



The Gusford Gazette

"If you don't like to read, you haven't found the right book."

J.K. Rowling

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International Women's Day

Today International Women's Day (March 8th) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women.

At school we have a number of women who we want to focus on this year:

- Mrs Crocker (ELSA) worked in school for 22 years. Caring and sensitive emotional support for hundreds of our children
- Mrs Race. Teacher at Gusford since 1995. Dedicated and still keen to make a difference
- Mrs Hammond (Debbie in the kitchen). Always willing to ensure the children get what they need and never cuts corners on quality
- Mrs Heard (Office). Front office at Gusford for 24 years-through 'thick and thin'

Mrs Garner

Mrs Garner, one of our Deputy Heads, has been chosen as one of the Trust's international 'woman'. You can find out more about her work at:

<https://activelearningtrust.org/news/2024-03-07-celebrating-international-women-s-day-isobel-garner>

Attendance Matters

We did it! This week's attendance was 96.3%.

Red Nose Day

Next Friday, March 15th, is Red Nose Day. You can wear red to school (non-uniform). £1.00 donation. 50% to Comic Relief and 50% to a local charity.

Awareness Days and Whole School Diary Dates

Mother's Day. Sunday 10th March.

Science Week. Monday 11th-Friday 15th March.

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

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

Friday 15th March. **Red Nose Day**. Wear red to school. £1.00 donation.

The Big Sing. Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th March. Tickets available through ParentMail soon.

Monday 22nd April. **Bluey Club trip to Felixstowe**.

Tuesday 23rd April. **St George's Day**. Wear red and white (or club uniforms).

Year 4 Residential to Norfolk Lakes. 8th to 10th May.

Week beginning Monday 13th May. **KS2 SATs**.

Year 6 Residential to Hilltop. 3rd to 5th June.

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.

Challenge

Next week is science week and the theme is time. We haven't yet invented a time travelling machine yet but we do have 'black holes' in space. Do you know what they are and can you explain them to me?



Science Week

We are so looking forward to British Science Week next week in school. We have lots of exciting activities planned for the children including a visit from a **pop-up planetarium**, **career talks** for each year group from people who work in STEM careers (science, technology, engineering and maths) and our science **share sessions** that are happening throughout this half term.

The **pop-up planetarium** will be visiting Gusford again on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th March and will be running sessions for our school community. These sessions can be booked via ParentMail from Tuesday 12th March and cost £2.50/person (reduced from £10/person!). Timings are as follows on both days:

- 1:45 – 2:15pm (Special session for under 4s)
- 2:30 – 3:00pm (Special session for under 4s)
- 3:15 – 4:00pm
- 4:15 – 5:00pm
- 5:15 – 6:00pm

Science Shares

The **share sessions** are an hour long and include a 15-minute presentation about science before heading down to classes to join in with the investigations. See below for the dates and timings of the share sessions – 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 |



Gruffalo Workshop

Monday 11th March 9.00-10.30am. Free workshop for EYFS and KS1 parents. See the poster attached.

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>

Next Week

On Monday, our Choir will be performing at Snape Maltings. They will be spending the day rehearsing and then parents are invited to watch in the evening. Listen to their last rehearsal in school:

<https://www.facebook.com/gusfordprimaryschool/videos/1477641633016861/>

Gonka Bars

On Friday afternoon, the Friends of Gusford (FOG) gave out the Gonka bars that they have been busily making over the last two weeks. Thank you to everyone that supported our Gonka Bar Sale today, It was great to see the winners unwrap their bars. Kaylyn Turnbull Y6 actually claimed the £100 golden ticket prize.



Mini-Dragonesses

Our mini-dragonesses attended the Girls' Football Festival at ITFC today. Mr Garwood says he was very proud to see how quickly they developed and improved each game. Well done girls. Big thank you to the very supportive and vocal parents for getting the children there.



Forest Area

As part of the development of our Forest Area, we are looking for an old fire basket/bowl or chimenea (to cook marshmallows etc.) Mr Minter thinks that the drum from inside an old washing machine might also work. Please ring/message the school if you can help.



Kicks and Tricks Holiday Club

On Monday 18th March, Mr Leeks will be coming in to school to tell the children all about his holiday club "Kicks 'n' Tricks" that he will be running over Easter and the 6 week summer holiday.

| 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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EYFS: Carter and Maya
Y1: Layla and OLver
Y2: Mason and Martha
Y3: Lola and Mina
Y4 Leo and Oscar
Y5: Sienna and Grace
Y6: Hope and Amelia



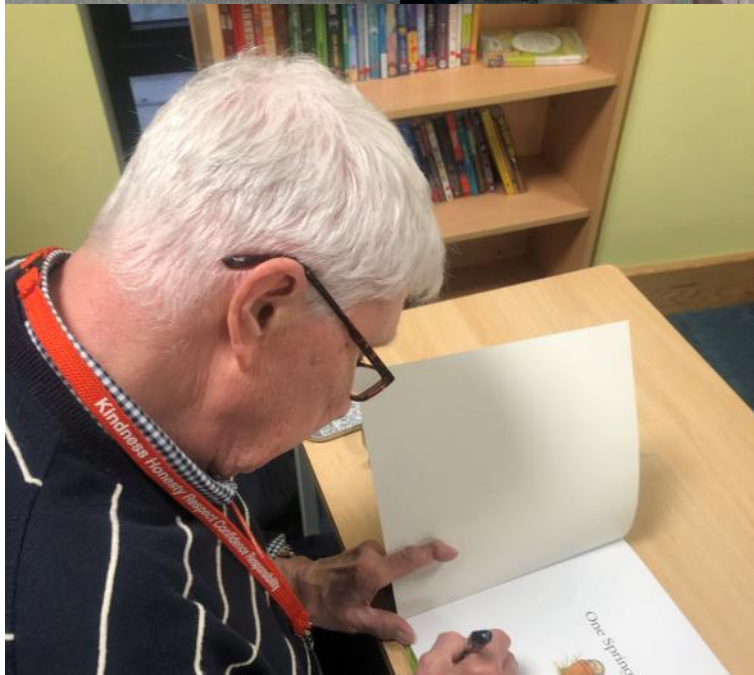
Do you need help paying your fuel bill this Winter?

