



The Gusford Gazette

Welcome Back (and thank you for the Christmas cards and presents)

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Welcome Back

We had a super first week back. The children generally seemed pleased to be in school, perhaps it's the routine; it was lovely to see. Great in lessons and calm and kind outside.

Photography

Our photography comp runs for the whole of January. We have five age categories:

EYFS (Nursery and Reception)
KS1 (Year 1 and 2)
LKS2 (Year 3 and 4)
UKS2 (Year 5 and 6)
Open (11+ including adults)

The theme is simply 'January'. Take a photo and send it to school on our FB page either in Comments or by Direct Message. Winners to be announced on 1st February.

[Facebook](#)

Earrings

Please note we only allow studs or small hoops in school during the day and no earrings in PE.

Coats

On cold days, please send your child to school with a coat (named) and encourage them to wear it. Thank you.

Snowy Weather

Safety is always our first concern but we are in the fortunate position to have enough members of staff who can walk to school whatever the weather. This means we will be able to stay open on almost all days unless our heating, water or other connected services breakdown. We would suggest you send your children to school in wellington boots (shoes in a bag) with gloves and a coat if it snows as we will be playing outside. If it really does snow heavily it might also be sensible to send the children in with a packed lunch just in case we are waiting on a food delivery. In my experience most roads are cleared by mid morning on snow days so a later start might also be an option.

Gusford Diary Dates (certain dates subject to change)

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

Parents' Evenings. Monday 2nd and Wednesday 4th February 2026

Reception Screening. Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd February 2026

World Cancer Awareness Day. Wednesday 4th February 2026

NSPCC Number Day. Friday 6th February 2026

Reception Toy Workshop. Tuesday 10th February 2026

Year 6 Cambridge Visit. Wednesday 11th February 2026

Performing Arts Festival. Thursday 26th February 2026

World Book Day. Thursday 5th March 2026

Year 3 to Christchurch Park. Tuesday 10th March 2026

Red Nose Day Friday Friday 13th March 2026

Year 5 Stargazing Sleepover. Friday 20th March 2026

Year 4 Residential. 29th April to 1st May 2026

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

KS2 SATs week. Monday 11th to Friday 15th May 2026

Year 3 to Leiston. Monday 11th and Monday 18th 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)

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

Book Club

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



Considerate Parking

Please consider where you park at the start and the end of the day. If you park on the pavement it really can cause problems for children and parents walking to and from school. The Traffic Wardens will be about next week.

Henry VIII and our Archery Contest

Last year, Chloe and Dobby (horse) helped us commemorate the life of Henry VIII who died on 28th January in 1547. Henry is the King most closely connected to our school (hence the logo).

Henry VIII was a huge proponent of archery, passing laws to enforce practice for all able-bodied men, seeing it as crucial for national defence, and even demonstrating his own skill, while his navy used archers extensively to attack enemy ships before boarding, with finds from the Mary Rose revealing elite archers served, highlighting the longbow's continued importance despite early gunpowder.

After school on Wednesday 28th January, we are running an archery competition on the school field. £1.00 entry fee for two arrows 10 metres from shooting line to target. Hit the five pound note to win (limit 1x£5 win per person). All money raised to the school pantry. See poster attached. Just turn up and queue.

Next Week in School

On Tuesday **The Two Johns** return to talk to the children about on-line safety. On Wednesday Y6 have a **Drone Workshop** and on Friday we will be taking part in the RSPB Big Schools' **Bird Watch**.

Maths Challenge

If it is -5 degrees centigrade outside and it gets 2 degrees warmer, what is the temperature now? If it was -5 and we needed to subtract -2 would we get the same answer?

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 year is 95.2%. The national average for primary schools over the same period is 94.5% Our target is 97%.

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 just launched the Valentines Attendance Tracker. Let's see if you can complete this term without missing a day.

Performing Arts Festival

Thursday 26th February 6.00pm in the Conference Room (next to the school library).

Year 2 and under: The Sound Collector

Year 3 and 4: Please Mrs Butler

Year 5 and 6: Sea Fever

I can send you a copy of the poem or you can take it from our Facebook page.

Poems

If you want to enter send me a direct message or let me know at the gate by February 14th Valentines Day.

Singing Circle

On Friday, lots of the children bravely stepped into the singing circle. Follow us on FB to see some of their amazing performances.

Thank You

Thank you for the very generous donations this week. Very useful in our EYFS area and particularly Mr Garwood's Wraparound Den.



Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

By royal proclamation of Gusford Primary,
all ye bold archers and merry folk are
summoned to the

Great Archery Contest

When: Upon the feir eve of
Wednesday, the 28th day of January

Where: The green fields of Gusford
(where arrows fly swift and true)

Prize: Glory eternal and the cheer
of good company! (and a £5 note)

Come forth, ye who boast a steady hand
and a keen eye, and let thy arrows sing!

Fail not, lest the Sheriff claim all
bragging rights!

Join us, and let the sport begin!

GUSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

★ PHOTOGRAPHY ★ ★ COMPETITION



Starts: 1st January
Runs all month long!



Do you love taking photos?
Now's your chance to show off your skills!



HOW TO ENTER:

- 1** Take your best photos
- 2** Send them to our Facebook page
- 3** Include your name and class with your entry



Good luck, young photographers!
We can't wait to see your amazing pictures!



GUSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL -
CREATIVITY IN FOCUS!

FREE *School* MEALS



Free School Meals could save you up to £450 a year

What's more, if you sign up, your child's school receives extra funding from the Government, up to £1,480 a year. Even if your child is getting Universal Infant Free School Meals in Key Stage 1, your school will still benefit if you are entitled.

Applying online only takes a few minutes and, if eligible, you will receive free meals until March 2025. Visit: www.suffolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals.

To get free school meals you need to be receiving one of the following:

- ◇ Universal Credit (up to £7,400 net earned income)
- ◇ Income Support
- ◇ Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- ◇ Income related Employment and Support allowance
- ◇ Working Tax Credit run on
- ◇ Child Tax Credit but **no element of Working Tax Credit** and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190



If you need more information please call **0345 606 6067**



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
EXTRA+ 3.15PM-6.00PM	£13

NEW!

MORE INFORMATION

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Autumn / Winter Menu Week 1

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

Eativerse
A UNIVERSITY OF HULL AND BRISTOL

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
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
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