



The Gusford Gazette

This week's attendance was 93.7%. 1SR, 3EW and 6LM all had the equal highest attendance with 97%.

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The Nancy Blackett

A group of our children visited the 'Nancy Blackett' on Wednesday. This was Arthur Ransome's favourite yacht. Ransome wrote several sailing books including the most well known, 'Swallows and Amazons'. They had a great time.

Radish Fun

Our Gardening Club were very proud of the radishes they grew.



A Magical Dragon

The Little Dragons in RLR helped make a magical dragon.



Awareness Days and Whole School Diary Dates

Arts Week -week beginning 17th June

Friday 21st June-**Suffolk County Day** (wear something connected to Suffolk). £1.00 donation to help pay for Oliver Twist.

Transition Days (spend some time with your new teacher). 26th and 27th June.

Sports Days

Nursery & Reception - Mon 1st July 10.15-11.45am
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. Gates open at 11.30am. Shows at 1.00pm and 2.30pm.

Enterprise Week - week beginning 8th July. Sale after school Friday 12th July 3.30-4.30pm.

Year 2 trip to Southwold. Monday 8th July.

Year 2 trip to Suffolk One. Tuesday 9th July.

Year 1 and Year 3 First Aid 9th and 10th July.

Nursery trip to Easton Farm Park. Tuesday 9th July.

Year 5 and 6 Performance. Wednesday 10th July at 6.00pm. and Thursday 11th July at 2.00pm Ticket details to follow.

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

Reception trip to Baylham. Wednesday 16th July.

Gusford Got Talent. Tuesday 16th July. 1.30pm-3.15pm

Meet the Teacher Art Gallery. 16th July 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Y6 BBQ. Thursday 18th July. 5.30pm-7.00pm.

Last day of term. Friday 19th July.

Flu Vaccinations Monday 9th November and Tuesday 10th December.

Go-kart Festival

Have you thought about entering our Go-kart Festival on Saturday 13th July 10.00am?

<https://www.facebook.com/gusfordprimarieschool/posts/122135600342091005>

Walls

Alice, our local visiting artist, is in school on Tuesday. She is working with Year 5 on some wall hangings for our rather bare looking 'Sanctuary' walls. She will also introduce a whole school project in assembly, aimed at refreshing our historic carpark wall.

Mindfulness

On Thursday morning, Alicia Holmes from Inspiring Ipswich, worked with all our Year 5 children, helping them with their mindfulness.

Safety

Our School Councillors have designed a special safety poster.



Year 1 at Framlingham Castle

On Monday, our Year 1 children visited Framlingham Castle. They had a great time.



School Attendance Fines

Please note that if your child has more than four days unauthorised absence then both parents will be issued with a £60 fine for each child. It may appear a little harsh but our approach has to be clear and unequivocal. Thank you for your support in this matter. From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days. This rate is in line with inflation and is the first increase since 2012. In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160. Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered. **All fines go directly to Suffolk County Council and not the school.**

An ellipsis is three 'dots': ...

If an ellipsis comes at the end of a sentence, it suggests that there's more to the story.

Let's wait and see if ITFC can stay up next season...

Steve Antony

On Monday 1st July we have the fabulous author Steve Antony visiting us at Gusford. We are really looking forward to his visit - Steve will be running a fun interactive reading session about his new book Rainbowsaurus! This will be followed by a draw along session for children to draw their own Rainbowsaurus. Books will be available to purchase on the day and children can have them signed. We are also able to pre-order books (a form will be sent out shortly with the book choices). Please send money in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class to the office. Please take a look at his website and some of the wonderful books that he has written.

<https://www.steveantony.com>

Challenge

Next Friday is Suffolk Day. The children can come to school in non-uniform (ideally wearing something connected to Suffolk) £1.00 donation— to help pay for 'Oliver!' last week but what is the county of Suffolk famous for?

It's Good To Be Me

James' Team are pleased to announce the launch of the project 'It's Good To Be Me' with Gusford Primary School.