- Is your combined household income less than £35,000?
- Are you currently not receiving any means-tested benefits?
- Are your combined household savings less than £1,500?
- Is your home address in Suffolk?

If the answer is yes, then you may be eligible for a fuel grant.

Please call the Surviving Winter team at Citizens Advice on 01473 298634 or visit citizensadviceipswich.org/surviving-winter





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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TEKKEN 8

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Thirty years after its debut on the original PlayStation, the Tekken franchise is back with its eighth mainstream instalment. A one-on-one fighting game series in the same vein as Street Fighter and Mortal Kombat, Tekken 8 can be commended for its relative lack of in-game purchases – but there's still plenty to consider in keeping young players safe from potential hazards.



FUTURE SPENDING?

Tekken 8 carries a PEGI 16 rating, with the assessors noting its violence, occasional profanity and in-game purchase options. The latter issue, however, is a little different to what you may expect from a modern game: unlike many high-profile releases, Tekken 8's content is all accessible without spending any extra money. The exceptions are new characters, which will become available to purchase separately in the future.

COPYCAT RISK

With characters flying across the screen using a mixture of authentic and fantastical fighting styles, younger children and impressionable teens may find themselves tempted to copy their favourite characters or act out their epic fights in real life. This could simply amount to harmless fun – but could also easily lead to accidents, injury and distress if young gamers start actually landing blows.

VIOLENT GAMEPLAY

As a fighting game, Tekken 8's gameplay is heavily based on punching, kicking and throwing opponents around – while some characters' attacks occasionally involve weapons. Most of the violence is comparatively cartoonish in its execution and lacking in gore, but the fact remains that the action still revolves entirely around intense combat and inflicting damage on an opponent.

FAMILY CONFLICT

Tekken 8's story mode, 'The Dark Awakens', focuses on two of the series' most important characters – Kazuya and Jin, a father and son who have been warring for years. The sight of two family members physically fighting each other may be hard to understand (and difficult to deal with) for some children – causing confusion and concern over why relatives would want to hurt one another.

RANKED ONLINE PLAY

Tekken 8 features an array of online modes – most notably its 'Ranked' section, where players battle to reach the top spot of a worldwide leaderboard. Many players will dedicate significant amounts of time to practising and – while the challenge can be fun – some of these matches can get extremely competitive. Children could become obsessed with climbing the rankings and dedicate an unhealthy amount of time to the game or grow angry if they wind up on a losing streak.

ONLINE CONTACT

Tekken 8 doesn't offer voice chat by default, but a player's platform ID is visible (such as their PlayStation Network ID, Steam account or Xbox gamertag). Rival players can, therefore, reach out via messages if they wish. Given the game's fiercely competitive nature, these communications can potentially put children at risk of online abuse if their opponent is a particularly sore loser.

Advice for Parents & Educators

TRY IT OUT YOURSELF

As with many popular games, we'd recommend checking it out for yourself in advance if you have any concerns. In the case of Tekken 8, there's a free demo version available (for all platforms) which lets you experience fights with a handful of the characters: a useful way of establishing first-hand whether some children might find the game's violence to be too intense.

MARTIAL ARTS MOTIVATION?

With characters utilising real-world fighting styles such as jiu-jitsu, boxing and kickboxing, Tekken could represent an opportunity to channel a child's fondness for the game into a beneficial interest in real-world martial arts. Classes can help to build young people's confidence and physical fitness, as well as providing avenues for making new friends.

EXERCISE YOUR JUDGEMENT

While Tekken 8 features a sort of 'spray' impact effect when attacks land, it's not the kind of game that most observers would describe as gory (unlike, for instance, the Mortal Kombat franchise). Of course, any fighting game worthy of the name will include a significant degree of violence – but the level at which the battles in Tekken are pitched may not be an issue for some children.

CONTROL COMMUNICATIONS

If a child plays Tekken online with anyone apart from their friends, then parents and carers could consider restricting communications – such as shutting off the facility to be messaged by other players (although the child's profile name will still be displayed) – to reduce the chance of contact from strangers. This can be done via the console's account settings or through the child's Steam account (if playing on PC).

Meet Our Expert

Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site [IGN](https://www.ign.com), Lloyd Coombes has worked in the games media industry for five years. He's played every Tekken title since the series began and, as a parent, also values the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including [TechRadar](https://www.techradar.com).



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The Gruffalo Workshop

A free workshop in Gusford
Primary School, based on
this popular children's book

For parents/grandparents
and carers and their
children (EYFS/Reception
and Year 1 children only)

Monday 11th March
9-10.30 am

Would you like to:

- make a Gruffalo puppet and use it to tell the story?
- create an owl collage?
- play a Gruffalo child counting game?

All resources provided.

TO BOOK A PLACE, PLEASE EMAIL:

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or return this flier to the school
office with your name and your
child's name and class written on
the back