



# The Gusford Gazette

We break up on Friday 24th October and return on Monday 3rd November.

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## Parents' Evenings

Great to meet so many parents this week. Thank you for your support. I always say it but we want the same thing as you and we are much more likely to be successful if we work together to achieve it.

## [Ipswich Town Football Club](#)

Mark Ashton popped in on Thursday morning to tell us a little about his charity: he kindly dropped off some 300 point prizes, a signed shirt and had enough time to visit Year 5 and Year 6 before travelling to Middlesbrough. Thank you Mark. COYBs!



## Community Walk for Childre in Need

On Sunday, Mrs Sayer, Miss Stawicka, her daughter (and their dog), Mrs Rice and Lola, Mr and Mrs Rowland, Bethany and Amelia, joined us for the Gusford Gambol. We met Mrs McDonald (Cath's Café) and Mrs Biggs (Biggs' Buffet) at the magic circle for refreshments by the new playground in Chantry Park. We had a lovely time and the weather was amazing.



## Gusford Diary Dates

### Open Sessions

Wednesday 22nd October 10.15-11.15am  
Tuesday 11th November 5.00-6.00pm  
Thursday 4th December 1.45-2.45pm

**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.** Friday 21st November.

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

**Year 1 & 2 Alice in Wonderland Theatre 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 Lunch** Wednesday 10th December

**Christmas Jumper Day.** Friday 12th December

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

**Find Santa.com.** Sunday 21st December. Santa mug hunt

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

### Bikeability

Group 1 26th to 29th January  
Group 2 2nd to 5th February

## 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.

## Admissions

To apply for a place in Reception or Year 7 in Suffolk, visit the [Suffolk County Council admissions website](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions-website) at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions-website](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions-website), where you can complete an online application, find information, FAQs, and a list of the schools' admissions policies and Supplementary Information Forms (SIFs). For secondary school (Year 7), the closing date for applications is **Friday, October 31, 2025**.

## Next Week in School

PC Harper in school on Monday. Stormzy assembly in the afternoon. Wednesday morning Reception open day. GoOD for us assembly on Thursday. Last day of term Friday.

## Halloween Trail

Starting on Sunday 26th October you can try out our Halloween Trail. Send me a photo and I'll enter you into the Halloween raffle which I'll draw the Sunday before we return. First Prize £20, second prize £10 and third prize a box of frogs. Use the answer sheet attached, pick one up from the front office or make your own...Spooktastic!

## Find Santa.com

Sunday 21st December.

I will hide 6 Santa mugs in and around Chantry, Stoke and Pinewood. They could be anywhere...Starting at 10.00am I will release clues on FB for the first mug. One clue every 10 minutes until it's found. Once we have confirmation it has been found I will move on to the second mug and so on.

## Water Bottles

We encourage the children to bring water bottles to school but some of them are now huge and made of metal and when they are dropped etc they are hurting other children. Normal size plastic bottles are best in class. Thank you.

## Toys after school

We are starting our own after school club based in the classroom closest to the trim-trail on the Y3/4 playground. If you have any games or good quality toys you no longer need then we would welcome them.

## Baby Garden

Miss Nutley and Miss Burton are making a Baby memory garden.



## Red Rose Theatre

Our Red Rose Year 5 drama workshop was brilliant. We can't wait to have them back. Fun and talented.

## Can Wrap Design Competition

Two of the classes in Y6 had a go at inventing their own fizzy drink and designing a can wrap. Why not try it yourself?

