



The Gusford Gazette

Don't forget our Christmas Fair tomorrow.

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Community walk

Last Sunday, an enthusiastic group of our parents and children, took part in the 'Gusford Gambol', our Children in Need community walk. The weather was glorious for the five-mile loop to Chantry Park and back with a refreshment stop at Cath's Café (tea and coffee from the back of a car). We had great fun and raised £444.



Bookmark Zebra Crossing Competition

Well done to all our bookmark entrants. The winners are on the top row. You can see a clearer photo on FB and X.



Attendance

Our attendance this week was 95.5%. Right on the national average. Thank you for your support. Our target is 97%.

1. Every child in school will receive an attendance certificate this week, Please compare the attendance on the certificate with our current school level of 96% and our target of 97%. The more time your child spends in school the better they are likely to do academically and in terms of a future career.

2. We are going to give every child in school a 'Christmas Tracker' (we also have a non Christmas based tracker). Please see the attached. The more often your child is in school the more rewards they will receive.

Holiday Fines

Please note that all holidays in term time will be subject to a fine. In essence both parents will receive a fine for £80 for each of their children. These are national guidelines. The fine goes to Suffolk County Council and not the school.

ITFC Blue Christmas

We did have our 'Blue Christmas' dress up day booked in for the last day of the Autumn term (20.12.24) but it looks like ITFC will need our support before then; to demonstrate our unwavering loyalty to Mark Ashton, Kieran McKenna and the 'Boys in Blue' we have now moved it to what could be a 6 pointer at home to Crystal Palace on Tuesday 3rd December. You can come to school:

1. Dressed like Santa (Ho-Ho-Ho)
3. In your best Elvis gear (Uhhh-Huuhhh)
3. Wearing blue (Hooray!)

School Santa Fun Run 8th December

Everyone who takes part in our 2K Santa Fun Run (Walk or Push) on the school field on Sunday 8th December 10.00am will receive a Santa hat before the run and a medal and bag of chocolate coins afterwards. No entry fee but you will need to complete an entry form below by 1st December.

<https://forms.gle/97D4ewp5UbwvjRTL8>





Friends of Gusford

Christmas

FAIR & MARKET

CRAFTS, GAMES, MUSIC, PRIZES

SAT
NOV
23

SHOPPING STALLS
FOOD AND DRINKS

SECRET GIFTS ROOM

RAINBOW HAMPER RAFFLE

SANTA'S GROTTTO

11:00
TO
3:00

Gusford Primary School, Sheldrake Drive, Ipswich, IP2 9LQ

Thomas Taylor (Author and Illustrator)

Thomas Taylor is visiting school Gusford on Monday 25th November.

<https://www.thomastaylor-author.com>

You can order one of his books and get it signed on the day. Dial Lane are willing to sell them at a discounted cost of £6.99 each:

The books in order are:

Malamander
Gargantis
Shadowghast
Festergrimm
Mermedusa

You can buy books on the day.

Youtube

Did you know we have our own Gusford Youtube channel?

<https://www.youtube.com/@GusfordPrimary>

Birthday Books

This week Sophia brought in her Birthday Book. Rather than bringing in sweets we would encourage you to bring in a favourite book. We will glue in a special name label and put a photo on FB and X. The book will stay in class. Thank you.



Whole School Diary Dates

School Christmas Fair. Saturday 23rd November. 11am-3.00pm.

Year 1 Town discovery walk. Monday 25th November.

Thomas Taylor Author visit. 11.00am Monday 25th November.

Year 6 Drone coding workshop. Wednesday 27th November.

Blue Christmas (in support of ITFC). Come to school wearing blue. £1.00 donation. All money raised to the ITFC Foundation. Tuesday 3rd December.

School Discos. Wednesday 4th December.

Reception 2.30-3.00pm

Y1/2/3 3.30-4.30pm

Y4/5/6 5.00-6.00pm

Santa Fun Run on School field. Sunday 8th December. Run, walk or jog. Everyone gets a Santa hat and a medal.

