

# The Gusford Gazette



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## Summer Fun Run

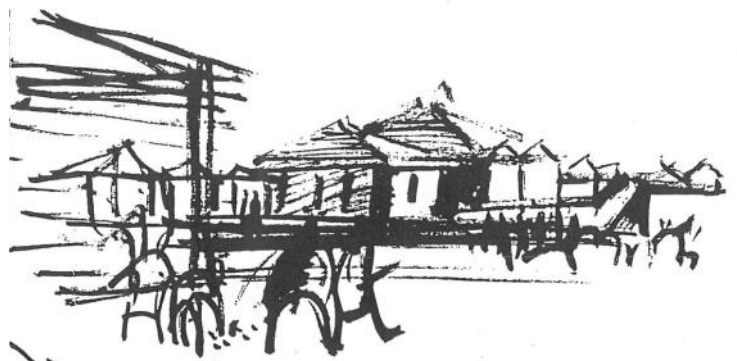
Why not sign up for our Summer Fun Run? (very similar to our Santa Fun Run)

<https://forms.office.com/e/CTqKVNTQGF>



## Sketch our School

This is a sketch of our school drawn by the architect in 1959 before the school had been built. Can you come up with your own sketch? Abstract or otherwise. We'll put the winning entry in a frame.



## The 2Johns

On Wednesday, the 2Johns visited Gusford Primary School. They spoke to the children, then the staff and finally our parents about the benefits and dangers of gaming and social media.



## Swimming with Seals

Last weekend I went swimming in Felixstowe and a friendly seal popped its head up and said hello to me. If you can tell me a fact about seals I will make you a seal badge.



## Bank Holiday

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## Dance East Chantry Academy Dance Festival

Very proud of our children. The whole show was fantastic. Really professional, great to watch and joyous (I'm an East London liquid dancer so it wasn't all my scene but it made me want to dance). Not just proud of our dancers though but proud to be associated with Chantry.



## IP2

On Friday morning, our School Councillors joined children from all over IP2 to discuss ways that services and resources could be developed.



## Gusford Diary Dates

**May Day Bank Holiday** Monday 5th May

**Year 2 Mosque Trip.** Tuesday 6th May

**VE Day** (80th anniversary) Thursday 8th May (non-uniform)

**Lisa Thompson author visit** to KS2. Thursday 8th May

**Year 6 SATs Week.** Starting Monday 12th May

**Y6 Wellbeing for Transition** Weds 21st May 1.30pm-3.00pm

**Summer Disco.** Wednesday 21st May

**End of Term 5.** Fri 23rd May. We return on Mon 2nd June.

**Y6 to Hilltop** 2nd-4th June

**Year 5 Wellbeing Sessions** Wednesday 4th June 1.30-3.00pm.

**Y6 Wellbeing for Transition** Thursday 5th June 1.30pm-3.00pm

**Treasure Island Show.** Friday 6th June

**Green Peace Resilience Talk** Monday 9th June. Y5 from 10.45am then whole school at 2.30pm

**Year 6 Storytelling** Wednesday 11th June.

**Bluey Trip to Felixstowe.** Friday 13th June

**Year 4 WCET Festival Trinity Park.** Tuesday 17th June.

### Sports Days

Monday 16th June Nursery 1.30pm start

Tuesday 17th June Reception Sports Day 1.30pm start

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

**Summer Fete** Saturday 21st June (Suffolk Day)

**Y6 Wellbeing for Transition** Thursday 26th June 1.30pm-3.00pm

**Summer Fun Run.** Sunday 6th July

**Snape Maltings Music Festival.** Monday 7th July

**Reports home.** Tuesday 8th July.

**Meet the Teacher.** Wednesday 9th July (after school)

**Y6 performance.** Dress rehearsal Friday 4th July. Afternoon performance on Tuesday 8th July 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

**End of Term 6.** Friday 18th July. We return after the Summer holiday on Wednesday 3rd September.

### New reception starter dates:

All children:

Parent information evening (adults only) - June 5th 5pm

Stay and play (with parents) - June 16th 2pm-3pm

Morning sessions (on their own) July 2nd and July 3rd 9.30am-11.30am (This will also be our moving up day for our children)

Picnic day - July 15th The children come in on their own at 9.30am-11.30am and then parents will join them and bring in a picnic for them both at 11.30am.

Additional session for non Gusford Nursery children:

Stay and play (with parents) - June 10th 2pm-3pm



### Attendance

Our attendance this week was just under 95%. Our target is 97%. Please note any request for a holiday in term time will be recorded as unauthorised and more than 4 days unauthorised absence will be followed by a fine.

### Hot Weather

It is sensible to use sun cream in hot weather. You can apply this at home in the morning or give the children a roll on style sun cream that they can apply themselves. Hats and caps also help.