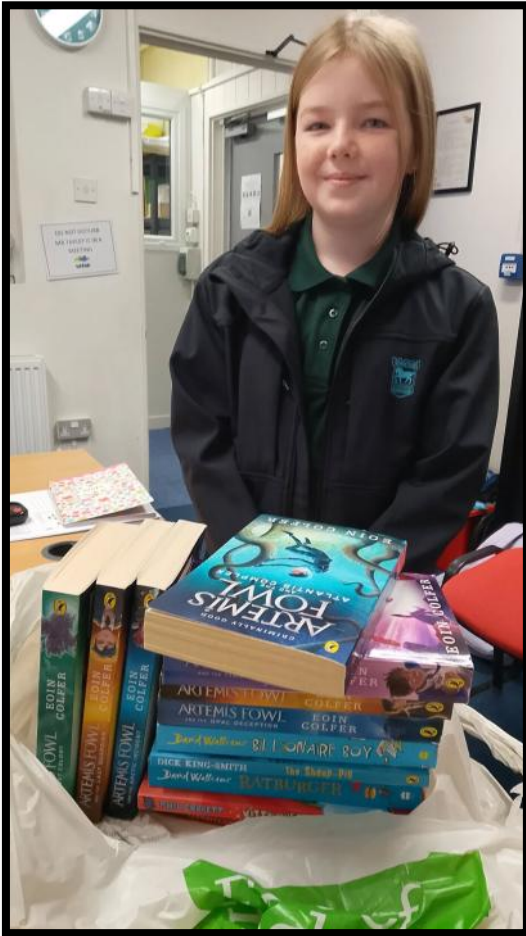
1. Name and logo
2. What the drink does for you?
3. Flavour
4. Cost
5. Strap line ('Just Do it')





## Birthday Books

Happy Birthday Ava (and her mum) and thank you for the Birthday Books.



## Girls' Football

What a morning for our girls! They battled through some tough matches, showing amazing teamwork, determination, and spirit from start to finish. Across 8 games they smashed in 10 goals, conceded just 2, with 3 wins, 4 draws, and only 1 loss — finishing 4th overall! Mr Garwood was so proud of how they represented the school today.



# SANTA FUN WALK / RUN

Sunday Morning 9am 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025  
Three laps round the school grounds (2K)-  
Free Refreshments-  
Event Medal for all Participants-  
Event Photography-  
Great Fun All Round-

For Further Information Contact;  
Paul Rivett (School Business Manager)  
[privett@gusfordprimary.net](mailto:privett@gusfordprimary.net)



## Consultation on Admission Arrangements for 2027/28

27th October 2025 to 5th December 2025

As the Admitting Authority for Gusford Primary School, The Active Learning Trust (ALT) is seeking views on admission arrangements for the school year 2027/28. All schools within the ALT follow the Admissions Code and the law relating to admissions. This accords with the Trust's funding agreement with the Department for Education.

Suffolk County Council will continue to co-ordinate the admission arrangements for the normal year of entry (Reception) and ALT will continue to administer in-year applications and appeals. Parents wishing to apply for a school place outside of a normal year of entry should contact the school office for further information.

The current Published Admission Number (PAN) for Gusford Primary School is 90 students for each year group. The Active Learning Trust is seeking to reduce the PAN to 60, which would bring the PAN in line with numbers on roll for the last four years, and allow efficient budgeting, effective curriculum planning and ensure the correct level of staffing. Arrangements for when a school receives a higher number of applications than it has places available will remain the same, with the following over-subscription criteria being used to determine which pupils are allocated a place.

Children who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) that names a specific school will be admitted. (Children with an EHCP that does not name the school will continue to be referred to the LA SEND Team to determine an appropriate place).

Children who have an EHCP fall outside the ordinary admissions system and therefore do not feature within the oversubscription criteria.

In the event of a year group being oversubscribed, and after the admission of pupils with an EHCP where the school is named, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in order:-

- A 'looked after child' or child who was previously looked after but immediately after being looked after became subject to an adoption, child arrangements, or special guardianship order. A looked after child is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of its social services functions (see definition in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989).

This includes children who appear to the Admission Authority to have been in state care (i.e. in the care of or accommodated by a public authority, religious organisation or any other provider whose sole/main purpose is to benefit society) outside of England but ceased to be so as a result of being adopted only.

- Children with a sibling attending the school at the time of application who is reasonably expected to still be attending the school at the proposed time of admission.

- Other children by distance from the school with priority for admission being given to those who live nearest to the school as measured by a straight line.

As part of the consultation process, you are entitled to give your views on the proposed changes to the admission arrangements (namely in relation to the proposed reduction of PAN at Gusford from 90 to 60).

You can do this by either:-

Writing to Admissions, The Active Learning Trust, c/o Neale-Wade Academy, Wimblington Road, March, Cambs. PE15 9PX or Emailing: [admin@activelearningtrust.org](mailto:admin@activelearningtrust.org)

Responses must be received no later than noon on 5th December 2025.