Year 1 and Year 2 to theatre to see Pinocchio. Tuesday 10th December.

New Reception Open Evenings

Wednesday 23rd October 10.15am-11.15am

Tuesday 12th November 5pm-6pm

Thursday 12th December 3pm - 4pm

Christmas Performances

Thursday 5th December EYFS 2pm

Friday 6th December EYFS 2pm

Monday 16th December Y1 and 2 2pm

Tuesday 17th December Y1 and 2 2pm

Christmas Lunch. Wednesday 11th December.

Gusford Christmas Jumper Day. Friday 13th December.

Last day of term is Friday 20th December. We start again on Monday 6th January.

RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch. Friday 10th January.

Equal Access

Very proud that the school was awarded this trophy for our equal access opportunities.



Christmas Wreath

If you have any purple or pink candles at home we would love them for our school Christmas wreath.

Suffolk 1 “ A Chorus Line”

All of our Year 6 walked to Suffolk 1 this afternoon to watch a very professional version of ' A Chorus Line'. The children loved it. Thank you for the invitation.



A message from Mr Garwood

Our captain, Tilden, led our team with great energy at this exciting bowling event. It was an afternoon full of fun, laughter, and impressive bowling skills. We achieved our best result yet, finishing in 4th place—just a few points shy of the bronze medal. Excellent effort, team! So proud of what you have accomplished together



Weather Warning

Safety is always our first concern but we are in the fortunate position to have enough members of staff who can walk to school whatever the weather. This means we will be able to stay open on almost all days unless our heating, water or other connected services breakdown. We would suggest you send your children to school in wellington boots (shoes in a bag) with gloves and a coat if it snows as we will be playing outside. If it really does snow heavily it might also be sensible to send the children in with a packed lunch just in case we are waiting on a food delivery. In my experience most roads are cleared by mid morning on snow days so a later start might also be an option.

Energy Sparks

Great visit by James from Energy Sparks to discuss all things we can do to improve our energy use. He spent time with the business manager, the eco-committee and ran a whole school assembly.

Asda Cashpot for Schools

You have raised over £800 for the school by shopping at Asda. Thank you. All you have to do is download the Asda rewards app and scan it at the till. 8 days to go!

<https://groceries.asda.com/event/asda-rewards>

The Green Goblin Eco Car Project

Mr Bland and Mr Garwood have signed us up for a very exciting car design and build project. Follow us on FB and X for all the latest news.



start

20 school days until the Christmas holidays attendance tracker!

25th November
Thomas Taylor author
and illustrator visit. He
illustrated the Harry
Potter books.

26th November

27th November

28th November

29th November

Weekend

2nd December
Christmas music on
the gate
Mr Tapley's School
Advent performance
Assembly

3rd December
Blue Christmas
Dress up in blue

4th December
EYFS nativity to
whole school &
School disco



Every day you are in
school colour in another
box on your attendance
Christmas tracker.

5th December
Christmas Choir Performance
in assembly

6th December

Weekend

9th December

10th December

11th December
Christmas
dinner

KS1 Christmas
Nativity
performance to
school.
12th December

13th December
Christmas jumper day

Weekend

16th December

17th December
Santa visits
the class

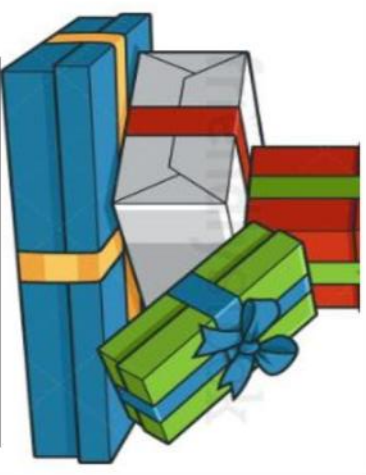
18th December
Class
Christmas
quiz

19th December
Whole
school sing -
along of the
12 days of
Christmas

20th December
Special Christmas
playtime and
lunchtime with
music



You have finished.
Well done!



