



The Gusford Gazette

Beware the Ides of March...
Who wrote this and what does it mean?

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The Grand Parade

To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 6th March we would like to invite children to come in dressed as their favourite book character. There is no donation needed for this day! Children will receive a free book at the end of the day to take home. Please come and join us in school.

8:20am - 8:40am - Please join us in the hall for a breakfast reading cafe. Parents are invited to share a book with their child and enjoy a croissant, biscuits and a drink.

9am - Please join us on the Key Stage 2 playground for a World Book Day Parade. Parents and carers should arrive via the Ellenbrook entrance.

World Book Day Thursday 6th March

World Book Day is fast approaching! We've got lots going on to get the children excited about the magic of reading.

Book Cover/Short Story competition- design a book cover or write a short story (or both!) and give it to Miss Dean (Maple Class in the Y3/4 area), and be in with a chance of winning some book gift vouchers! Deadline is World Book Day itself, Thurs 6th March. Winning stories/covers will also be compiled by Miss Dean into a book to read in the library, and they'll be displayed on the wall for everyone to see!

Reading Breakfast Cafe- On Thursday 6th, join us in the hall before school for a bite to eat and a shared reading experience!

Dress-Up and Grand Parade- No theme specifically, but come to school dressed as your favourite book character!

Classroom Book Swap- Bring in a favourite book from home, which your child will swap with a friend for the afternoon, so they can read a new story and review it! It'll be a great way to experience new stories that you might not have ever heard of, and a chance to share the excitement of reading with friends!

The Chapter Chaser

The Chapter Chappie visited school on Monday. He read to the Nursery children and then stayed for assembly. Thank you for joining the FBI and helping him find the Page Pincher. He tells me he will be back in Book Week. Thanks Chapter Chappie.



Year 6 Football at Lunchtime

We have let the Year 6 children play football on the very top part of the field almost every lunchtime this year. It can get very muddy. Please can you encourage the Year 6 children who want to play to bring an outdoor pair of trainers in a boot bag/carrier bag so that they can change into them while playing and then change out of them when they get back on to the playground. Hopefully this will work. Many thanks



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 95.4%. Our target is 97%

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.

Join the MET

Last month, lots of children joined the FBI and helped the Chapter Chappie defeat the Book Pincher. This month, if you read a book and tell me about it, you can help him out by joining the MET.



Thursday Card Swap (Panini and Pokemon)

This Thursday 6th March, we are organising a card swap in the hall 3.30-4.00pm. We are hoping the Year 5 and Year 6 children will set up on trading tables around the outside of the hall so that the children from all other year groups can visit each table and swap away. Please note if you are in Y5 or Y6 parents must let the school office know that you are attending (so we can register who is there and how you are getting home). If you are in R/1/2/3/4 then you must be accompanied by an adult. Please also note I need Harry Clarke and Jack Taylor.

Gusford Diary Dates

Monday 3rd March. **Steel from Gladiators workshop.**

Thursday 6th March. World Book Day. Dress up and procession.

Card Swap. Thursday 6th March. 3.30-4.00pm in school hall.

Saturday 8th March. **International Women's Day**

Beech and Chestnut (Y3) to Christchurch Park. Thursday 13th March.

Ash (Y3) to Christchurch Park. Friday 14th March.

Year 5 Stargazing Sleepover. Friday 14th March.

Year 6 to Cambridge. Monday 24th March.

'The Big Sing'. Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd April at 2:15pm.

Sports Days

Tuesday 17th June Nursery & Reception Sports Day 10:15-11:45am

Wednesday 18th June Years 5 and 6 Sports Day 1.30pm

Thursday 19th June Years 3 and 4 Sports Day 1.30pm

Friday 20th June Years 1 and 2 Sports Day 1.30pm

Dress rehearsal for **Y6 performance.** Monday 7th July. Followed by an afternoon performance on Tuesday at 2.00pm and evening show on Wednesday at 6.00pm

Y6 Leavers' assembly 2pm. Thursday 17th July followed by Y6 BBQ 5pm - 6.30pm

Also, the **induction days for Y6** at high school are:
25/06 and 26/06 - East Bergholt and Claydon
01/07 - Holbrook
02/07 and 03/07 - Chantry

Rap Winners

Harrison D and Jessica win a Christian Foley Book.

Harrison L, Noah, Missy Fletcher and her Chestnut Posse all win a wrist band from the prize cabinet.

You can watch all performances on our school FB page.

Valentines Window Winners

Lillie-eve

Harvey

The Fishers

The Duells

All win a £5.00 book voucher for Dial Lane.

