



The Gusford Gazette

Where do you find the answers to your homework in January?
On the w-internet!

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Ofsted

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back. I am delighted to share the final Ofsted report from Gusford's recent inspection. We are extremely proud that the school was judged as Outstanding in Personal Development and as Good in all other areas. This is a hugely significant achievement for the whole school community, as it is the first time in Gusford's history that we have received an overall "Good" judgement.

[Ofsted Report 2024](#)

I would like to thank everyone involved and mention, in particular, the support we have received from our parents, all of whom have played an important part in this achievement. We are much more likely to succeed when we work together with a common goal.

We are pleased of course, that the hard work of the children, the governors and the staff, especially Mrs Hopkins, Mrs Garner and Mrs Madsen, our Academy Improvement Lead, has also been recognised but we also know we still have much to do.

We have lots of interesting ideas and new initiatives that we are keen to share with you over the next few years. It really is an exciting time for Gusford and this report will help us to ensure that the school, along with the support of the Active Learning Trust, continues to develop and prosper in the future.

Happy New Year indeed!

Mr. Tapley.

Kitchen Update

On Wednesday, we had a fault in the kitchen, we couldn't turn the ovens on and had to contact parents and offer our hot lunch children pick and mix (pack lunches). In the end we got the ovens going enough to be able to cook the roast dinner. Thank you for your understanding. If this ever happens again we will follow the same procedure. Pick and mix generally consists of sandwich (cheese, ham or tuna), fruit, carrot stick or cucumber and a cake or biscuit. Water is always available.

RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch

On Friday, we held our Big Schools' Birdwatch. We will let you know which birds we identified on our FB, Blue Sky and Instagram pages.

Pooh's Pizza Lunch (Thursday 16th January)

Please see the menu attached. Fish finger and chips or pizza and chips. It's census day on Thursday 16th January and it makes a big difference to us in terms of our finances if as many children as possible book in for a school dinner.

Archie in the News



Inclusion

We talk about protected characteristics (protected from discrimination) including racism as part of our PSHE curriculum and in our assembly programme. It doesn't happen very often in school but racist language is still sometimes used. This is totally unacceptable. It is not an excuse to say that a child didn't know what they were saying was racist or they didn't mean what they said. Please have this conversation with your child(ren) at home at a level you know they will understand. The video below is a good start. The nine protected characteristics are:

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|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Age | Race |
| Disability | Religion or belief |
| Gender reassignment | Gender (male/female) |
| Marriage and civil partnership | Sexual orientation |
| Pregnancy and maternity | |

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uz5BcMzqZs>

Gamesmart

This article on gaming can also offer some support with parent controls and loot boxes:

[Gamesmart advice](#)



Birthday Books

This week, Mina 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 Blue Sky. The books will stay in class. Thank you.



New Staff

We would like to welcome our new Attendance Officer, Mrs Smith, she is already doing a super job as is Mrs Tooke our new SENDCo Assistant and Miss Greig our new classteacher in Reception. Welcome.

Attendance

Please note if you go on holiday in term time both parents will be fined £80 for each of the children who are absent. No exceptions. Our attendance this week was 95.6%. The average across all primary schools in the UK this year is 95.1%. This is great news. Our target is 97%.

Late Arrivals

Please note if you arrive in school after 8.50am you will have to meet with our attendance officer before signing in on the registration screen.

Winter Attendance Tracker

We had a Christmas attendance tracker that worked really well before the break. We now have a January tracker (see attached). Take a look at the rewards you can get for full attendance.

Bikes in school

If you are planning to ride your bike to school then you will need a cycle helmet. The children can leave their helmets in their bags, by their cat peg or in the storage shed opposite the bike racks.

Smart watches

We prefer smart watches to stay at home because they are likely to get lost or broken in school. However if they are worn then all links to phones and devices must be turned off at the gate. Thank you for your support in this matter.

School Uniform

The children are allowed to wear black school shoes or completely black shoe style trainers. Trainers with any other colour (however small) are not allowed. Hoodies aren't part of the school uniform either. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Firefighters

Mr Webber would like to know if we have any Firefighter parents who would be willing to pop in to school and talk about their job and the equipment they carry. Please let Mr Webber or the Office know if you can help out. Thank you.

Gusford Diary Dates

Y5 Bikeability Session 1: Monday 13th to Thursday 16th January.

Y5 Bikeability Session 2: Monday 20th to Thursday 23rd January.

Anna James 'Pages & Co' author visit. (Y4/5/6) Monday 20th January.

