



The Gusford Gazette

We break up on Friday 18th July and return on Wednesday 3rd of September.

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Year 6 Performance

Super final performance of Y6's version of 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies' on Wednesday evening. One of the best! Well done children and staff and thank you parents for your support.



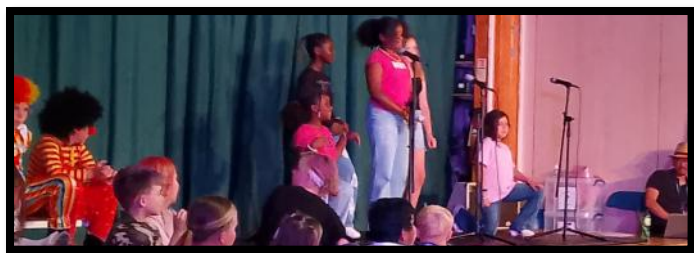
The Choir at Snape

The Choir performed at Snape Maltings on Monday evening. They were amazing. They sang so beautifully. We were very proud. Thank you helpers, Miss Knights, Mrs Wiles, Mrs Sayer and Mrs McDonald, thank you parents and a very special thank you to Mrs Ingram. Brilliant!



GGT

Some great performances at our GGT show on Thursday afternoon. The children were so talented. Video now on FB. Special thanks to Mr Liew, Mrs Bond, Miss Scott and Miss Ramsey.



Gusford Diary Dates

Reception Tine Trial Balance Bikes. Monday 14th July

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

New reception starter dates:

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.

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

Year 3 to Owl Sanctuary. Wednesday 24th September.

Year 4 to Kentwell Hall. Monday 29th September.

Individual Photos. Monday 6th October.

Year 2 to Foxburrow Farm. Tuesday 7th October.

Ipswich Star Reception photos. Week beginning Monday 13th October

Beauty and the Beast Panto, Friday 11th November.

Year 2 Alice in Wonderland Trip. Tuesday 2nd December

Bluey and SYC Alice in Wonderland. Tuesday 9th December

Two Johns Internet Safety. Tuesday 13th January 2026

Choir at Young Voices O2. Tuesday 20th January 2026

Year 6 Residential Monday 1st June– Wednesday 3rd June 2026

Next Week in School

On Thursday, our Year 6 children will be holding their Leavers' Assembly and after school, in the evening their Y6 BBQ. Please remember we break up on Friday and then return on Wednesday 3rd September.

The Summer Fun Run

Thank you Mr Rivett for organising our run and thank you Mr Liew for the video. Well done to everyone who took part and supported. Our next one is the Santa Fun Run just before Christmas.



Suffolk Basketball

Did you know Grace (Y6) represents Suffolk at basketball? Lovely free throw Grace!



Year 2 at Southwold

Year 2 visited Southwold on Monday. They had a lovely time and were very well behaved.



Financial Advice

On Monday, as part of our Enterprise week Mrs Jackson spoke to the children about her job as a financial advisor, how important it was to think about saving and investment, and that doing well in maths at school was vital whatever your career. Thank you Mrs Jackson.



Hello Dodger

Dodger was such a good boy visiting school again this week. Miss Ramsey says every single child who came into contact with Dodger were absolutely wonderful, kind, caring, patient and very thoughtful towards Dodger and his needs. All children were a credit to their parents and the staff at Gusford. It was lovely to see so many smiles!



Honey and Harvey

Our Hare is in 'Honey and Harvey' in Ipswich. If you send me a picture of you standing by the Hare I will put the photo on FB and add your name to the raffle for a £20 H+H voucher (to be drawn the last week of term). Good luck.

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.

Top Class

Did you see the 'Top Class' photos in Wednesday's addition of the Ipswich Star?



Book Club

If you want to attend the [Dial Lane Books](#) children's book club you can pick up a free book from my office and read it ready to meet the author on Sunday 27th July at 3.00pm.



The Mayor of Ipswich

On Wednesday, the Mayor of Ipswich, visited Gusford to say hello to the children and check on our behaviour charts. It was good to meet him.



Wildlife Wise

Danny and Reuben from [Wildlife Wise](#) spent the day with our Year 5 children on Wednesday.



David Hockney Landscapes

A group of Year 4 children have been working with Ms Talbot on a David Hockney landscape project.



Quad Kids

On Wednesday, Mr Garwodd took a group of our children to 'Quad Kids'. He said they were brilliant ambassadors as well as exceptional athletes.



Little City in Reception

On Monday morning, Little City set up in our small hall and invited the children to come and play. They had a great time.



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Year 4 at Felixstowe

On Friday, our Year 4 children went to Felixstowe, they even found a few hag stones. What a day!



Ed Sheeran Day

We think we have broken the record for number of U11's pink shirts in one place?



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 'The Beanstalk Murder' by P.G. Bell (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.

Plastic Bags

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Challenge

I am going to watch Ed on Saturday, if you see me and say the words:

"I'm from Gusford, we're green not red & I'm here today to watch Ipswich Ed"

Then I will reward you with a Felixstowe hag stone next week. Challenge 2: if you can tell me at the gate on Monday morning which section has been repeated twice in the newsletter then you can win one of my precious stones from the beach.

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 (available from Monday). If you lose the T Shirt the school has provided you with, it will be your responsibility to replace it.

<https://www.pmgschoolwear.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 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.



Absence Reporting

We are now at a stage where we can move absence reporting over to Arbor rather than ParentMail. This will take effect from Monday 30th June. You can still call the school office to report absences or pop into the office, but you will no longer be able to do this on ParentMail.

To do this on Arbor, log onto your account, click the 3 little lines in the bottom left hand corner, click attendance, and here you can log your child's absence. You can only do it on the day of absence so please ensure you report their absence on a daily basis.

All absences must be reported by 9am.

Many thanks
Carly Ling
Admissions and Admin
Gusford Primary School
Monday - Friday 8.45am - 1.00pm

Top-up School Payments

Please be advised that you can now only top up your child's dinner balance on Arbor. This is no longer available on ParentMail.

All balances have been now transferred over to Arbor. To top up your account, log onto Arbor, on the 'accounts' section this will show you your current balance. Click on this and you will then be able to top up.

If you have any issues, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your patience.



Activity Camps

Ofsted
Registered
Venue



SUMMER CAMPS

21st July - 29th August

VENUES



Beaumont Community
Primary School



Bosmere Community
Primary School



Cliff Lane
Primary School



Grace Cook
Primary School



Gusford
Primary School



Ipswich School
Sports Centre



EARLY
RISERS
8am - 9am

£5

DAY
CAMP
9am - 5pm
ONLY

£32

EXTRA
FUN
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£5



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BUSINESS
AWARDS UK

Suffolk Regional Awards
Family Business of the Year

2024
WINNER

BUSINESS
AWARDS UK

Family Business Awards
Best Family Start Up



WEEKEND CAMPING 2ND - 3RD AUGUST

MOTOR SHOW EVENTS
Presents

Festival of Wheels

OUTDOOR BAR
EVENING FUNFAIR
LIVE MUSIC
OUTSIDE STAGE

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT
COMEDY CLUB*
*over 18s

EARLY ENTRY TO THE SHOW!

CAMPING
FRIDAY TO MONDAY

SATURDAY NIGHT
KIDS PARTY
WITH BAM BAM

BOOK NOW
PAY OVER
3 MONTHS

TICKETS ON SALE NOW
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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