Christmas Rewards

- 5 squares = 10 golden tickets
- 10 squares = 20 golden tickets
- 13 squares = 10 minutes extra play
- 15 squares = collect a 100 ticket prize
- 20 squares = Get a Santa hat!

Bluebell News

This week we have been learning about transport. We have been working collaboratively to create 3D models of vehicles. We explored mark making by using wheels to print on paper. We have been using the vehicles to drive around 2D shapes. We love learning in Bluebell Class!



M&M's Cinderella





RECEPTION OPEN DAYS

A place your child will
discover, learn and love
every moment



Call our office to book
01473 682148



23 Oct
10.15am-
11.15am

12 Nov
5pm -
6pm

12 Dec
2pm -
3pm

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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

Evidence shows that children's spending habits begin to form as early as seven years old. With primary schools in England not required to teach financial literacy, many young people are reaching adulthood without knowing the basics of budgeting. This guide explains how to teach young people about money in a practical way, giving them the understanding to become savvy spenders and savers.

1 PROVIDE POCKET MONEY

Giving children money – even a small amount – can help them learn to make their own budgeting decisions about how to spend or save it. Research shows that youngsters who receive pocket money are more likely to become adults with strong financial skills and significantly less debt.

2 USE A PREPAID CARD

Being able to pay by card is essential these days, with some retailers not accepting cash since the pandemic. Prepaid debit cards are available for children from the age of six, allowing them to get used to spending like they will as adults with no risk of dipping into an overdraft. Learning about money is like learning to swim – you need to get in the pool and have a go!

3 PRACTISE BORROWING

Although official borrowing is only available to over 18s, kids need to understand how debt and interest works before they become adults and are exposed to credit cards or 'buy now, pay later' schemes. For a safe means of teaching them about this, parents could offer them extra pocket money but explain that it needs to be paid back by a certain date, plus an extra couple of pounds as interest.

4 ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION

Chatting about money and how much things cost will teach children that finance is a part of everyday life and not some "scary adult thing". Parents can involve them in budgeting for the weekly shop, for example, working together to get everything on the list while keeping the total below a certain number. Letting young ones make spending decisions in a safe space can build up their confidence regarding money.

5 DISCUSS THE PRESSURE TO SPEND

Whether it's YouTube ads or a hint of envy at a friend's recent purchase, spending triggers are everywhere. Encourage children to notice how clever shop design (like placing sweets at the checkout) and offers such as '2 for 1' deals entice us to spend more. Challenge them to resist impulse buys by getting them to sleep on it before deciding to spend.

6 TELLING 'NEED' FROM 'WANT'

Learning how to prioritise spending is an important life skill: the difference between life's essentials and "nice to haves" is key to budgeting. If children pester you for treats while shopping, it's the perfect time to say "That's a want. We're getting our needs first." You could show how you budget for food, electricity and so on before buying fun things.

7 ENCOURAGE SAVING

Getting children saving early can set them up with a useful habit for their adult life. Suggest that they set something aside every time they receive money and help them set a target for how much to put away, so they feel motivated to continue. For example, encouraging them to save for a friend's birthday gift can get children much more invested in what they buy.

8 SPARK INTEREST IN INTEREST

Motivate children by telling them about interest; you can describe it as a reward for saving money. Explain how everything they put away will grow over time. As an exciting example, explain that 1p doubled every day for a month would amount to approximately £10 million. Some prepaid cards for young people also offer interest; parents and carers could also add a little to supplement what their child saves and show how it works.

9 PAYING FOR CHORES

This is a complex debate with no right or wrong answer: it depends on what works for each individual family. However, it can be one of the best ways to teach children that money needs to be earned and helps to create more mindful spenders. If parents aren't keen on paying for everyday chores, they could ask the children to suggest their own ideas for earning a little extra.

10 PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS

Scams are a terrifyingly easy way to lose money, and children are generally more likely to be taken in due to a lack of experience with these financial criminals. As a minimum, make sure they're aware of the most common scams they could be exposed to – by text, email and phone, for instance. Young people should tell a trusted adult about any unexpected message or call and never give out their personal information.

