



The Gusford Gazette

Don't forget we break up on Friday 16th February and return again on Monday 26th February.

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Knights v Dragons

Congratulations to the Knights who defeated the Dragons 4-0 on Friday afternoon. The score doesn't perhaps reflect the closeness of the match although the victory was well deserved. The Dragons will return to training the first Friday back after the half term break and we will rise up once more (like a phoenix...) hopefully for another game against the Knights later in the term. Well done footballers, thank you Mr Garwood for arranging the game and thank you Mr Bland for refereeing.



Bikeability

5LP and our Year 6 children completed their Bikeability training this week. Congratulations.

Performing Arts Festival

Last Friday, we held the first ever Gusford Performing Arts Festival (see results attached). The children were amazing thank you parents for your support and Mrs Mitchell for your help judging.

Share Sessions and 'Seeing is Believing'

It was great to be able to welcome so many parents into our classrooms this week. The feedback was very supportive. We read all the comments made and try and make any suggested changes if it is going to improve what we offer.

Awareness Days and Whole School Diary Dates

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.

Story Sack Course

If your child(ren) is in EYFS/KS1 then why not think about our story course which starts on Monday 26th February (see letter attached).

Holiday Challenge

Can you write a short story on any subject? No more than 500 words. You can type it or hand write it. Must have at least three paragraphs and each paragraph must be made up of three or more sentences (sentences must start with a capital letter and end with a full-stop). Send your completed stories to me or give them to me in school after half term. I'll print the winning entries in our newsletter. Have fun and good luck.

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.

Kindness

This week we have been giving out kindness badges. After half term we will be giving out 'Respect' badges.



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

Have you found any of the Beat The Street boxes yet? It's a great activity for half term. The more boxes you visit the more points you win for you and the school. The game started last Wednesday and lasts for 5 weeks.

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

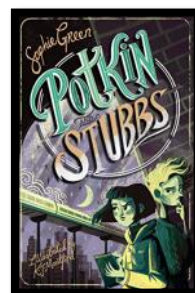
World Book 'Week'

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 THREE

13/11/2023
 04/12/2023
 08/01/2024
 29/01/2024
 26/02/2024
 18/03/2024

Option one	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Wedges	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	Tomato Pasta	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	Cornflake Tart

World Book Day Competition!

This year, **World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March**. Within school, we have a number of authors visiting to inspire pupils and excite them about reading, writing and storytelling. In addition, we would like pupils to dress up and take part in our costume parade which will be so much fun.

To add some extra excitement, we would like to launch a World Book Day competition. We are inviting pupils to create a book character or a book themed creation, made from a roll of some sort. Feel free to colour them, paint them or stick resources to them – be as creative as you wish!

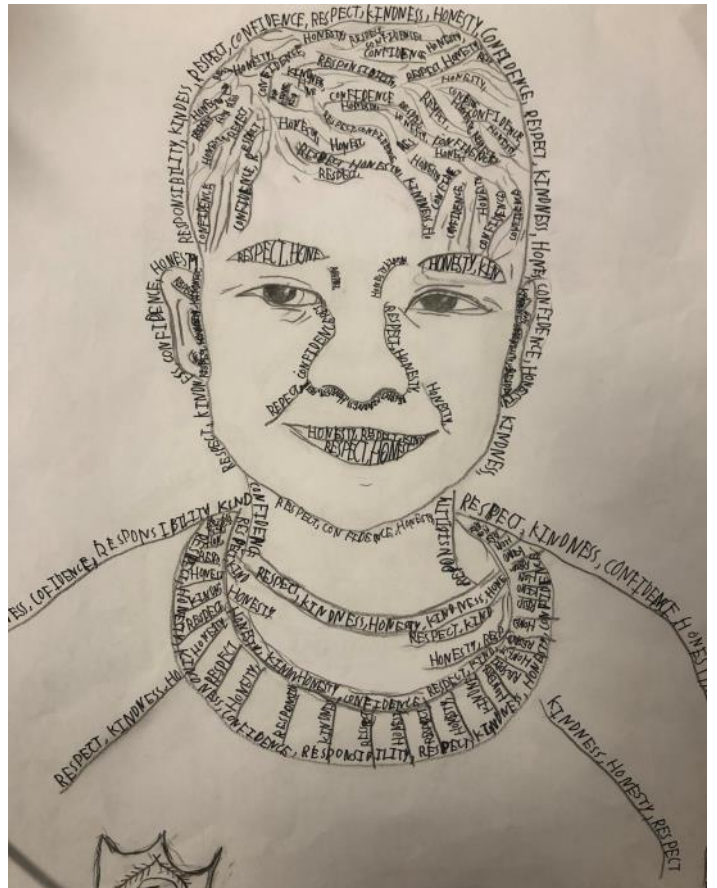


Mrs Smith and Mrs Bond will be the judges and will pick one winner from each year group. The winners will win a book of their choice. They will be asked which book they would like and we will order it for them.

