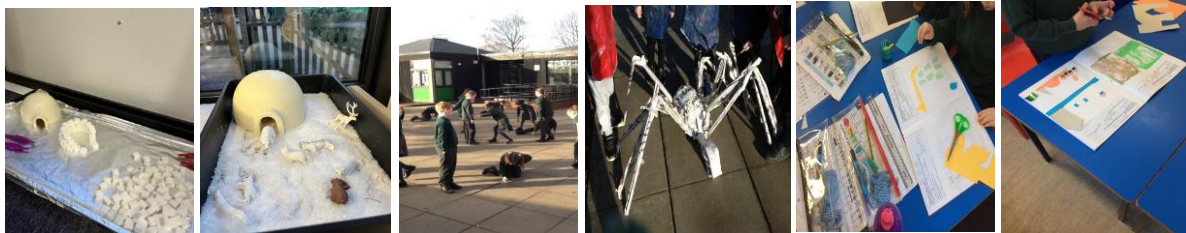


What have we been up to in school this week....



Lots of learning about polar regions in EYFS – Look at the beautiful enhancements we have created!

Year 3 have been learning about how to make shadows larger/smaller by moving objects closer to and further away from the light.

In Art, Year 1 have worked collaboratively to create a spider sculpture inspired by 'Manan' by Louise Bourgeois (1999) They enjoyed rolling the newspaper, connecting the components and then painting it.

Look at the amazing maps Year 2 have created in their art lessons. They have used different textures and shapes to create a collage map.



### **Seeing Is Believing!**

We will be holding our first of many Seeing Is Believing events. This is an open session for parents to see what is being taught in the class and the learning in the books. We know there is strong teaching and learning in our school and we want you to see it too!

Year 3 + 4 – Friday 3rd March 9am-9.30am

Year 5 + 6 – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 9am-9.30am

#### **Share Sessions – come and join craft activities**

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Year 2 - 27<sup>th</sup> February 2-3pm



Being a good friend is key to developing lifelong relationship skills. It is normal for children to fall out, make up, fall out make up. What is key to the success of relationships are the skills taught to deal with these situations. We spend considerable time both in lessons and during recreation times talking to the children about what is acceptable and unacceptable and how words and actions can make others feel. Thank you for supporting this, it is essential to enable your children to develop and grow with the ability to resolve conflict, amend relationships and accept responsibility for their actions and words. This will all help towards positive relationships for them as adults. We are pleased to share that we have very few incidents to deal with each week but those that happen are given a lot of support.

### Absence Reporting

If your child is going to be absent this can easily be reported by either calling the school on 01473 682148 selecting option 1 and leaving a message, or by using the ParentMail app.



Pancake Day – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023  
Menu Change

We will be celebrating with Pancakes with a choice of toppings and fresh fruit.



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## Parent Newsletter 10/02/2023

We have been very impressed with the behaviour for learning this half term. Most pupils are reading regularly at home, arriving with the correct items and on time! They are then settling in class and ready to engage and learn. Thank you for supporting this. It has made a huge difference.



Congratulations to the following children who were chosen as star of the week!

Nursery: George  
Reception: Jessica and Reggie  
Year 1: Ryan, Joey, Bianca  
Year 2: Trae, Jack P, Maia  
Year 3: Melita, Sophia B, Daria  
Year 4: Archie, Marley  
Year 5: Hope, Lauren, Imogen  
Year 6: Gabriel, Tommy D, Kianna

Sun and Newton class won this week's attendance award – winning gold tickets for everyone in their class!



### Lucky Listener

Your child has come home with a lucky listener sheet today. Over the half term, please can they collect as many signatures from their family by reading 1 or 2 pages to any family member. Each child will receive a golden ticket for each time they read and be placed in a class prize draw to win a book of their choice!

Happy Reading!



On **Thursday 2nd March 2023** it is World Book Day! At Gusford Primary School, we value reading very highly and we are all going to take part in this special day to celebrate the joy of books and reading. During the day, we will celebrate the children's reading successes and they will be taking part in a range of different activities on the day to promote this. As part of the day we are asking the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book characters. As always, each child will receive a free World Book Day book to take home to read. Throughout the week we will also see the launch of our new reading buddies. This is where a child is paired with an older child and they will share books in our library together.

**Save the date:** We would also like to invite parents in for some special breakfast reading cafés. Please arrive at school at 8:20am and enjoy reading some of our new wonderful books with your child. You will also be treated to a croissant while you are here.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February- Reception and Year 5 families  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February- Year 3 and Year 6 families  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March- Year 4 families  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March- Year 1 families and Nursery families  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March- Year 2 families



## Ipswich and South Suffolk Under 11 Basketball Winners 2022-2023

Excitingly this week children in Years 5 and 6 took part in the Ipswich and South Suffolk under 11 Basketball tournament. The team won 4 of their games, drew one and lost one and were overall winners of the tournament. Their trophy has taken pride of place in our trophy cabinet displayed in the main foyer. Well done team Gusford!



Lego Education

We will be collecting the tokens that will be printed daily in the East Anglian Daily Times and Ipswich Star and weekly in the Beccles and Bungay and Lowestoft Journals.

A collection box will be available in the reception area shortly. The two schools who collect the most tokens per pupil will win £1000. Every school that collects more than 1000 tokens will receive £50 to spend. Please help us by saving tokens and bringing them into school!



**Warm Place at the New Wolsey Theatre Cafe, Civic Drive**  
10am - 5pm, every Tuesday  
From 3 January - 28 March 2023

- Free hot drinks/squash from our drinks station
  - Somewhere to charge devices and work remotely
  - A free hot meal from our Café & Bar
  - A children's area with games and craft activities
  - Free Wi-Fi
  - Warm clothing to take away\*
  - Signposting to further support
- \* Our warm clothing offer will vary depending on donations of clothing to the theatre and is subject to availability.

For more information please call us on 01473 294930  
or email: [creativecommunities@wolseytheatre.co.uk](mailto:creativecommunities@wolseytheatre.co.uk)  
[www.wolseytheatre.co.uk](http://www.wolseytheatre.co.uk)



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Last day of term  
13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February – Half term  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Children return to school

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Year 6 Dental visit  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Friends of Gusford Disco

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Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – World Book Day

### Canteen Menu – When we return to school we will be on week 2 Please see the desert change above for Tuesday

Week Two	Option 1	<b>Mac and Cheese Station</b>	Lemon & Herb Chicken with Rice	Sausage, Onions and Gravy with Roast Potatoes	Spaghetti Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Fishfingers with Chips
	Option 2	A choice of different Mac & Cheese flavours, with meat & vegetarian toppings	Falafel with Couscous	Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheese with Roast Potatoes	Veggie Bolognese with Garlic Bread	Mexican Roll with Chips
	Vegetables	Peas Carrots	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Carrots Cabbage	Green Beans Sweetcorn	Peas Baked Beans
	Dessert	Fruit and Ice Cream	Chocolate and Apple Sponge	Fruity Shortbread	Lemon and Berry Cake with Custard	Oaty Cookie

Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily