



# The Gusford Gazette

Class photos on Monday 16th June. Full-school uniform please.

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## Hilltop Visit

A group of our Year 6 children had a fabulous time on the residential to Norfolk this week. High ropes, the giant swing, archery and biking were just some of the activities the children tried; they had a super few days. Thank you staff for your time and efforts too. You can see some of the photos on our FB pages.



## Book Challenge

Andrew Marsh at [Dial Lane Books](#) has come up with a very interesting reading/writing competition. He is going to provide the school with 10 copies of 'Cruise Ship Kid' by Emma Swan (we'll buy another 10) and give them out to the children who want to take part. Each child then reads the book and adds their own chapter, set after the book ends (closing date September 25-start of term). We already have four children who want to take part, so let me know if you are interested.

## Gusford Diary Dates

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

**First Aid Year 1** Tuesday 10th June

**First Aid Year 3** Wednesday 11th June

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

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

**Class Photos.** Monday 16th June.

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

### Sports Days

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  
Monday 23rd June Nursery 9.45am start

**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

25/06 and 26/06 - Chantry

01/07 - Holbrook

**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)

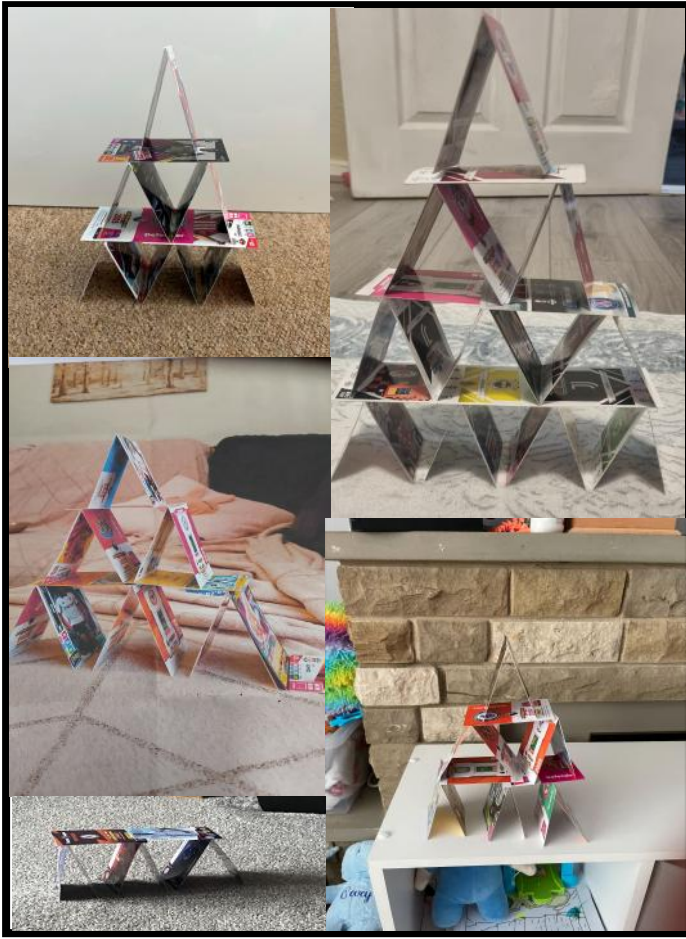
Picnic day - July 15th The children come in on their own at 9.30am-11.30am and then parents will join them and bring in a picnic for them both at 11.30am.

Additional session for non Gusford Nursery children:

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

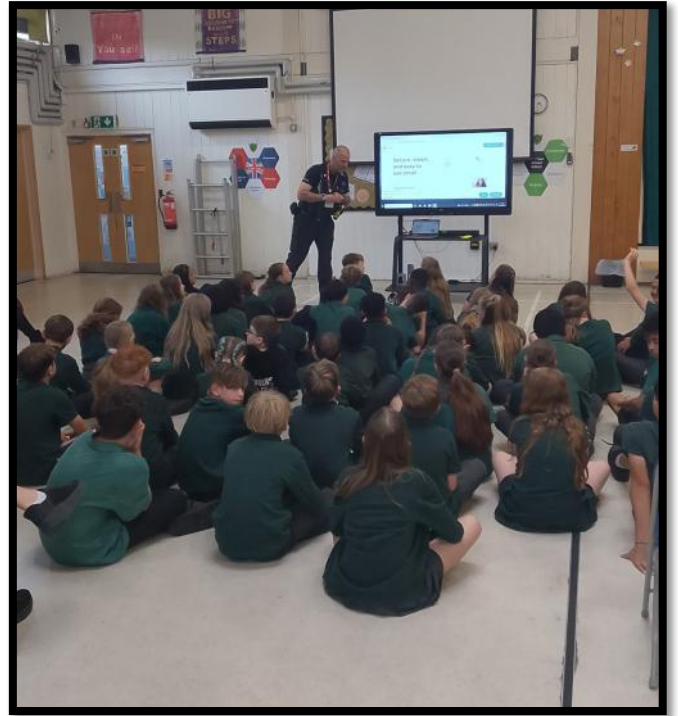
### Card Stacking

Harrison, Oliver, Mason, Finley and Brayden have all had a go at Miss Machin's card stacking. What do you think?



### PC Cousins

On Thursday, PC Cousins visited our Y6 children, he talked to them about community, safety, crime and making good decisions. Thank you PC Cousins.



### Fun Run Sunday 6th July

Don't forget to let us know if you want to take part in our Summer Fun Run/Jog/Walk. Medals for all participants.