### VE Day (non-uniform if you so wish)

The 80th anniversary of VE Day will be marked on 8 May 2025 – signalling eight decades since the end of the Second World War in Europe. Victory in Europe gave us the freedom to make our own decisions in a democratic society. You have the freedom to wear what you like on Thursday. No donation just celebration.

### Lisa Thompson (Best Selling Author)

On Thursday afternoon, Lisa Thompson will be visiting and talking to our KS2 children.

### Going to the Beach

On Friday, Miss Stawicka took the Blossoms to the beach.



Your child's percentage	Next steps
97% or above	Great job! Please remember to just let us know if your child is off ill and try to keep any appointments outside school hours. Thank you for your support.
95-96%	This is currently just under our expectation of 97%. Please try to do everything you can to ensure your child is in and on time every day.
91-94%	We are concerned that your child may fall under 90% we may offer support to help you ensure your child's attendance improves, we will closely monitor until we see improvement.
90% or below	Your child has now fallen under 90% and we will arrange to meet with you to see what help or support we can offer. We may require you to meet with the Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) to further help improve your child's attendance and in some cases you may receive a penalty notice fine.



# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Traffic-related incidents are a significant risk for young pedestrians and cyclists, so understanding road safety is crucial for children's wellbeing. While all road users share responsibility for keeping one another safe, this guide offers strategies for empowering young people to navigate the roads confidently and responsibly.

### 1 TAKE PRACTICE JOURNEYS

Making 'practice' journeys with children is a great way to help them stay safe, thereby modelling responsible behaviours and having road safety conversations as they prepare to travel independently. Add hazard perception activities like spotting electric vehicles – which may have a green number plate – and point out how quiet they are. Children learn by watching others; remind them that their peers might not always be the best role models.

### 2 BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

Visibility is lower during darker winter days, and drivers need to take extra care to look out for pedestrians. Wearing bright and reflective clothing can help make children more visible to drivers near roads. In poor daylight conditions, encourage children to wear light, bright or fluorescent clothing. When it's dark, wear reflective clothing or materials such as a reflective armband or jacket.

### 3 EYES UP

Encourage children to look up and keep their eyes on the road. Teach them to constantly watch for traffic and practise double-checking the road before crossing – looking right, left and then right again.

### 4 LIMIT DISTRACTIONS

Where possible, devices like phones should be kept away from children while out and about near roads. If they're carrying devices, these should be put away until they've reached their destination. Children must also avoid playing with toys or being distracted by friends. If a friend wants to show them something funny on their phone, there'll be time for that once they've safely arrived.

### 5 SLOW DOWN

Discuss the importance of walking instead of crossing immediately. It can be tricky to judge the speed of traffic and spot obstacles that could cause a trip or a fall. For safety, children must stop and think before they get to the kerb and should always walk – not run – when crossing the road. They should avoid crossing until they're certain they have plenty of time. Even if traffic seems a long way off, it could still be approaching very quickly.

### 6 STOP BEFORE THE KERB

Teach children to stop before reaching the kerb – not right at the edge of it. Halting before they get to the kerb allows them to see if anything's coming, whereas getting too close to traffic is dangerous. If there's no pavement, children should stand back from the road's edge but ensure they can still see approaching traffic.

### 7 CROSS SAFELY

Children should always find a safe spot to cross the road, prioritising zebra crossings or pelican crossings, footbridges and subways. Find a place where they can see traffic coming from both directions. Avoid crossing near junctions, bends in the road, or obstacles that block their view, instead moving to somewhere they can see and be seen. Remind them to use their eyes and ears together when checking the road, as sometimes they can hear traffic before they can see it. Looking and listening while crossing helps them quickly spot traffic, including cyclists and motorcyclists driving between other vehicles.

### 8 PARKED VEHICLES

Crossing between parked vehicles is very dangerous. Teach children to use extra caution if crossing in this way, and, ideally, avoid it altogether. They should use the outside edge of a vehicle as if it were the kerb, waiting and checking for traffic before moving. They should ensure vehicles aren't about to move, by looking for drivers in the vehicles and listening for engines running – but remember that electric vehicles may move off silently. They should always make sure there is a gap between any parked vehicles on the other side, so they can reach the pavement.

### 9 REVERSING VEHICLES

Children must never cross behind a reversing vehicle – it's extremely dangerous. Remind them to look for white reversing lights and listen out for warning sounds. Can they hear the engine sound or a radio playing inside the vehicle?

### 10 WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE

When getting off a bus, children must wait for it to leave before crossing so they can have a clear view of the road in both directions. This also allows them to see and be seen by other road users. Crossing near large vehicles is particularly dangerous and should be avoided.