Please make sure that the pupil's name and class are clear which could be written on the back, inside or have a tag attached. Bring entries to class by 9am on Thursday 7th March at the latest.

Good luck and have fun creating!

Mrs Smith and Mrs Bond



Year 5 artwork from 5NT. Can you name the children in their pictures?

Science Shares

We would be absolutely delighted if you were able to join us for our science share sessions next half term. These will be an opportunity to learn about science teaching at Gusford and then to see some of the new approaches in action. There will be a short presentation about science before going to your child's class where you will be able to join in with a selection of investigations with the children. We hope that you can make it!



Science Share Session Dates

Year Group	Date
Nursery	Monday 11 th March 10:30 - 11:30am
Reception	Wednesday 13 th March 2:15 - 3:15pm
Year 1	Tuesday 12 th March 2:15 - 3:15pm
Year 2	Tuesday 12 th March 2:15 - 3:15pm
Year 3	Tuesday 19 th March 2:15 - 3:15pm
Year 4	Tuesday 19 th March 2:15 - 3:15pm
Year 5	Wednesday 27 th March 2:15 - 3:15pm
Year 6	Wednesday 27 th March 2:15 - 3:15pm



Ipswich 4YP

4YP visited school on Friday to talk to our older children about on-line safety and the use of social media. Lots of children enjoy the freedom that the internet gives them but parents have a responsibility to monitor their children's on-line activities. Primary school parents **MUST** continually talk to their children about the platforms they use and ensure they are using the internet safely. Young children don't always have a huge amount to talk about on-line so parents need to monitor any negative messaging.



You can't beat a Grandparent or two

We have loved having our Grandparents sharing stories with our class all of this week in Nursery! We have had a different child's Grandparent/s each day for our end of day story session - it has been so lovely. The children have loved it as much as we have!



FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
4YP

FEBRUARY HALF TERM



Join us this half term for some
Fun Activities & Great Trips!

DAY

MORNING

AFTERNOON

MON
19TH FEB

Art & Games

10am-1pm Years 4-7

Art, games & basketball
(weather permitting!)

At Chantry Library,
Hawthorn Drive, Ipswich IP2 0QY



**SUFFOLK
LIBRARIES**

Art & Games

2-4pm Years 7-11

Art, games & basketball
(weather permitting!)

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TUE
20TH FEB

Make Burritos

11am-1pm Years 7-11

All you need to know
about burritos... sauces,
marinades and fillings

Meet at 4YP Hub 10.45am



D&D

1-2.30pm Years 7-9

Discover the magic
of fantasy tabletop Dungeons
and Dragons here at the Hub

At 4YP Hub



WED
21ST FEB



Visit to Needham Lake

11am-4pm Years 7-10

Day of activities including nature walk and rounders match

Meet at Ipswich train station at 11am, return 4pm. Travel & Lunch provided.



THUR
22ND FEB



Gaming Day

11.45am-2pm Years 9-11

Complete private hire of venue with access to all facilities
including PlayStation, X-Box, Air Hockey, Pool & VR Room

Meet at Press Start Gaming Lounge, 12-14 Princes St, Ipswich, IP1 1QT



FRI
23RD FEB

Art & Games

Snacks provided!

10am-1pm Years 4-7

At Gainsborough Library

10am-1pm Years 4-6

At 4YP Hub

**SUFFOLK
LIBRARIES**



Art & Games

2-4pm Years 7-11

Afternoon session with
Snacks provided!

At Gainsborough Library,
Clapgate Lane, Ipswich, IP3 0RL



For more Information
contact us at: 01473 252607
Youthteam@4yp.org.uk
www.4yp.org.uk

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FREE!

Please note, not all activities are at the 4YP Hub, see each day for correct venue. The 4YP Hub can be found at 14 Lower Brook Street, Ipswich IP4 1AP. During Half Term our usual weekly groups will be running as normal.