Through fundraising we will provide the book, 'You Are Awesome' by Matthew Syed, for every year 6 child. This book promotes self-confidence and positive wellbeing.

James' Team was formed in memory of James, who loved reading from an early age.

James took part in many Book Mastermind Competitions at primary and secondary school, achieving some wins and being runner up in the Book Mastermind County Finals when he was in Year 7.

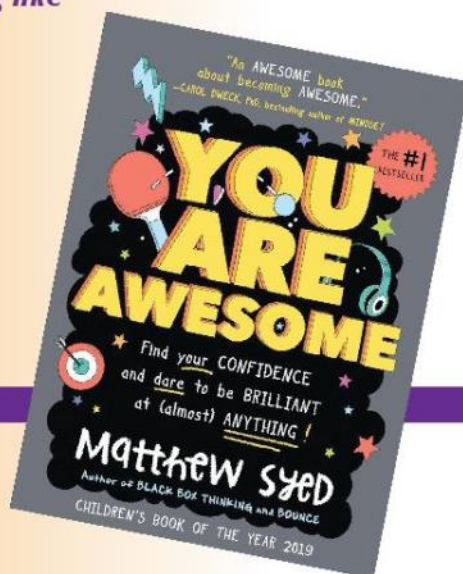
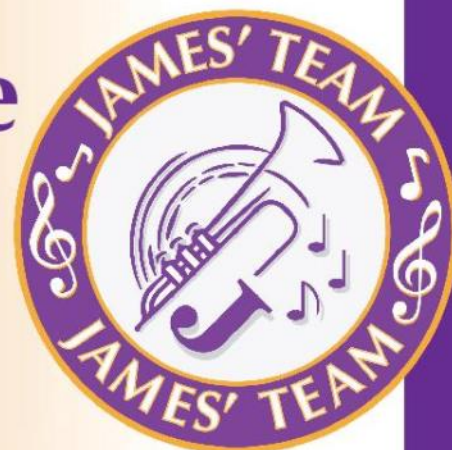
By supporting us today, you will help James' Team buy books to support positive wellbeing for every year 6 child at Gusford Primary School.

Thank you for your help.

'The James' Team 'It's Good To Be Me' project is fantastic. It is brilliant! It is for children and young adults, aiming at grassroots through reading and books. It is putting something into their hands, something physical, that they can look at and that they can go back to. It is solid and not fleeting like so many things are now, they can keep it.'

Mary Morrison, Manager of Rosehill Library

Find us on Instagram: @jamesteam18 Facebook: James' Team



Spring Summer 2024	GUSFORD	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 15/04/2024 06/05/2024 03/06/2024 24/06/2024 15/07/2024 02/09/2024 23/09/2024 14/10/2024	Option One	NEW Vegetable Stack with Rice 🌱	Penne Bolognese 🌍	Sausages, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Curry with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad 🌱	Vegan Penne Bolognese 🌱	Vegan Sausages, Roast Potatoes & Gravy 🌱	Vegetable Curry with Rice	BBQ Quorn with Chips 🌱
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Chocolate Sponge	Apple Crumble with Ice Cream 🌱	NEW Berry Mousse	Iced Vanilla Sponge	Vanilla Shortbread 🌱
WEEK TWO 22/04/2024 13/05/2024 10/06/2024 01/07/2024 09/09/2024 30/09/2024 21/10/2024	Option One	Pasta Kilchen Cheese and Tomato Pasta or Tomato Pasta with Toppings 🌱	Burger with Potato Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy 🌍	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread 🌍	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	THE PASTA HUTCHES Vegetables of the Day 🌱	Vegan Burger with Potato Wedges & Tomato Sauce 🌱	Vegetable Wellington, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy 🌱	Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread	NEW Vegan Sausage Roll 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	NEW Chocolate Brownie	NEW Iced Biscuit 🌱	Peaches and Ice Cream	Jelly with Mandarins	Oaty Cookie 🌱
WEEK THREE 29/04/2024 20/05/2024 17/06/2024 08/07/2024 16/09/2024 07/10/2024	Option One	Macaroni Cheese	Sausage Rolls with Potato Wedges	Roast Gammon, with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Fajitas with Rice 🌱	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Vegetable cous cous 🌱	Vegan rolls with Potato Wedges 🌱	Vegan Sausages with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy 🌱	Vegetable Fajitas with Rice	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Fruit with Ice Cream	Syrup Snap Biscuit	Summer Lemon Cake	Flapjack 🌱	Chocolate Cookie 🌱
MENU KEY		🌍 Added Plant Power	🌾 Wholemeal	🌱 Vegan	👨‍🍳 Chef's Special	
Available Daily: - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings - Bread freshly baked on site daily- Daily salad selection						ALLERGY INFORMATION: If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.

