



The Gusford Gazette

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

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Green Peace

On Monday, Edward from Green Peace worked with our Year 5 children in the morning then delivered a whole school assembly on the afternoon. 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.

Crucial Crew

On Monday, our Year 6 children visited the Crucial Crew in Ipswich. The Crucial Crew is a personal safety programme for Year 6 pupils which covers a range of topics including Fire Safety.

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.

Bluey Club to Felixstowe

On Friday, our Bluey Club spent the day at Felixstowe. The Bluey Club is for children whose parents are either currently serving or have recently left one of the armed services. The children were so well behaved and so were the staff (some of our parent helpers though ended up on amber...) A great day out!

Gusford Diary Dates

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

Trashion Show Friday 27th June 2.30pm.

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

Year 6 Storytellers

Follow us on Facebook to see a short clip of the Year 6 Storytellers in action.

Suffolk Young Carers

Did you know we already have the bronze and silver young carers award and Mrs Hanley and Mrs Hockley have just gained the gold award?



Springwatch at Gusford



Attendance

A few years ago we were at 88%. This week we managed an overall attendance of 96.4% and even made it to 97.1% on one day. We are top of the class for attendance, thank you but can we stay there?

STEM

On Thursday, a group of our children took part in a STEM project (Science Technology Engineering Maths). The children designed, made and tested rockets. Yr 5 & 6 were totally engaged and there was some great teamwork and leadership shown. Some budding engineers of the future!

Photo can be viewed on Miss Machin's tablet which is currently in her desk drawer :)

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.

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.

Sailing

On Thursday, a group of our children spent the day on the water with Mr Garwood and Miss Bell.



First Aid Training

On Tuesday and Wednesday, our Y1 and Year 3 children took part in a first aid workshop. What are they doing on the floor?



13th June
2025



Friends Of Gusford

Many Hands Make Light Work

Charity number 1184135

FOG Newsletter

FROM US

We're thrilled to announce that **DWAEC Interactive Tropical Encounter Presentations** will be our main attraction at this year's Summer Spectacular!

Their shows are engaging, educational and hands-on, allowing participants to get up close with incredible animals. Throughout the presentation, they invite people to the front to handle and showcase animals to the crowd. And also take animals around for further interaction- From flying a bird through the audience to letting guests feel the power of a large snake, Whatever it is, everyone is guaranteed a memorable experience!

All this, alongside performances from local groups, food, drink, shopping and games. It's going to be wild - don't miss it! 🦋🦎
FOG Team

RAFFLE PRIZES

Our Summer Spectacular Raffle Prizes so far...

Family Vouchers-

Jimmys Farm
Stonham Barns Golf
First Strokes Swimming
Suffolk Owl Sanctuary
Alton Water Mini Golf
Baylam House Farm

Tickets and Vouchers -

Colchester Zoo Tickets
Easton Farm Park Tickets
Hollowtrees Farm Tickets
Deben Inns vouchers
JigZaw Dance Class Vouchers
New Wolsey Theatre Tickets

Cash prizes

And more to come...

MYTH

FOG is just for mums.



FACT

FOG events thrive with the support of volunteers, and we welcome not only parents (both mums and dads) and carers, but grandparents, aunties, uncles and anyone who wants to help support the school.

OUR NEXT EVENT



DWAEC Interactive Animal Shows
11.30 1.00 2.30

Raffle to be drawn at 2.00

Inflatables - Face Painting - Cobweb Donkeys - 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

MORE INFO?



Could you help out our summer event? Or donate a raffle prize?
Contact us at fog@gusfordprimary.net





**50p
entry**

**GUSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL
IPSWICH, IP2 9LQ**

SUMMER Spectacular

SATURDAY 21ST 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,
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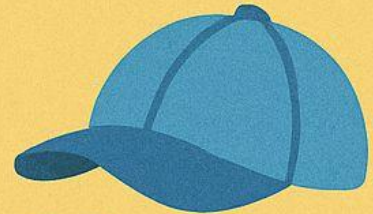
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Presents...



