



# The Gusford Gazette

Welcome Back!

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## Welcome Back

It was lovely to see everyone again on Wednesday morning. The children looked very smart in their school uniform. Thank you. To mirror the expectations at Chantry, please remember it's black school shoes or Nike Air Force style trainers (no colours or logos please).

## Behaviour Chart (Traffic Light)

In school every child starts on green at the start of every session and aims for silver and gold. If a child needs several reminders about talking when they have been asked to stop or they disrupt the learning of others, then they slip to amber, which will be followed by a conversation with the teacher; if things don't improve or the children are defiant, aggressive or show unsafe behaviour, it's then red. Initially, this may mean missing a break, the possibility of additional consequences (perhaps missing a disco or school treat) and a phone call home inviting parents into school for a meeting. If your child makes it to gold they will receive a special card and five golden tickets and they could be one of the 'golden' children who are chosen as the 'Star of the Week' in our Celebration Assemblies on Friday.



## Gusford Diary Dates

**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

**Parents' Evenings.** Monday 13th (4.00-7.30pm) and Wednesday 15th October (3.45-5.45pm)

**Children in Need Community Walk.** Sunday 19th October. Meet 10.00am at school

**End of Term 1.** Friday 24th October. We return on Monday 3rd November.

**Halloween Trail.** Sunday 26th October to Saturday 1st November.

**Beauty and the Beast Panto.** Tuesday 11th November.

**Children in Need Day.** Friday 21st November.

**Year 2 Alice in Wonderland Trip.** Tuesday 2nd December

**Carols from Gusford.** Thursday 4th December. 6.30pm. Stoke Park Church.

**Santa Fun Run.** Sunday 7th December 9.30am on school field

**Bluey and SYC Alice in Wonderland.** Tuesday 9th December

**Christmas Jumper Day.** Thursday 11th December

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

**End of Term 2.** Friday 19th December. We return on Tuesday 6th January

**Two Johns Internet Safety.** Tuesday 13th January 2026

**Big Schools' Bird Watch.** Friday 16th January 2026

**Choir at Young Voices O2.** Tuesday 20th January 2026

**Henry VIII Commemoration,** Wednesday 28th January 2026

**World Cancer Awareness Day.** Wednesday 4th February 2026

**NSPCC Number Day.** Friday 6th February 2026

**Performing Arts Festival.** Thursday 26th February 2026

**World Book Day.** Thursday 5th March 2026

**Red Nose Day** Friday 13th March 2026

**Year 5 Stargazing Sleepover.** Friday 20th March 2026

**Lentonbrook Foundation (Mark Ashton) Charity Day.** Friday 24th April 2026

**KS2 SATs week.** Monday 11th May 2026

**Tour de Gusford.** Bike race on school field. Sunday 17th May 2026

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

**Rainbow Day** Friday 5th June 2026

**Suffolk Day** Friday 19th June (for Sunday 21st June)

**Summer Fun Run.** Sunday 21st June 2026

**Sports Days**  
 Tuesday 16th June Reception 1.30pm  
 Wednesday 17th June Y5/6 1.30pm  
 Thursday 18th June Y3/4 1.30pm  
 Friday 19th June Y1/2 1.30pm  
 Monday 22nd June Nursery 9.45am

## Holiday Club Badges

I am making a second batch of Holiday Club badges, unfortunately there is a problem in the supply chain but we should have it fixed by the middle of next week.

## Golden Tickets

<https://www.facebook.com/gusfordprimaryschool/videos/2030031024468539>

Golden tickets are given to the children for upholding the school values of kindness, honesty, respect, confidence and responsibility. The children keep a tally of the number of tickets they receive. If they get to 100, they can either exchange them for a small prize from the cabinet or bank them for a 200 point or even 300 point prize (a bit like the arcades).

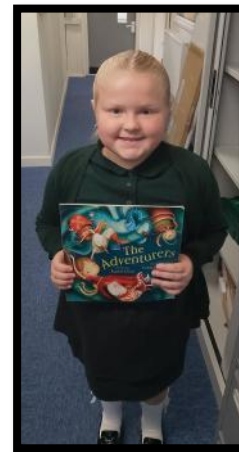


## Coat and Jackets

The weather has been changeable this week. Please send the children in with a rain coat. Can you also make sure all items of school wear are named. We will always return named 'lost property' to its owner, much more difficult if it isn't named. Simplest thing to do is to buy or borrow a Sharpie and write in your child's name over the white washing instructions tag. Thank you.