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Ipswich Town Football Club Academy

Boys Open Academy Trials

(Suffolk)

Friday 12th July 2024

Venue: Needham Market FC, Bloomfields, Quinton Road, Needham Market, IP6 8DA

U7s (23/24 Season): 4:45pm - 6pm

U12s (23/24 Season): 6:15pm - 8pm

The open trial event will be delivered by the Academy Recruitment team.
Applications close on Friday 5th July 2024.

Please scan the QR Code to Apply.

Please note that there are limited spaces on the event. Priority will be given to applications based in Suffolk.



Scan to Apply!








Eat & Play
 £7.50 per
 child + 1 free
 adult

SCHOOL MEET-UP SESSIONS



Partyman World of Play is offering parents and children starting primary school this September, the opportunity to get together and meet before term starts.

Ipswich	SESSION 1	SESSION 1 TIMES	SESSION 2	SESSION 2 TIMES
Ravenswood Community Primary School	Mon 29th July 2024	10.30am-12.30pm	Wed 16th Aug 2024	1.30pm-3.30pm
Piper's Vale Primary Academy	Mon 29th July 2024	1.30pm-3.30pm	Wed 16th Aug 2024	10.30am-12.30pm
Rose Hill Primary School	Tue 30th July 2024	10.30am-12.30pm	Thur 15th Aug 2024	1.30pm-3.30pm
Cliff Lane Primary	Tue 30th July 2024	1.30pm-3.30pm	Thur 15th Aug 2024	10.30am-12.30pm
Broke Hall Community Primary School	Wed 31st July 2024	10.30am-12.30pm	Fri 16th Aug 2024	1.30pm-3.30pm
Clifford Road Primary School	Wed 31st July 2024	1.30pm-3.30pm	Fri 16th Aug 2024	10.30am-12.30pm
St Helens Primary School	Thur 1st Aug 2024	10.30am-12.30pm	Mon 19th Aug 2024	1.30pm-3.30pm
Murrayfield Primary A Paradigm Academy	Thur 1st Aug 2024	1.30pm-3.30pm	Mon 19th Aug 2024	10.30am-12.30pm
Sidegate primary School	Fri 2nd Aug 2024	10.30am-12.30pm	Tue 20th Aug 2024	1.30pm-3.30pm
Britannia Primary School	Fri 2nd Aug 2024	1.30pm-3.30pm	Tue 20th Aug 2024	10.30am-12.30pm
Morland VA Primary School	Mon 5th Aug 2024	10.30am-12.30pm	Wed 21st Aug 2024	1.30pm-3.30pm
Hillside primary School	Mon 5th Aug 2024	1.30pm-3.30pm	Wed 21st Aug 2024	10.30am-12.30pm
St Mary's Catholic Primary School	Tue 6th Aug 2024	10.30am-12.30pm	Thur 22nd Aug 2024	1.30pm-3.30pm
St Margaret's Primary School	Tue 6th Aug 2024	1.30pm-3.30pm	Thur 22nd Aug 2024	10.30am-12.30pm
St John's C Of E Primary School	Wed 7th Aug 2024	10.30am-12.30pm	Fri 23rd Aug 2024	1.30pm-3.30pm
Halifax Primary School	Wed 7th Aug 2024	1.30pm-3.30pm	Fri 23rd Aug 2024	10.30am-12.30pm
Gusford Community Primary School	Thur 8th Aug 2024	10.30am-12.30pm	Tue 27th Aug 2024	1.30pm-3.30pm
The Oaks Community Primary School	Thur 8th Aug 2024	1.30pm-3.30pm	Tue 27th Aug 2024	10.30am-12.30pm
Springfield Infant School and Nursery	Fri 9th Aug 2024	10.30am-12.30pm	Wed 28th Aug 2024	1.30pm-3.30pm
Castle Hill Infant and Junior School	Fri 9th Aug 2024	1.30pm-3.30pm	Wed 28th Aug 2024	10.30am-12.30pm
St Matthew's Church of England V.A. Primary School	Mon 12th Aug 2024	10.30am-12.30pm	Thur 29th Aug 2024	1.30pm-3.30pm
Handford hall Primary School	Mon 12th Aug 2024	1.30pm-3.30pm	Thur 29th Aug 2024	10.30am-12.30pm
The Willows Primary School	Tue 13th Aug 2024	10.30am-12.30pm	Fri 30th Aug 2024	1.30pm-3.30pm
Ranelagh Primary School	Tue 13th Aug 2024	1.30pm-3.30pm	Fri 30th Aug 2024	10.30am-12.30pm



