



The Gusford Gazette

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Santa Fun Run

Over 90 Santa Fun Runners/Joggers/Walkers took part in the run on Sunday morning. Great fun! Well done runners, supporters, staff and especially the Race Director, our Business Manager. See you at the Summer Fun Run...



Christmas Bazaar

On Tuesday afternoon, Mr Hammond organised a super Christmas Bazaar. We raised £730. We want to buy a digital 'Star of the Week' board. Thank you for your support.



Gusford Diary Dates

(certain dates are subject to change)

Nativity Performances

KS1 Stable Boy Wednesday 17th December 2.00pm

KS1 Stable Boy Thursday 18th December 2.00pm

ITFC Blue Day (non-uniform). Friday 19th December. No donation just celebration of all things Ipswich.

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

Choir performing on BBC Radio Suffolk. Christmas Eve morning. 8.00am to 9.00am,

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

January Photography Competition; 'Winter Watch'. Runs all through January. Send photos to school FB page.

Bikeability

Group 1 26th to 29th January

Group 2 2nd to 5th February

Two Johns Internet Safety. Tuesday 13th January 2026

Year 6 Drone Workshop. Wednesday 14th 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

Year 3 to Christchurch Park. Thursday 12th March.

Red Nose Day Friday 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)

School Disco 16th December

Tuesday 16th December. Please note that your child is unlikely to be invited to the disco if they are making bad choices in school. Tickets available now on Arbor.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1AKDYXSK4m>

Nativity Performances

KS1 Stable Boy Weds 17th December 2.00pm

KS1 Stable Boy Thurs 18th December 2.00pm

Blue Day Friday 19th December

Wear blue, ITFC kit or non-uniform. £1.00 donation to our own school foodbank.

BBC Radio Suffolk 24th December

Christmas is coming and the goose is getting fat...and our Choir have been asked to perform LIVE on Wayne Bavin's [BBC Suffolk](#) Breakfast Show 8am-9am on Christmas Eve morning.

Saturday School Saturday 27th December

Join me for a short long Multiplication Workshop on Saturday 27th December 10.30-10.45am. Click on the link below. Mainly for Year 6 children (and parents) but anyone can join in. Good 'times'...

[Click on this link to join](#)

Christmas Mug Hunt Sunday 21st December

I'm setting a Christmassy-Santa mug trail
Just follow the clues-you really can't fail

Six mugs I'll have hidden-that's quite a load
Be careful now by river and road

Where to start? That's up to you
But at ten o'clock you'll get the first clue (on Sunday 21st December on our FB page)

Then every 10 minutes you'll get another one
Each time easier until you've won (you find it)

Don't give up, be a clue survivor
For in several mugs I'll place a fiver!!!

Anyone can take part, walk, run, ride or go by car. In and around Chantry and Pinewood.

Social Media

Most social media platforms have an age restriction of 13. If your child is using one of these platforms then it really is up to parents to monitor their child's use. I would initially suggest parents consider a two week phone ban if any child uses their phone inappropriately.

Attendance Matters

Attendance

Our attendance this week was 94.5%. Still just above the national average for the last week. Thank you..

Coughs and colds

If you are uncertain whether to send your child to school or not then please follow the NHS advice below.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

We have listened to what parents have told us about our attendance rewards. We will now be giving out prizes at the end of term to anyone that makes it to our target of 97%.

Year 1 Walk

On Monday and Tuesday, our Year 1 children went for a walk in the local area, learning to spot human and physical features.



Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday, it was our special Christmas lunch day. It really was special too. Our Midday Supervisors, Kitchen Staff and Mr Hammond with his crackers, made a super effort. Thank you.



Book Club

First Children's Book Group of next year is on Sunday 25th January 3.00pm [Dial Lane Books](#) Come and collect a book from my office if you want to go.



Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday, it was Christmas Jumper Day. Thank you for all the food donations. The Office Staff are putting together the hampers for next week. Mark Ashton (ITFC CEO) has also very kindly donated some super Ipswich souvenirs, hats and scarves which we will add to the hampers. Thank you everyone.



Christmas Challenge

Can you design a Christmas badge that we will make and then give out as rewards in the last week of term? Please remember we break up on Friday 19th December and then return on Tuesday 6th January.

Christmas Advent Wreath

This Sunday we will be lighting the third candle on our Advent wreath. Do you know what the candle represents?

Reindeer Warm-Up Challenge

Santa's reindeer are training for Christmas Eve. Four of them run different distances.

The reindeer are:

Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Rudolf

Santa gives the clues:

Rudolf runs twice as far as Dancer

Dasher runs 3 km more than Prancer.

Dancer and Prancer together run 12 km.

All four reindeer together run 30 km.

Your task: How far does each reindeer run?

Knitting Club

After Christmas, Miss Law is starting a knitting Club. If you have any yarn or knitting wool you no longer need we would really appreciate it. Thank you.

Income based Free School Meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are offered infant free school meals regardless of income. However, you may be entitled to additional support, whatever year group your child(ren) are in, through the income based free school meals scheme £1,515 (25-26) This gives you numerous other benefits (support in school, money off uniform and school trips). Your child may be able to get income based free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

Ring or pop in for more information or ask us to help complete the application.



Am-Pro Coaching Holiday Camp Monday 22nd December

Venue: Copleston High
Time: 9am till 3pm
Price £25

Come and join us for a day of football fun!

Perfect to get that last minute shopping or wrapping finished!