## **Social Media and Messaging**

In our PSHE lessons, we are doing everything we can to provide the children with information about on-line safety and give them a chance to discuss their use of social media. We are organising additional input from 4YP for upper KS2 children. However, most social media apps (Whatsapp, Instagram, Snapchat) have an age limit of 13 or above. This is not because they are difficult to use but because it is difficult for younger children to deal with the consequences of negative messaging. If a problem does arise, the Police and the Child Exploitation and On-line Centre (CEOPs) say that **primary school children should not be using these platforms and state that it is a question of parental responsibility and ultimately safeguarding.**

So with this advice in mind, please make sure you know what your child is doing on-line and who they are messaging. Our staff do not have the time or capacity during the school day to investigate on-line incidents. The fall-out is upsetting to your child which then impacts on their ability to focus on their learning in school.

Thank you for your support in this matter.





Starting at the school, visit the shops and the pub; try and find all 12 Halloween clues and then work out the mystery word?

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Take a photo whilst you are on the trail, message the school on FB and we will upload your pictures.



# RECEPTION OPEN DAYS

A place your child will  
discover, learn and love  
every moment

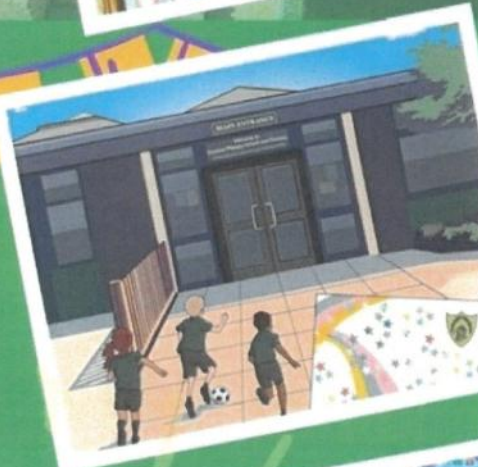
Call our office to book  
01473 682148



22 Oct  
10.15am–  
11.15am

11 Nov  
5pm –  
6pm

4 Dec  
1.45pm –  
2.45pm



<http://www.gusfordprimary.net>



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# WRAP AROUND CARE

Monday to Friday

- Supervised by school staff from school premises
- Light healthy snack at all sessions
- Indoor and outdoor activities

**BOOK NOW ON ARBOR OR CONTACT  
01473 682148**

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| SHORT 3.15PM-4.15PM | £4  |
| LONG 3.15PM-5.00PM  | £7  |
| EXTRA 3.15PM-5.30PM | £10 |

**MORE INFORMATION**

[admin@gusfordprimary.net](mailto:admin@gusfordprimary.net)







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**JOIN US ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup> AND 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

DAY - 9AM-3:30PM

EARLY - 8:30AM-3:30PM

LATE - 9AM - 4PM

ULTIMATE - 8:30AM - 4PM

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Archery - Boccia - Air Hockey - Table Tennis - Arts and Crafts - Athletics - Scooters  
Corn hole - Table top football - Badminton - Baseball - Rapid Fire Cricket - Darts  
New Age Kurling - Orienteering - Cycling - Computing - Team invasion games



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# Half term events in Ipswich



## **Wild Tots in Holywells**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October

10 - 11:30 am



## **Wild Family Adventures in Holywells**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October

10 - 11:45 am



## **Hedgehog home building at the Woolpack**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October

1 - 2:00 pm

**All events need to be booked online.**



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# What's On

[suffolkwildlifetrust.org](http://suffolkwildlifetrust.org)



# **Jack Abbott's Christmas Card Competition**



**Calling all  
budding  
artists**

**As your local MP, Jack Abbott is offering one young person in Ipswich the chance to design the cover of his 2025 Christmas cards.**

**To enter, please complete the entry form and include your details.**

**All primary school children in Ipswich are eligible to enter.  
Any questions, email [jack.abbott.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:jack.abbott.mp@parliament.uk)**

**Jack Abbott  
Member of Parliament for Ipswich**



# **Jack Abbott's Christmas Card Competition**

Entry form



Full name:

School:

School Year:

Please make sure the design fits in the box. Don't use any glitter. Thank you very much for taking part!

**Jack Abbott**  
**Member of Parliament for Ipswich**



## 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                |