Music of the Month - June Pride Month



- Pride month is a time to celebrate love!
- Throughout this month we will be celebrating how unique and special we are.
- At Gusford, we prioritise love, kindness and compassion. **Love is love!**





Friends Of Gusford

Many Hands Make Light Work

Charity number 1184135

Dear Parents and Carers

We are very excited that our biggest event of the year is almost here! It's now less than a month to our Pop Up Circus on Saturday 6th July and tickets will be on sale through ParentMail today.



Saturday 6th July

Pop Up Circus are bringing their circus tent to set up on the school field and bring fun and laughs to our school community. The event will run from 11.30am to 4.00pm and you are welcome to bring friends and family along to enjoy the day with you, we will have food and drink available or you can bring your own to enjoy as a picnic, you can even bring a blanket and chairs if you want!

The circus shows are 45 minutes long and will be at 1pm and 2.30pm (there may be a third show if there is enough demand but we can't guarantee this yet). Entry wristbands for the circus are £7 per person and can be purchased through ParentMail, wristbands are needed for anyone aged 2 and over, babies under 2 are free as long as they sit on their parents lap. There is no limit to the number of wristbands you can buy so that everyone can bring their friends and family if they want to.

Please note that we will be offering wristbands for sale to the wider community after a few days so don't delay in getting yours.

WHAT'S ON

- Grand Raffle
- Kicks & Tricks
- Face painters
- Circus Shop
- Mobile Pizza Company
- Ma Hubbard's food van
- Mike & Jordy's ice cream
- Dyer's diner for drinks

ON THE DAY

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the day with us even if they aren't going to the circus. If you purchase circus wristbands, these will need to be collected when you enter the site on the day. We will have a desk at the gate with a list of names and how many tickets were purchased and you will be given a coloured wristband for your show time, these need to be put on at entry as they are your ticket. We understand some children may not be willing to wear a wristband so if this is the case an adult can wear the child's wristband as well as their own and just enter the circus tent together.

Please note - No pushchairs are allowed in the circus tent due to fire regulations

There is a mixture of seats and mats for watching the show. Adults are encouraged to use the seats and children to sit on the mats, however this is flexible so if you want to sit on the mats with your children or have your children sit on the chairs with you this will be possible, as long as space allows.

GRAND RAFFLE

We will be holding a Grand Raffle at 3.30pm and will soon be sending ticket books out with the children. We are now collecting prizes so if you own or know of a business who would be happy to donate a prize then we would love to hear from you. Details of the prizes available will be coming out with the tickets.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

Any event we put on always needs volunteers to be able to go ahead. This includes help before and after to set up and clear down so please let us know if you are able to spare an hour or more to help, any help is really appreciated and helps us on the day but also guides us for what we can do for future events. We need help for the following times:

- 9.00 – 11.30 Setting up
- 11.30 – 4.00 Raffle ticket sales and wristband collections
- 4.00 – 6.00 Clearing up

If we get enough volunteers we would like to be able to sell pocket money toys but will only be able to do this if we have enough volunteers.