## Birthday Books

Rather than sending in class sweets when it is your child's birthday we really like it if you send in a Birthday Book. A Birthday Book is a book your child really likes and wants to keep in their class reading corner. We will take a photo of your child and the book and put it on Facebook and then put a special birthday sticker inside the front cover.



## Clubs

Our clubs will start a little later than we were hoping (we can't sync our management system with our messaging system). They will now start week beginning 6th October.

## Holidays in Term Time

Please note all holidays in term time will be followed by a fine. This is national policy. The fines go to Suffolk County Council and not the school.

## Uniform

We are keen to ensure all the children wear the correct uniform in school. It isn't always very effective or even fair to keep reminding the children themselves. We have decided to pop a little uniform reminder slip in your child's back as a quick way of highlighting any issues with school uniform. Please remember the children will need black school shoes or Nike Air Force style trainers (no coloured logos or coloured soles).

### The Turf Tables

We have set up some Lego tables, building blocks and sand and water trays on our astro turf.



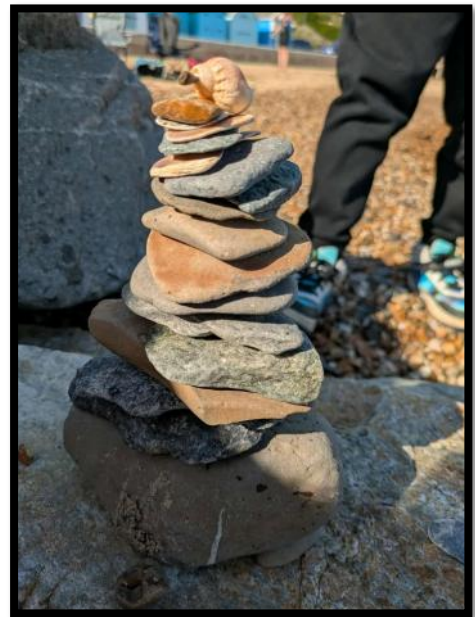
### The Games Room

Mr Garwood has created a games room. What do you think?



### Stone Stacking on the Turf Tables

Next week on the 'Turf Tables' we will be running a stone stacking competition. Who can stack 10 stones in the quickest time? Good luck my friends.



### Our New Toilets

Mr Swash and Dan have been working hard with Chapel Properties to ensure our Year 5 and 6 toilet refurbishment was ready for the new term.



### PE Tops

Most of the PE tops were given out last week. They look very smart. Any children that missed out will receive them on Monday morning. If you have PE on Monday and haven't got a new shirt then a plain t-shirt will be fine until a new one is received. You can check our PE kit guidelines on the poster attached.

# PE kit and changing arrangements

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 should have received their new top this week.

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.





# IES JUNIOR TRAINING

STARTS SUNDAY 14TH  
SEPTEMBER ONWARDS  
9:30AM TO 11:00AM

Reception to Year  
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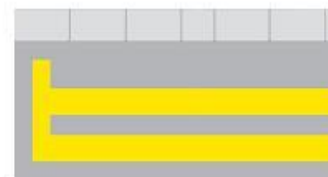
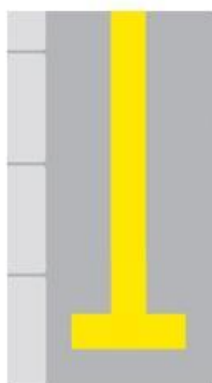


**Think  
before you  
park**

**POOR AND INCONSIDERATE PARKING CLOSE TO  
SCHOOLS CAN PLACE CHILDREN AT RISK**



**DO NOT PARK ON  
THE FOLLOWING**



Failure to follow these rules may result in a  
Penalty Charge Notice being issued.

Please park safely and be considerate of others.

**#thinkb4upark**



# 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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Image courtesy of NASA/JPL



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

## **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

## **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.

## 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

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 <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