Bible Assembly (Bibles to Y6). Monday 20th January,

Chapter 82 Storytelling Thursday 23rd & 30th January.

Christian Foley (Rapping Children's Poet). Tuesday 28th January.

Parents' Evening. Monday 3rd February 3.45pm and Wednesday 5th February 4.00pm.

World Cancer Awareness Day (wear a hat to school-£1.00 donation). Tuesday 4th February.

NED Yo-Yo Demonstration. Thursday 6th February 2.00pm.

NSPCC Number Day. Friday 7th February.

Valentines Window Dressing Competition. Starts Monday 10th February.

End of Term. Friday 14th February (Valentine's Day).

Start of Term. Monday 24th February 2025.

Performing Arts Public Speaking Competition. Friday 28th February.

Wellbeing Bus

The Bus will be back on the road from **January 15th**. If you or your service would like to book a space on the Bus, please follow the link provided: [Be Well Bus timetable announced for Ipswich and east Suffolk - NHS Suffolk and North East Essex ICB](#)

Anna Page

Anna James is visiting school on Monday 20th January. She will be talking to our Year 4, 5 and 6 children in a special assembly and then signing books. You can send in the money to the office to buy a book ready for signing. Money needs to be in a named envelope along with the title of book you want to buy. All orders (envelopes) to be in by Monday 13th January. Price list below with [Dial Lane Books](#) offer.

ANNA JAMES	RRP	OFFER
Tilly and the Bookwanderers	£7.99	£5.99
Tilly and the Lost Fairy Tales	£7.99	£5.99
Tilly and the Map of Stories	£7.99	£5.99
The Book Smugglers	£7.99	£5.99
The Treehouse Library	£7.99	£5.99
The Last Bookwanderer	£7.99	£5.99
Chronicles of Weatherwhy	£14.99	£11.99
Hetty and the Battle of the Books	£6.99	£5.99
A Children's Literary Treasury	£20	£15
A Children's Literary Christmas	£12.99	£10.99

Thursday 16th January

Enjoy this special
lunchtime menu
with your friends

Pooh's Pizza Lunch

Fish Finger & Chips

Or

Cheese & Tomato Pizza & Chips (v)

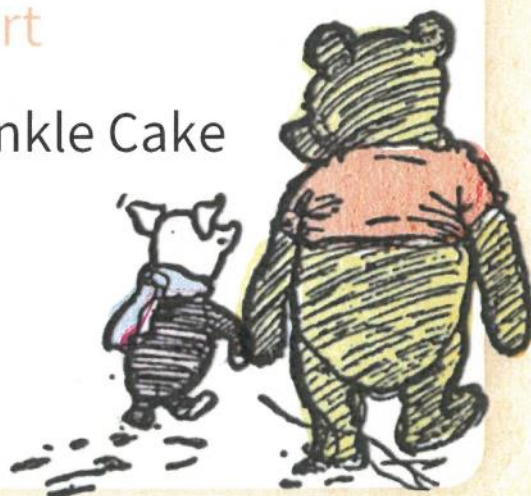
Sweetcorn

&

Baked Beans

For Dessert

Hundred Acre Sprinkle Cake



Join us this Winnie-The-Pooh Day 2025

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about JUSTALK KIDS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

JustTalk Kids is a child's version of the JustTalk app – a highly popular social networking platform – designed for users up to 13 years of age, allowing them to video call, message and participate in group chats. While adults can link their own JustTalk account to their child's and make use of parental controls, it's important to understand the risks associated with the app.

SUBSCRIPTION FOR PREMIUM ACCESS

While JustTalk Kids is free, there's the option to subscribe to a kids' premium account or a premium family account. At a cost, this feature allows children to have access to more fun features such as games they can play with others in a call; exclusive stickers; a badge denoting them as a premium subscriber; and exclusive ringtones and themes.

RESISTANCE TO CONTROLS

JustTalk Kids endeavours to allow children the sense of having a chat-based app while allowing parents to set controls (within the app or from their own adult JustTalk account). The basis behind this is positive; however, some children are challenging their parents by refusing to use JustTalk Kids, preferring to use the adult version without any restrictions in place.

KNOWING THE PARENT PASSCODE

After downloading JustTalk Kids, parents can set a passcode which users must enter to add contacts. The parental controls help to manage which content can be viewed and who children can add as a contact: this then allows children to chat with friends in a controlled environment. However, prospective contacts don't have to know a specific username. In theory, someone could type in a random name and then add them as a friend.