## Meet Our Expert

THINK! is a year-round national campaign that aims to encourage safe road behaviours – whether we're driving, cycling, horse riding or walking – with the aim of reducing the number of people killed and injured on the UK's roads each year. Find out more at: <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>



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## Spring / Summer Menu Week 1

5<sup>th</sup> May, 26<sup>th</sup> May, 16<sup>th</sup> June, 7<sup>th</sup> July, 8<sup>th</sup> Sept, 29<sup>th</sup> Sept, 20<sup>th</sup> Oct 2025

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WEEK ONE	FAVOURITES MONDAY	WORLD TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY	PIZZA PARTY THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
Main Meal Option 1	Pork Sausage Toad in the Hole & Home-baked Potato Wedges	Red Tractor Mild Chicken Curry, Mixed Wholegrain & White Rice	Roast Chicken Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Wholemeal Margherita Pizza & Pasta Salad	MSC Fish Fingers & Chips
Main Meal Option 2	Cheese, Onion & Potato Pie & Home-baked Potato Wedges	Macaroni Cheese	Beany Shepherd's Pie <sup>VG</sup>	Rainbow Vegetable Lentil Pitta Pockets & Hummus <sup>VG</sup>	Vegetable & Bean Quesadilla, Chips
Halal Option	Halal Chicken Sausage Toad in the Hole & Home-baked Potato Wedges	Halal Red Tractor Mild Chicken Curry, Mixed Wholegrain & White Rice	Halal Roast Chicken, Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Wholemeal Margherita Pizza & Tomato Pasta Salad	
Filled Sandwich	Cheese	Ham	Tuna Mayonnaise	Ham	Cheese
Vegetables	Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots & Sweetcorn	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Sliced Carrots	Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots	Carrot & Cucumber Sticks or British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Sweetcorn	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans
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	Banana Mousse & Orange Smiles	Marble Sponge <sup>VG</sup> & Custard	Strawberry Jelly with Watermelon Slice <sup>VG</sup>	Vanilla Cookie <sup>VG</sup>	Iced Sponge Cake with Sprinkles

## Spring / Summer Menu Week 2

21<sup>st</sup> April, 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 14<sup>th</sup> July, 15<sup>th</sup> Sept, 6<sup>th</sup> Oct, 27<sup>th</sup> Oct 2025

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WEEK TWO	FAVOURITES MONDAY	WORLD TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY	PIZZA PARTY THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
Main Meal Option 1	Red Tractor Pork Sausage Roll & Home-baked Potato Wedges	Red Tractor Beef Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes	Wholemeal Margherita Pizza & Tomato Pasta Salad	MSC Fish Fingers & Chips
Main Meal Option 2	Macaroni Cheese	Veggie Sausage with Mash & Gravy Vg	Quorn Grill, Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Cheesy Bean Pitta	Tomato & Baked Bean Pasta Bake Vg
Halal Option	Halal Chicken Sausage Roll & Home-baked Potato Wedges	Halal Red Tractor Beef Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread	Halal Roast Chicken, Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes	Wholemeal Margherita Pizza & Tomato Pasta Salad	
Filled Sandwich	Cheese	Ham	Tuna Mayonnaise	Ham	Cheese
Vegetables	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans	Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots	Broccoli, Carrots & Sweetcorn	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, or Sliced Carrots	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans
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	Banana Cake Vg & Custard	Shortbread & Orange Slices Vg	Hidden Fruit Chocolate Brownie	Flapjack Vg	Chocolate Oaty Slice Vg

## Spring / Summer Menu Week 3

28<sup>th</sup> April, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 9<sup>th</sup> June, 30<sup>th</sup> June, 21<sup>st</sup> July, 11<sup>th</sup> Aug, 1<sup>st</sup> Sept, 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept, 13<sup>th</sup> Oct, 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2025

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WEEK THREE	FAVOURITES MONDAY	WORLD TUESDAY	ROAST WEDNESDAY	PIZZA PARTY THURSDAY	FISH FRIDAY
Main Meal Option 1	Sweet & Sour Chicken Meatballs & Sunny Rice	Beef Lasagne & Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Margherita Pizza & Tomato Pasta Salad	MSC Fish Fingers & Chips
Main Meal Option 2	Cheesy Tomato Pasta Bake	Chinese Sweet Chilli Quorn Stir Fry & Mixed Rice <sup>VG</sup>	Quorn Grill, Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Bean Burrito & Potato Wedges <sup>VG</sup>	Cheese & Onion Puff Pastry Roll
Halal Option	Halal Sweet & Sour Chicken Meatballs & Sunny Rice	Halal Red Tractor Beef Lasagne & Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken, Gravy Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Margherita Pizza & Tomato Pasta Salad	
Filled Sandwich	Cheese	Ham	Tuna Mayonnaise	Ham	Cheese
Vegetables	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans	Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots	Broccoli, Carrots & Sweetcorn	British Red Tractor Garden Peas or Sliced Carrots	British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans
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	Strawberry Mousse & Fruit Slices	Chocolate Cookie & Orange Wedges <sup>VG</sup>	Vanilla Cupcake	Chocolate Crunch 'Concrete' <sup>VG</sup> & Chocolate Sauce	Homemade Jam Sponge & Custard