



The Gusford Gazette

How did Luke Skywalker know what Darth Vader had bought him for Christmas?
Because he felt his presents.

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Christmas Market

Great fun at the Friends of Gusford (FOG) Christmas Market last Saturday. Super support from our parents, staff, children and particularly our 'Foggers'. We will keep you updated on how much we raised. Thank you.



Year 6 Drone Coding Workshop

On Wednesday, the children in Year 6 took part in a coding workshop. They programmed drones and tested their skills on a Red Bull Aerobatics style course.



Attendance

Our overall attendance so far this week is 95%. Our target is 97%. We can do it!

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. We don't like issuing fines, it takes up a lot of time and can break down the relationship between home and school. The best solution is not to go on holiday in term time.

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. £1.00 donation to ITFC Foundation. You can come to school:

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

Advent Challenge

Can you make some Christmas wrapping paper using potato prints?



Thomas Taylor

Thomas Taylor visited Gusford on Monday. Not only is he a fascinating story teller and writer but he also got the children to scribble on the board and then turned the scribble into an animal. Why not try it at home (see scribble attached)?



Birthday Books

This week Bobby brought in his 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

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
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.

Reception Open Day Thursday 12th December 2.00-3.00pm

Gusford Christmas Jumper Day. Friday 13th December.

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

Youtube (shorts and videos)

Did you know we have our own Gusford Youtube channel?

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

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. We are very lucky to have received our first sponsorship deal too.

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>

School Uniform

Please ensure the children wear school uniform in school (no trainers, no hoodies and no track suit tops please).

Christmas Wreath

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

Year 1 Walk

Year 1 enjoyed their discovery walk in Ipswich yesterday. The children enjoyed exploring different places like the library and Christchurch park looking for Human and Physical features. Hedgehog class were also able to recap their prior learning from history by telling their teacher what buildings/objects they thought were from the past and what was modern.



Asda Cashpot for Schools

You have raised over £870 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. 2 days to go!

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

A message from Mr Garwood

Our team competed in dodgeball on Tuesday and showcased incredible teamwork! With each match, we learned and improved, making it all the way to the semi-finals and securing a bronze finish—our best result yet in dodgeball. Outstanding effort, team!



Decorating Christmas Tree

Bluebell Class had a trip to St Francis Church to decorate the Gusford Christmas tree! We had a great time choosing the baubles and tinsel! When we were finished we decided to have a visit to the new play area. We had an amazing time using the new play equipment.



Year 3 Trip to High Woods in Colchester

On Wednesday, our Year 3 children avoided the rain and had a super day at High Woods in Colchester. They took part in a range of activities including forest crafts, cooking, den building and orienteering. You can see lots of photos on our FB pages.



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!



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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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAP STREAK

97

DAYS

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

Snapchat is a messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to others. Its best-known feature is that anything sent 'disappears' 24 hours after it's been viewed; however, users are known to take screenshots or use another device to obtain a photo of their screen. In 2023, Snapchat added a chatbot function called 'My AI'.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

My AI is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to AI for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.

PREDATORS AND SCAMS

Predators can exploit Snapchat's disappearing messages by, for example, telling a user they have naked photos of them and will post them unless they're paid. Snapchat's own research found that 65% of teenagers had experienced this - on this app or others. This likely isn't helped by 'SnapMaps' - a feature which highlights your exact position in real-time. This is meant to help friends keep track of each other, but could be used for more sinister reasons.

MY EYES ONLY

Snapchat has a hidden photo vault called 'My Eyes Only'. Teens can conceal sensitive photos and videos from parents and carers in this folder, which is protected by a PIN. You can check for this by clicking on the icon which looks like two playing cards. This takes you to the 'Memories' folder which stores photos, stories and the My Eyes Only folder.

SCREEN TIME ADDICTION

Snapchat prioritises user engagement, with features like streaks (messaging the same person every day to build up a high score). The app also has sections called 'Discover' and 'Spotlight', which show tailored content to each user. However, this could also be seen as an attempt to hook users into watching videos endlessly. Furthermore, constant notifications can lure people into using the app.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat simply isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse - so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

ONLINE PRESSURES

Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beautify' effects on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations - creating feelings of inadequacy in younger users. Snapchat now also has 'priority' notifications (which still get displayed even if a device is in 'do not disturb' mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

Advice for Parents & Educators

UTILISE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Snapchat's 'Family Centre' lets you view the details of the child's account - their friends list and who they've spoken to in the last week - and report any concerns. You must invite a child to the Family Centre for them to join. To keep the child's location hidden on the app, go into settings and turn on 'Ghost Mode' and 'Hide Live Location', and ensure they know not to share their location with anyone.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger does connect with a child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending sexual images to them, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user - such as annoying or malicious messages, spam or masquerading as someone else.

FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

Before you allow a child to download Snapchat, download it yourself and familiarise yourself with the app. Snapchat has produced a parents' guide to the app to help you understand how it works and any protections they have in place. A link for this can be found in the sources below.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. For example, discuss My AI's responses to questions and how reliable they are. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

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.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/snapchat-2021>

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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.

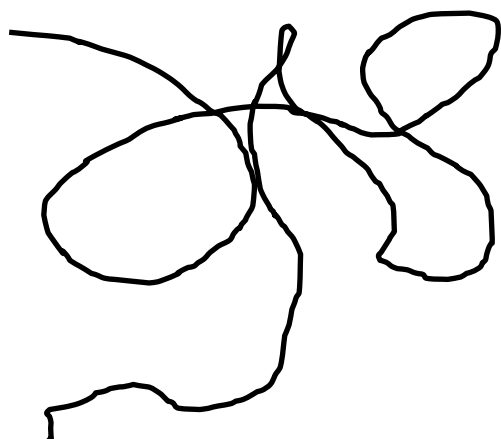
For Dessert

Chocolate Mousse Cookie Cup



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

Can you turn this scribble into a picture?



Autumn / Winter 2024/2025 - Week Two

Dates: 18th Nov, 9th Dec, 30th Dec, 20th Jan, 10th Feb, 3rd Mar, 14th Mar, 14th Apr

Available Daily: Fresh Bread, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt



WEEK TWO	GREEN EARTH MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Meal Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Tomato Pasta Salad 	Red Tractor Pork Sausage with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Roast Chicken with Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes	Garlic & Tomato Chicken Pasta Spirals 	Fish Fingers & Chips
Main Meal Option 2	Potato, Spinach & Cheese Toasted Wrap with Tomato Salsa 	Plant Based Sausage with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Quorn Grill with Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes	Garlic & Tomato Vegetable Pasta Spirals 	Crispy Vegetable Fingers & Chips
Filled Sandwich	Cheese	Ham	Tuna Mayonnaise	Ham	Cheese
Vegetables	Baked Beans or British Red Tractor Garden Peas 	Broccoli/Cauliflower & Carrots 	Broccoli/Cauliflower & Carrots, Sweetcorn 	Broccoli/Cauliflower & Carrots 	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	Apple & Sultana Crumble Bar with Custard 	Iced Carrot Cake & Orange Slices 	Chocolate Shortbread/Pinwheels with Chocolate Sauce	Toffee Cream Tart	Chocolate Oaty Slice

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

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

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, 17th Mar, 7th Apr

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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