POTENTIAL DATA LEAKS

JustTalk and JustTalk Kids claim to be secure and encrypted, going so far as to state that even the developers themselves won't access your data. However, a security lapse in 2022 highlighted that messages were not in fact encrypted – leading to concerns around the security of the app and the transparency of the development team.

CYBERBULLYING

Online chats can provide a sense of anonymity, leading some users to post things which they wouldn't normally say in person. Combined with the option of group chats, there's a risk that young people might join in with this kind of behaviour, escalating it further and potentially turning what should be a fun experience into something deeply negative.

TOO MUCH SCREEN TIME

A report by the UK Parliament Education Committee highlighted a 52% increase in children's screen time between 2020 and 2022 – as well as finding that 25% of children used their smartphones in a manner consistent with screen addiction. Introducing children to social networking apps when they're too young can lead to bad digital habits and a reliance on technology from an early age.

Advice for Parents & Educators

JUSTIFY THE CONTROLS

If parents allow their child to use JustTalk Kids, they should explain that they're putting parental controls in place to make the app safer. Make sure the child knows not to put their full name on the account and doesn't use a photo of themselves as their profile picture. This type of open discussion will help to ensure that a child is aware of the app's potential risks and knows how to reduce them.

TALK ABOUT ONLINE FRIENDSHIPS

Young children could be excited to use this app. However, highlight that they must do so in a positive, respectful and responsible manner. While it can be easy to get caught up in a group chat, it's important to talk to others politely and call out any unpleasant behaviour. Discuss the importance of limiting their contacts to people they know in real life and use parental controls to enforce this.

DOS AND DON'TS OF SHARING

Some children might not understand the potential dangers of oversharing online. Set clear guidelines around what is and isn't safe to share on the internet, and discuss the concept of a digital footprint. Children need to understand that the things they say and share online can never be completely erased. Even if they delete it themselves, it can be saved and distributed by others.

ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION

Apps like JustTalk can sometimes lend themselves to bullying behaviours. Parents should monitor what their child is sending and receiving, check in with them regularly and encourage them to share their feelings (both positive and negative) at home. Remind them that they can block a contact if someone is treating them disrespectfully.

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.



The National College

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

13th Jan, 3rd Feb, 24th Feb, 17th March, 7th April

Autumn / Winter 2024/2025 - Week One

Dates: 11th Nov, 2nd Dec, 23rd Dec, 13th Jan, 1st Feb, 14th Feb, 11th Mar, 1st 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

20th Jan, 10th Feb, 3rd March, 24th March, 14th April

Autumn / Winter 2024/2025 - Week Two

Dates: 18th Nov, 9th Dec, 30th Dec, 20th Jan, 10th Feb, 3rd Mar, 24th 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

6th Jan, 27th Jan, 17th Feb, 10th March, 31st March

Autumn / Winter 2024/2025 - Week Three

Dates: 4th Nov, 25th Nov, 16th Dec, 5th Jan, 27th Jan, 20th Feb, 13th 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

Week 1

Week 2

Week 3

Week 4

Week 5

Week 6

6th January

13th January

20th January
Anna James Author
Visit to Y 4,5 & 6

27th January
Voucher prize draw
assembly for 15
squares achieved

3rd February
Music on the gate

10th February
Mr Tapley's poetry
and rapping assembly

WELL
DONE

7th January
Attendance Assembly

14th January

21st January
On the field for lunchtime
Bring in old shoes to wear
on the field at lunchtime.

28th January
Christian Foley
Poet and Rapper
workshops
A visit from a knight on a
horse.

4th February
World Cancer
awareness day £1
donation and wear a
hat

11th February

8th January

15th January

22nd January

29th January

5th February

12th February
On the field for lunchtime
Bring in old shoes to wear
on the field at lunchtime

9th January

16th January

23rd January
Timetable teacher battle
assembly

30th January

6th February
Yo-Yo assembly

13th February
No-lights day at school
Mr Tapley's special
Assembly

10th January
RSPB Bird Spotting Day

17th January

24th January

31st January

7th February
Yo-Yo Lunchtime
NSPCC Number day

14th February
Lunchtime with music

Every day you are in tick
off another box on your
January attendance
tracker. Good luck!



My Attendance Tracker

REWARDS

- 5 squares = 10 golden tickets
- 10 squares = 10 minutes of extra play
- 15 squares = name in prize draw for year group money vouchers
- 20 squares = 25 golden tickets
- 25 squares = non-uniform day
- 30 squares = Ipswich Football Club gloves/Ipswich merchandise
- and 15 minutes of lunchtime.