THE TRASHION SHOW



**FASHION WITH A TWIST-
MADE FROM TRASH!**

FRIDAY 27TH JUNE

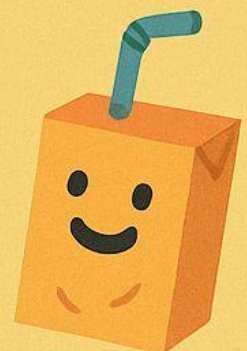
 **2:30PM**

 **SCHOOL HALL**



Follow us on FB

**as our students turn
recycled materials into
runway magic!**



**Let's celebrate sustainability
and style – together!**



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 GENERATIVE AI SAFETY

Generative AI tools – such as ChatGPT – are now commonly used by children. In fact, 3 in 4 pupils in the 2024 Annual Literacy Survey reported using generative AI, up from just 2 in 5 the previous year. While these tools can boost learning and creativity, they also raise concerns around misinformation, privacy and overuse. This guide explores the key risks and how to support safe use.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISINFORMATION AND ACCURACY



Generative AI can sometimes produce false or misleading content. Children – and even adults – may assume the information is accurate and trustworthy. This can affect learning and understanding of important topics. It's vital to teach children to critically assess all information, even when it comes from AI.

EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Because generative AI is trained on vast datasets from across the internet, there is a chance it may occasionally generate harmful or inappropriate content. Without supervision, children could encounter disturbing or unsuitable material. Active monitoring and clear usage boundaries can help reduce this risk.

PRIVACY AND DATA SECURITY

Some AI tools ask for personal details or store users' interactions. If privacy settings are not correctly configured, children's personal data could be exposed or misused. Teaching good digital hygiene and setting strong privacy controls is essential for protecting children online.

REDUCED CRITICAL THINKING



Relying too heavily on AI-generated responses may reduce children's willingness to think independently. If they consistently use AI to solve problems or complete tasks, it could impact their ability to reason, analyse and form their own ideas. Encouraging thoughtful reflection is key.

DIGITAL DEPENDENCY



Regular use of generative AI can contribute to increased screen time and less real-world interaction. If left unmanaged, it may affect physical activity levels, sleep, and social development. Striking a healthy balance between online and offline activities is important for wellbeing.

UNCLEAR ETHICAL BOUNDARIES



Children may not fully understand the ethical implications of using AI to complete homework or creative tasks. This can lead to unintentional plagiarism or dishonest academic practices. Conversations around responsible use and academic honesty are crucial.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ESTABLISH CLEAR GUIDELINES

Set clear, age-appropriate rules for when and how generative AI can be used. Reinforce these regularly to help children develop a healthy, respectful and informed relationship with the technology.



ENCOURAGE CRITICAL EVALUATION

Help children to question the accuracy of AI-generated information and seek out additional trusted sources. This builds essential digital literacy skills and supports better decision-making.



PROMOTE ACTIVE SUPERVISION

Keep an eye on how the children in your care use AI tools. Check in regularly to ensure they're using them appropriately and be ready to step in if something doesn't feel right.



ENHANCE PRIVACY AWARENESS

Talk to children about the importance of keeping personal information private. Make sure privacy settings are in place and explain how data shared with AI tools could be used.



Meet Our Expert

Brendan O'Keefe, Deputy Headmaster and Director of Digital Strategy at Eaton House Schools, has extensive expertise in digital safety, safeguarding, and generative AI in education. As an author and speaker on digital literacy and online safety for institutions such as The National College, Brendan guides parents and educators in creating safe digital learning environments.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Spring / Summer Menu Week 1

5th May, 26th May, 16th June, 7th July, 8th Sept, 29th Sept, 20th Oct 2025

Eativerse

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 ^{VG}	Rainbow Vegetable Lentil Pitta Pockets & Hummus ^{VG}	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 ^{VG} & Custard	Strawberry Jelly with Watermelon Slice ^{VG}	Vanilla Cookie ^{VG}	Iced Sponge Cake with Sprinkles

Spring / Summer Menu Week 2

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

Eativerse

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

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

Eativerse

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 ^{VG}	Quorn Grill, Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes	Bean Burrito & Potato Wedges ^{VG}	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 ^{VG}	Vanilla Cupcake	Chocolate Crunch 'Concrete' ^{VG} & Chocolate Sauce	Homemade Jam Sponge & Custard