**SEE OVER
TO SIGN UP**

Performing Arts Competition: Public Speaking Results

Friday 9th February 2024

Gusford Primary School Hall

Category: Recital set piece		
Year 2 and under	The Sound Collector	Iris G (Woodbridge) 1 st place
Year 4 and under	Please Mrs Butler	Bethany R 4PR Trophy winner
Year 6 and under	Sea Fever	Abi L 5NT Joint 1 st place Ava C 5NT Joint 1 st place
Category: Reading set piece		
Year 2 and under	The Tiger who came to tea (from "Sophie opened the door..." to ...the buns.)	Iris G (Woodbridge) Trophy winner
Year 4 and under	Gangsta Granny (Chapter 10 from "I was about your age..." to "...incredible contents.")	Theo L 4PR Trophy winner Emily G-C3JG Trophy winner
Year 6 and under	Wonder (Chapter 1 from "I know I'm not..." to "It's probably worse.")	Ava C 5NT 1 st place
Category: Sight reading		
Year 2 and under	Text given on the day	Iris G (Woodbridge) 1 st place
Year 6 and under	Text given on the day	Abi L 5NT Medal winner Ava C 5NT Medal winner

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

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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:



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



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ONLINE DATING & RELATIONSHIPS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Most online dating apps claim to be for over-18s only but, in some cases, relaxed age verification also allows children to access them. What's more, some popular social media platforms use similar design features to many dating sites – blurring the line between why a young person initially downloads an app and what they *actually* end up using it for.

ONLINE GROOMING

Online grooming is when someone forms a connection with a child in the digital world and carefully cultivates this relationship with the intention of manipulating the child into doing something sexual or illegal. The process involves gaining the young person's confidence – which can make them far less likely to tell a trusted adult about their new online 'friend', or to recognise what is even happening.

WEBCAM BLACKMAIL

Some young people have been coaxed into getting nude or semi-nude on a video chat with someone they met on a dating platform. They're then told that, unless they hand over a certain amount of money, a recording of the video will be posted online (or possibly sent to their contacts). This can be hugely traumatic for a young person and, in extreme cases, has resulted in self-harm and even suicide.

DAMAGE TO SELF ESTEEM

Many dating platforms encourage users to rate the images that people upload; this has clear potential to negatively impact a young person's self esteem. On some apps, pictures of a user's face and body can be rated anonymously, with notifications informing them if someone has then declined to match with them. This form of rejection can feel extremely hurtful and degrading.

CATFISHING AND SCAMS

Creating a false identity to deliberately lure people into a relationship (whether romantic or platonic) online is known as catfishing. Commonly, someone pretends to share interests or beliefs with their victim and gradually gains their trust. A young person's feelings for this fake 'friend' may cloud their judgement and can lead to them surrendering money, personal images, passwords and so on.

STALKING AND HARASSMENT

Stalking is obsessive behaviour by a fixated individual which disrupts their victim's life; it can bring severe distress and even the fear of violence. There have been frequent reports of stalking cases that originated on dating apps, with perpetrators creating new accounts in response to being reported or blocked. It's a particular cause for concern if a young person has ever given out personal details (such as their street or school name) online.

Advice for Parents & Carers

KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING

Reassure your child that they can always talk to you about anything online that's worried them. Emphasise that if they're being sent unwanted images – or if they've shared images or video content themselves – they should tell you straight away. Discuss the potential risks of online dating and check in with them frequently to ensure that they're feeling comfortable about their online relationships.

TAKE A 'SAFETY FIRST' STANDPOINT

Encourage young people to be careful about who they send invitations to – and accept them from – on dating sites and apps. Familiarise yourself with how to adjust the privacy settings on your child's devices and apps to help them control who can access their profiles and information. Talk to your child about why it's unwise to share any sensitive, private or confidential information in their profile.

PROTECT CONTACT DETAILS

If a young person is interested in using online dating sites or apps, strongly encourage them to choose one that offers the facility to conceal both parties' email addresses when messaging prospective dates. If that's not possible, ensure that the young person sets up a separate email address which doesn't include their real name. This is easy to do via providers like Hotmail, Yahoo! Mail or gmail.

HIGHLIGHT COMMON DANGER SIGNS

Talk to your child about some of the obvious red flags in online dating: requests for money, for instance, should always ring alarm bells. Likewise, if a young person is in contact with someone who they feel is pressuring them into providing personal or financial information – or who they suspect is trying to trick them into it – they should end communication immediately and contact the dating service provider.

Meet Our Expert

Rebecca Jennings has more than 20 years' experience in the field of relationships, sex and health education (RSHE). As well as delivering workshops and training for young people, parents and schools, she is also a subject matter expert on RSHE for the Department of Education.



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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.