Meet Our Expert

GoHenry is a prepaid debit card and financial education app with a mission to make every young person smart with money. Co-founder and CEO Louise Hill is a passionate campaigner for better financial literacy among school children and strongly believes that money management is a crucial life skill.

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The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/spending-and-saving>

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Ho Ho Ho!

Eativerse
A UNIVERSE OF FOOD AND DRINK

Roast Turkey

or

Quorn Grill/Sausage

Served with

Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding,
Sage & Onion Stuffing, Cocktail
Sausage, Brussels Sprouts, Carrots,
Peas & Gravy.

For Dessert

Chocolate Mousse Cookie Cup



**Join Jamie,
Charlie, Klug, Pip & Bud
for a yummy Christmas lunch!**



Autumn / Winter 2024/2025 - Week Three

Dates: 4th Nov, 25th Nov, 16th Dec, 7th Jan, 27th Jan, 17th Feb, 10th Mar, 31st Mar

Available Daily: Fresh Bread, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

WEEK THREE	GREEN EARTH MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Meal Option 1	Cheesy Pasta Spirals with Pizza Style Topping	Beef Lasagne with Garlic & Tomato Bread	Roast Chicken with Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes	Barbeque Chicken & Rice	Fish Fingers & Chips
Main Meal Option 2	Beany Shepherd's Pie	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Tomato Pasta Salad	Quorn Grill with Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Vegetable Meatballs, Tomato Sauce & Mixed Rice	Cheese & Onion Pastry Roll & Chips
Filled Sandwiches	Cheese	Ham	Tuna Mayonnaise	Ham	Cheese
Vegetables	Broccoli/Cauliflower & Carrots & Sweetcorn	Sweetcorn & Carrots	Broccoli/Cauliflower & Carrots	Baked Beans, British Red Tractor Garden Peas	Baked Beans, British Red Tractor Garden Peas
Baked Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato With Cheese or Beans
Dessert	Lemon Cupcake with Fruit Slices	Chocolate Cookie & Orange Wedges	Chocolate Crunch 'Concrete' & Chocolate Sauce or Pink Custard	Strawberry Mousse	Lemon Drizzle Cake with Custard

Our desserts meet Public Health England's target for 'free sugar' intake for your child.

Portion(s) of fruit or veg
Source of wholegrain
Contains plant-based proteins
50% fruit
Oily fish

Recommended fruit and vegetable portion sizes are calculated using School Food Standards. On average our desserts do not exceed a third of a child's recommended 'free sugar' intake.



Autumn / Winter 2024/2025 - Week One

Dates: 11th Nov, 2nd Dec, 23rd Dec, 13th Jan, 3rd Feb, 17th Feb, 7th Mar, 27th Mar

Available Daily: Fresh Bread, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt



WEEK ONE	GREEN EARTH MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Meal Option 1	Tomato, Baked Bean & Spiral Pasta Bake	Red Tractor Pork Sausage Roll with Skin on Baked Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken with Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Beef Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Fish Fingers & Chips
Main Meal Option 2	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Tomato Pasta Salad	Cheese & Onion Pastry Roll with Skin on Baked Wedges	Quorn Grill with Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Plant-based Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Crispy Vegetable Fingers & Chips
Filled Sandwich	Cheese	Ham	Tuna Mayonnaise	Ham	Cheese
Vegetables	Broccoli/Cauliflower & Carrots, Sweetcorn	Red Tractor British Peas, Baked Beans	Broccoli/Cauliflower & Carrots	Broccoli, Carrots & Cauliflower Sweetcorn	Baked Beans British Red Tractor Garden Peas
Baked Jacket Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans
Dessert	Chocolate Mousse and Orange Smiles	Homemade Jam Buns & Custard	'Hidden Fruit' Chocolate, (Beetroot & Pear) Brownie	Fruity Strawberry Jelly & Mandarin Segments	Vanilla & Cherry Cookie Cup & Custard

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