Email to sign up: info@am-procoaching.co.uk



Cinderella at The Regent tonight (Friday) features Abi and Ava two of our 'old girls'. Professional show, professional dancers. Break a leg.

Autumn / Winter Menu Week 1

10th Nov, 1st & 22nd Dec, 19th Jan, 9th Feb, 2nd & 23rd March

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| WEEK ONE | FAVOURITES MONDAY | WORLD TUESDAY | ROAST WEDNESDAY | PIZZA PARTY THURSDAY | FISH FRIDAY |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|--|--|
| Main Meal Option 1 | Red Tractor Pork Sausage Roll & Home-baked Potato Wedges | Beef Taco with Corn Tortilla, Tomato Sauce & Sunny Rice | Roast Chicken Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes | Wholemeal Tomato & Cheese Pizza & Home-baked Potato Wedges | MSC Fish Fingers & Chips |
| Main Meal Option 2 | Macaroni Cheese | Italian Quorn Meatballs served with Pasta ^{VG} | Quorn Grill, Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes | Vegetable Sausage in a Bun with Home-baked Potato Wedges ^{VG} | Vegetable Fingers & Chips with Ketchup ^{VG} |
| Halal Option | Halal Chicken Sausage Roll & Home-baked Potato Wedges | Beef Taco with Corn Tortilla, Tomato Sauce & Sunny Rice | Halal Roast Chicken, Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes | Wholemeal Tomato & Cheese Pizza & Home-baked Potato Wedges | |
| Sandwich Box | Cheese | Ham | Tuna Mayonnaise | Ham | Cheese |
| Vegetables | Baked Beans & Sweetcorn | Mixed Salad or Broccoli | Seasonal Greens & Carrots | British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Sweetcorn | British Red Tractor Garden Peas, Baked Beans |
| Sandwiches, Rice & Pasta | Freshly Made Sandwich with Cheddar, Tuna Mayonnaise or Ham / Jollof Rice with 5 Beans / Pasta with Cheese or Tomato & Basil Sauce | | | | |
| 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 | Vanilla Shortbread ^{VG} & Chocolate Sauce | Chocolate & Pear Crumble ^{VG} & Custard | Strawberry Jelly ^{VG} | Oaty Date Cookie | Vanilla Ice Cream |

Available Daily: Salad, Fresh Bread, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

Autumn / Winter Menu Week 2

27th Oct, 17th Nov, 8th Dec, 5th & 26th Jan, 16th Feb, 9th March

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| WEEK TWO | FAVOURITES MONDAY | WORLD TUESDAY | ROAST WEDNESDAY | PIZZA PARTY THURSDAY | FISH FRIDAY |
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| Main Meal Option 1 | Pork Sausage & Mash with Gravy | Red Tractor Beef Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread | Roast Chicken, Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes | Wholemeal Margherita Pizza & Home-baked Potato Wedges | MSC Battered Pollock & Chips |
| Main Meal Option 2 | Veggie Sausage & Mash with Gravy ^{VG} | Plant-based Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread | Quorn Grill, Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes | Macaroni Cheese | Cheese Flan & Chips |
| Halal Option | Halal Chicken Sausage & Mash with Gravy | Halal Red Tractor Beef Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread | Halal Roast Chicken, Gravy, Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes | Wholemeal Margherita Pizza & Home-baked Potato Wedges | |
| Sandwich Box | Cheese | Ham | Tuna Mayonnaise | Ham | Cheese |
| Vegetables | Broccoli, Sweetcorn or Baked Beans | Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots | Seasonal Greens & Carrots | 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 | Shortbread Pin Wheels & Fruit Slices ^{VG} | Chocolate Fudge Cake | Apple Crumble ^{VG} & Custard | Flapjack ^{VG} | Chocolate Mousse |

Available Daily: Salad, Fresh Bread, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt

Autumn / Winter Menu Week 3

3rd & 24th Nov, 15th Dec, 12th Jan, 2nd & 23rd Feb, 16th March

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| WEEK THREE | FAVOURITES MONDAY | WORLD TUESDAY | ROAST WEDNESDAY | PIZZA PARTY THURSDAY | FISH FRIDAY |
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| Main Meal Option 1 | Beef Burger with Home-baked Potato Wedges | Mild Chicken Curry served with Mixed Rice | Roast Chicken, Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes | Margherita Pizza with Home-baked Potato Wedges | MSC Fish Fingers & Chips |
| Main Meal Option 2 | Vegetable Burger with Home-baked Potato Wedges ^{VG} | Vegetable Sausage Hotdog served with Home-baked Wedges | Quorn Grill, Gravy, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes | Vegetable Lasagne & Garlic Bread | Crispy Vegetable Fingers & Chips ^{VG} |
| Halal Option | Beef Burger with Home-baked Potato Wedges | Halal Mild Chicken Curry served with Mixed Rice | Roast Chicken, Gravy Stuffing & Roast Potatoes | Margherita Pizza with Home-baked Potato Wedges | |
| Sandwich Box | Cheese | Ham | Tuna Mayonnaise | Ham | Cheese |
| Vegetables | Sweetcorn, Baked Beans | Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots | Seasonal Greens & Carrots | Broccoli or 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 | Chocolate Oaty Slice ^{VG} | Syrup Sponge Pudding & Custard | Apple & Cinnamon Rolls | Vanilla Cookie & Fruit Slices ^{VG} | Iced Sponge Cake with Sprinkles |

Available Daily: Salad, Fresh Bread, Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt