kicksandtricks.co.uk



Activity Camps

Ofsted
Registered
Venues
★★★★★

VENUES

Beaumont Primary School

Cliff Lane Primary School

Grace Cook Primary School

Gusford Primary School

Ipswich School Sports Centre

Stowupland Sports Centre



EASTER CAMPS

2nd - 12th April

EARLY
RISERS
8AM-9AM
£5

DAY
CAMP
9AM-5PM
ONLY

£28

EXTRA
FUN
5pm-6pm
£5

FREE SPACES WITH THE
HOLIDAY
Activity
Programme

Ipswich School
Working Together



For more information visit:

www.kicksandtricks.co.uk



info@kicksandtricks.co.uk



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MONKEY

Also known as Monkey Cool, this platform aims to fill the gap left by Omegle (which has now shut down) by placing users in random video chats with strangers. Participants use their mobile number and Snapchat username to connect to the service, where they can make matches, message other people and join group chats. The mobile version has been removed from the App Store due to safety concerns, but iPhone owners can still access the site via their web browser. The app remains available on Google Play, where its listing claims that Monkey has more than 30 million users worldwide.

AGE RESTRICTION
17+

(although the lack of age verification means that someone younger could easily log in with a false date of birth)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The app claims to use AI to detect sexual content or activity that violates its policies, along with having a 24/7 moderation team. However, reports in the media continue to indicate that explicit content remains commonplace on Monkey (including sexually graphic or violent material) and is therefore accessible to anybody who uses the app – including those aged under 18.

UNDER 18

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

The obvious risk in accepting random video chat partners is that users cannot know what or who they will see on their next connection. Talking to strangers is, of course, potentially dangerous – especially for children who might be persuaded to meet up with these people offline. The app lets users find each other by location, increasing the chances of a child being matched with a stranger from their local area.

?

IN-APP SPENDING

While Monkey is free to download, it nevertheless offers in-app purchases promising to unlock access to premium features. For example, users who wish to make use of 'Knock Knock chat' (Monkey's text-based messaging option), rather than the app's Chatroulette-style random video calling feature, will need to pay to be able to do so.



INTRUSIONS ON PRIVACY

According to Monkey's privacy policy, personal information (such as name, profile picture and date of birth), user-contributed content (any photos, texts, videos and screenshots shared) and each user's browser and IP address are collected. That is a considerable amount of data for Monkey to gather on its users – and all of this information is shared with third parties.



Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

Even if you're comfortable with your child using Monkey, it's still important to talk about the potential dangers. It's crucial, for instance, that young people recognise the risks that stem from video chatting with strangers; that they understand not to share identifying information (like their street or school name); and that they know what to do if they are exposed to inappropriate content.



RESTRICT IN-APP PURCHASING

If your child is accessing Monkey via an Android device, you can prevent them from making in-app purchases through the device's settings. If you do allow your child to use the site, we'd recommend that you enable this feature: young people have been known to spend significant amounts of money in their desire to unlock more features in apps such as this.



REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Monkey states in the safety section of its site that "people are given the power" and that, to a large extent, Monkey is "self-governing." If a user is exposed to sexually explicit or inappropriate content on the platform, they can select the 'police' emoji in the top right corner of their screen to submit a report for Monkey's moderation team to review.



SPOT THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child is spending too much time on Monkey – or that they may have been exposed to inappropriate or distressing content – it's important to watch for potential indications that they've been affected emotionally. They could be unusually irritable or unable to concentrate, for example, or failing to complete their homework or even to eat regular meals.



Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



The National College



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday



Friends Of Gusford
Many Hands Make Light Work

Charity number 1184135



★ POP UP ★
CIRCUS

SAVE THE DATE



Saturday 6th July



**Details including ticket sales
and times to follow**

February Fun

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

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.