If you can help please email us at fog@gusfordprimary.net or message us through our Facebook or Twitter pages

We hope to see lots of you at this event and remember to keep an eye on our Facebook and Twitter pages for updates.

Thank you for supporting Friends of Gusford

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

FAIR PLAY AND FRIENDLY COMPETITION

In school sports, fair play and friendly competition are important for character development. Fair play embodies respect and integrity while good-natured competition balances rivalry with camaraderie. This guide addresses potential challenges – like the pressure to win – and offers practical tips on instilling values of fair play and cultivating a positive sporting environment for young athletes.

1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Parents, carers and teachers should try to exemplify fair play: demonstrating respect for opponents, coaches and officials. Children frequently learn by observing adult behaviour, so displaying a sense of fair play sets a powerful precedent for them to follow in their own actions on and off the field.

2 EFFORT OVER OUTCOME

Encourage children to focus on giving it their all, rather than basing their entire performance on whether they win or not. This fosters a growth mindset, where the journey and the process of improvement are valued just as much as the end result. It also reduces the pressure to “win at all costs”, which can be a harmful outlook in some situations.

3 SET CLEAR EXPECTATIONS

Establish clear guidelines and expectations for behaviour before, during and after sporting events. Ensuring that children understand what is considered acceptable conduct helps prevent misunderstandings and promotes a positive, respectful atmosphere.

4 HIGHLIGHT COOPERATION

Underline the value of teamwork and cooperation in achieving success. Success isn't just about individual achievements, but about how well the team communicates, encourages each other and works together towards a common goal. A strong focus on cooperation fosters camaraderie and mutual support among players.

5 DISCUSS ACCEPTING DEFEAT

Help children to understand that they can't win every contest – that losing occasionally is a natural part of both sport and life in general. Teaching them to accept defeat gracefully and learn from their mistakes promotes resilience, humility and the ability to bounce back stronger from setbacks. Taking a loss in one's stride is also an admirable trait and can help children and young people garner respect in their future life.

6 ENCOURAGE INCLUSIVE PARTICIPATION

Promote an environment where all children feel welcome and valued, regardless of their skill level. Prioritise the importance of participation and enjoyment over winning, creating a supportive atmosphere where every child can thrive and develop their abilities without unnecessary pressure.

7 FOSTER CONFLICT RESOLUTION SKILLS

Teach children how to resolve conflicts peacefully and respectfully, both on and off the field. Providing them with strategies for effective communication and problem-solving helps build stronger relationships and enhances their ability to navigate challenges, which can be a huge boon to them throughout their adult lives.

8 TEACH RESPECT

Emphasise to children the importance of respecting everyone involved in the game, regardless of the outcome. Respect for your teammates, opponents, coaches and officials helps to create a positive, inclusive sports environment where everyone can feel valued and appreciated.

9 GIVE CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK

Offer feedback that focuses on areas for improvement rather than unfiltered criticism. Praise what a child has done well and advise on how to improve, rather than simply pointing out shortcomings. Encouraging a growth mindset and highlighting progress helps children to develop confidence, resilience and a desire to continue striving for excellence.

10 CELEBRATE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

Try to avoid solely drawing attention to children's physical performance on the field. Recognise and celebrate acts of sportsmanship, fair play and kindness, too. By spotlighting positive behaviour, you reinforce the importance of such conduct and inspire children to practise this in the future, creating a culture of respect and camaraderie within the sports community that does wonders for morale.

Meet Our Expert

Caroline Holder is a PE consultant based in Staffordshire. Having worked across all age ranges delivering PE in schools, she now trains teachers and works with schools to develop their provision and ensure it achieves maximum impact for pupils. She passionately believes in the impact that PE, sport, and activity can have on children.



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