### Scooter Show

On Friday, we held our first ever Scooter Show. It was great fun. Thank you to our Y6 helpers and course designers (Tevarie, Phoebe, Ezarah, Jaron, Aston, Rex and Noah).



### Holidays in Term Time

Please note all holidays in term time will be marked as unauthorised and subject to a fine. The fines go to Suffolk County Council and not the school. We have to be black and white about this. A holiday in term time is followed by a fine.

### Challenge

On Monday, someone from Greenpeace is visiting the school to talk to the children. When I was growing up they started a 'Save the Whale' campaign and I bought a T-shirt in support. If you can design your own version, I'll choose a winner and we can get it made into a T-shirt, 2025 style.





A vibrant summer-themed poster for a school event. The background is a clear blue sky. In the top left, a large, stylized yellow sun with orange rays is partially visible. The top center features the school's name and address in a dark blue, sans-serif font. The main title 'SUMMER Spectacular' is centered on a large, brown, circular wooden sign. 'SUMMER' is in white, bold, uppercase letters, while 'Spectacular' is in a large, yellow, cursive script. Below the title, the date and time are written in white, bold, uppercase letters. The sign is surrounded by various summer items: a red and white beach ball, a pair of gold-rimmed sunglasses, a blue and yellow striped beach umbrella, a pair of colorful flip-flops, and several tropical leaves and flowers. The bottom section of the poster lists the event details in red and blue text, including the start time, raffle draw time, and a list of activities and vendors.

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# **SUMMER** *Spectacular*

**SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE**

**11.00 - 4.00**

**DWAEC Interactive Animal Shows**

**11.30 1.00 2.30**

**Raffle to be drawn at 2.00**

**Inflatables - Face Painting - Glitter tattoos - Police Car**

**Splat the Rat - Hook a Duck - Beat the Goalie**

**Performances from Ice Illusions Majorettes, CDC Dance,**

**Pendrill Dance, Jigzaw Dance**

**Chomps Catering - Dolly's Pizza Van - Jordy's Ice Cream**

**Mrs H Bakes - Popcorn and Candy Floss**

**Market stalls including jewellery, hair accessories,  
wax melts, books, gifts, skincare and makeup**

# PE kit and changing arrangements for next year

We have listened to feedback from parents over the course of the last year and decided to slightly change our PE kit for the juniors (Years 3,4,5 and 6) commencing in September. We hope this maintains the high expectations we have for all our children in terms of school uniform and also gives the opportunity for the younger children to work on getting changed independently.

All children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be required to come to school in their PE kit on their PE days.

They will need to wear black shorts/leggings/jogging bottoms, a black zipped hoody, a new logo PE T shirt and black/white trainers. The school will be providing each child in these year groups, for this year only, their first PE T shirt. The children have already been measured up and will be given their new PE T Shirt before we break up.

The other items of PE kit are not to be branded items, these can be purchased from local supermarkets.

Additional PE T shirts can be purchased from PMG school shop in the town centre. If you lose the T Shirt the school has provided you with, it will be your responsibility to replace it.

<https://www.pmgsschoolwear.co.uk/>

All other year groups (Reception, Years 1 and 2) will still need to bring their PE kit to school to get changed into on their PE days. Their PE kit is a green round neck polo t shirt, black shorts/leggings/jogging bottoms, a black zipped hoody and black/white plain trainers. As they move up through the school into year 3, you will then be required to buy them a school logo PE T shirt.

Many thanks

Stephen Tapley  
Headteacher.



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EMOJIS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

An emoji like 🍷 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

### SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like 'mild' or 'delulu' may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

### RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (🧑) once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

Emojis are more than playful expressions — they form a fast-evolving digital language that many adults struggle to decode. For young people, this 'secret code' is central to how they communicate identity, humour and emotions. With over 5 billion emojis sent daily on Facebook Messenger alone, understanding these symbols is key to engaging meaningfully with digital youth.

### MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM

Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours. For instance, 🍷 (falling leaves emoji) or 🍷 (pill emoji) might suggest drug use, while 🍷 (wilted flower emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.

### NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 🍷🍷🍷 (fire + 'woozy' face + pill emojis) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### LEARN THE LINGO

Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like [emojipedia.org](https://emojipedia.org) or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.

### CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.

### ASK, DON'T ASSUME

Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted "What does 🍷 (juice box emoji) mean these days?" can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.

### PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to — not just someone who's watching them.

## EMOJI CHEAT SHEET - The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples — please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

### COMMON EMOJIS:

🤡 (Clown face) Foolishness or clowning around	🙄 (Pleading face) Over-affectionate or 'slimping'
😎 (Cool face) Cool, stylish or ruthless	👁️ (Eyes) Watching drama unfold
😍 (Hot face) Intense attraction or excitement	🐐 (Goat) Greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.)
😐 (Meh) Stone-faced, unbothered	👉 (Nails) Confidence, sassiness, or indifference
👑 (Crown) 'Slaying', as in doing great	🚩 (Triangular flag) Red flag; a warning sign about someone's behaviour

### POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS

🍷 (Ear of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms)	🍷 (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness
❄️ (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) Can symbolise cocaine	🐍 (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being 'two-faced'
🔑 (Key, lying face) Related to cocaine use	🔫 (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm
🍃 (Falling leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis	⚠️ (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil
💊 (Pill) May reference drug use or prescription misuse	🍜 (Steaming bowl) Refers to nudes ('noods' is an abbreviation of noodles)

### Meet Our Expert

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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