



The Gusford Gazette

We break up on Friday 18th July and return on Wednesday 3rd of September-The Staff and I would also like to thank you for your gifts and messages of support.

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Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and BBQ

On Thursday, we held our Y6 Leavers' Assembly. It was lovely to see all our parents together for one final time. After school we also held our Leavers' BBQ on the school field. We wish the best of luck to all the children in Year 6. We will miss you all and you are welcome back anytime.



Gusford Diary Dates

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.

Macmillan Coffee Morning. Friday 26th September

Bluey Club. Stay and Play. Sunday 28th September

Year 4 to Kentwell Hall. Monday 29th September

Black History Month. Wednesday 1st October

Seed Bombing (all welcome). Sunday 5th October

Individual Photos. Monday 6th October.

Year 2 to Foxburrow Farm. Tuesday 7th October.

Ipswich Star Reception photos. Week beginning Monday 13th October

Community Walk. Sunday 19th October. Meet 10.00am at school

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

ITFC Blue Day (non-uniform). Friday 19th 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

Reception Time Trial

Our Reception children showed real skill and no little bravery during the balance bike time trial on Monday. Thank you for setting it up Mr Bland and Mr Garwood.



Honey and Harvey

We had 48 entries (photos) into the Honey and Harvey Hare competition. We made a spinner (see FB) where you can find out who won the voucher.

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.

Rotary Club Visitors

On Tuesday, Robin and his friends from Rotary visited school, and spoke to the children about the importance of hard work and effort. They will be back next year to run a technology challenge.



Brad (Glory Days)

Brad, artist and old boy, has drawn this amazing picture of our school. We are going to frame it and put it up in our entrance area.



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.



Suffolk Young Carers

On Wednesday, Mrs Hanley took our Young Carers to Felixstowe for the day. They had a lovely time.



Mr Carley

I know lots of you have already heard the news, Mr Carley our Caretaker for many years, sadly passed away earlier this week. Lots of the staff remember him very fondly. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Nadine and his children Jane, Matthew and David along with his wider family and friends. Jane is hoping to plant a tree in his name in our Bungalow garden where they lived happily as part of the Gusford family from 1985 until very recently.

End of Term

Please note we break up on Friday 18th July and return on Wednesday 3rd September. If you need to contact the school in case of emergencies then you can e-mail:

admin@gusfordprimary.net

If you see me doing my charity work in town, or litter picking in Chantry then come up and say the magic words "*Gusford, Gusford—better than banana custard...*" and you will win a hag stone necklace on your return in September.

Goodbye

Not only are we saying goodbye to the Year 6 children but several staff are moving on too. Mr Park has done a brilliant job in Year 5 this year, he will be taking up a permanent contract elsewhere. Miss Grieg has been a great asset in our Reception class since Christmas. Miss Mair has completed a great three terms in Year 1. Miss Doorman is leaving to train as a teacher and Miss Harden is carrying on as a teaching assistant but a little closer to home in another school. As you also know, Mrs Heard, who has worked in the front office for 25 years has decided to retire... 25 years! What an amazing effort. Well done to everyone and good luck.

Hello

In terms of 'hello', we are looking forward to working with our new Assistant Headteacher, Mr Hammond, in September and can't wait to get going. Welcome Mr Hammond.

Have an enjoyable and safe summer holiday and I look forward to seeing you again, at the gate, on Wednesday 3rd September.

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 in September.

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.



A message from the Friends of Gusford (FoG)



Wow!! What an amazing total raised from our events this year. This will all go back into school for resources and experiences for the children.

Thank you so much to everyone who helped plan and run the events and to everyone who came and spent towards this total. Did you know FOG has actually raised over £33,000 since it was set up in 2019?

Our chair and treasurer are leaving at the end of this school year as their child moves onto high school so if you'd like to be part of this amazing team going forwards (especially if you'd like to take the lead as chair) then we'd love to hear from you. All committee roles will be up for nomination and appointment at the AGM when the new school year starts.

We have had a fantastic year raising funds and getting these back into school for the children to enjoy. We'd love to see some new faces and energy for FoG next school year so please get in touch at FoG@gusfordprimaryschool.net or through our Facebook if you'd be interested

Thank you as always

Friends of Gusford

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.



IPSWICH EXILES

U11 PLAYERS WANTED!

GIRLS TEAM GOALKEEPER

If your daughter will be starting school year 6 or 5 this September please contact:

Twiggy - 07766 145866

MIXED TEAM PLAYERS

If your son or daughter will be starting school year 6 or 5 this September please contact:

Nick - 07977 459450

 ipswichexiles.co.uk

A Voyage of Discovery: Europa Clipper's Search For Life

*A talk by Professor Carly Howett (Oxford)
and Jon Pineau (Stellar Solutions).*

- **Saturday 6th September
2025 at 2.30pm**
- **Suffolk One, Scrivener Drive,
Ipswich IP8 5SU**
- *Free Parking*

Tickets £15



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**All net proceeds will benefit local charities
of the Rotary club of Ipswich Wolsey**

Coaching with a DIFFERENCE that makes the DIFFERENCE

SUMMER CRICKET & MULTI SPORTS CAMP

WITH DONALD SIMBA MLAMBO



CHANTRY PARK

Week 1 - Tuesday 29th and Thursday 31st July

Week 2 - Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th August

Week 3 - Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th August

CRICKET CAMPS : 10AM - 12PM

Activities include: Batting, bowling and fielding drills and games

MULTI-SPORTS : 12PM - 2PM

Activities include: Basketball, Hockey, Cricket, Dodgeball, Football, Tennis, Badminton, Rounders, Golf and Athletics

Wear sports clothing and trainers for activities.

Bring a packed lunch (no nuts) and a drink

Costs

Cricket ONLY : £8 for 2 hours

Multi-sports ONLY : £8 for 2 hours

Cricket and Multi-Sports : £15 for both

Contact Donald on...

07952108885

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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
5pm - 6pm

£5



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info@kicksandtricks.co.uk

For children aged 4 - 16

2024
WINNER

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

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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 ^{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