MONDAY 3RD MARCH



Friends Of Gusford

Many Hands Make Light Work

Charity number 1184135

Friends of Gusford are very excited to be able to fund a visit from Zack George a.k.a. STEEL from Gladiators

Zack will give an interactive presentation to the whole school where the children will be asking and answering lots of questions, moving around on the spot taking part in mindset activities, practicing breathing techniques and lots more!!!

STEEL will then spend the rest of the morning making his way around each classroom answering any more questions the children have, having photos and signing cards, drawings etc the children have. Every child will also receive an ActiPH water bottle with a picture of Zack George on

health fitness confidence mindset
exercise motivation inspiration

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PRESENTS

COMMUNITY CLUB

BASKETBALL

FREE BASKETBALL SESSIONS
FOR KS2 CHILDREN

WHEN: EVERY WEDNESDAY

WHERE: ONE COLLEGE SIXTH FORM,
SCRIVENER DRIVE, IP8 3SU

TIME:

YEARS 3&4- 3:45-4:45

YEARS 5&6- 4:45-5:45

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MARVEL RIVALS

AGE RESTRICTION
PEGI
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ESRB advise nobody under the age of 13 should play

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Marvel Rivals launched in December 2024 and amassed a player count of nearly 150,000 in mere weeks. This player versus player (PvP) shooter packs in a host of recognisable comic-book characters, pitting two teams of six against each other. Despite the game's cartoonish nature, there are several potential risks for parents and educators to be aware of.

IN-GAME CHAT

Voice chat allows players to speak to teammates and opponents within the game, but in a competitive environment, some conversations can become unpleasant. Text chat is equally prominent among those playing on PC and will be shown on the side of the screen. Moderation on chats is relatively lax, so it's important to recognise that potentially inappropriate messages could arrive at any time.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

While Marvel Rivals is free, there is an in-game store, selling character skins from recognisable movies and comic-book titles. Each season also includes a £10 Battle Pass (much like those seen in Fortnite and Call of Duty), offering a series of exclusive cosmetic items. These passes don't expire – but they can't be purchased once the next season rolls around, creating a fear of missing out.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With such a huge player base, it's impossible to predict whom your child will be teaming up with or playing against. They're virtually certain to run into strangers through voice and text chat, for starters. Most of these people will just be ordinary gamers enjoying the action, but there is the risk of some users behaving inappropriately with younger players – either intentionally, or because they don't realise that they're speaking to a child.

VIOLENT CONTENT

There's no gore in Marvel Rivals, and the violence depicted is comparatively cartoonish – but the playable characters available vary between more traditional superheroes and supervillains, and figures like Black Widow and The Punisher, who use more realistic firearms. Given the game's nature as a shooter, this may make some parents and carers uncomfortable as some players will be firing these weapons at each other.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The game includes some innuendos and mature themes in the dialogue, which could expose youngsters to content unsuitable for their age, detracting from a safe and family-friendly gaming experience. As we mentioned previously, the content of the in-game chat could also be age-inappropriate, ranging from swearing to mature themes to potentially harmful content.

FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

The inclusion of iconic characters might make Marvel Rivals appear more approachable than other games in the genre, with recognisable heroes and villains like Spider-Man and Venom. This could lead to more interest from younger players, increasing the likelihood of children playing the game without properly understanding the risks.

Advice for Parents & Educators

FOLLOW ESRB RATINGS

The ESRB rating for Marvel Rivals says the game shouldn't be played by anyone under 13. Most children of that age will be able to appreciate the moral compass of the roster of characters (people can play as Halo, the Goddess of Death, for example), while also ensuring that the violence, however cartoonish, won't overwhelm them.



FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

The game's inclusion of fan-favourite characters like Iron Man and the Hulk, plus its increasing popularity, means that younger Marvel fans will likely be eager to see what the fuss is about. Since it's free, consider playing Marvel Rivals yourself to gauge how you feel about a child playing it. Alternatively, you could let them play against the game's AI in Practice Mode, until they're old enough to compete online.

MONITOR OR TURN OFF CHAT

Voice and text chat can both be adjusted within the in-game settings. If you're particularly concerned about exposing children and young people to them, however, you can disable both forms of chat in the game's settings. If a child wants to play alongside friends, remind them that they can use their console's party chat feature or host a call on a third-party service like Discord.



DISCONNECT PAYMENT OPTIONS

Parents should ensure that no payment options – such as debit cards – are linked to the game, to prevent unauthorised purchases and charges. Children can be tempted by enticing in-game offers without fully understanding the costs. Removing payment methods avoids impulsive in-game spending and instils a sense of financial awareness, teaching young people to be careful with their money.



Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor at the Daily Star and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, he has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar and plenty more.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

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, 24th 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

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, 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