

The Gattons Infant School

Autumn Term Newsletter

26th September 2025

A huge thank you to all of you for your generosity this week. The Pantry were overwhelmed with the amount of donations we had and were extremely grateful.



The pantry supports over 250 families in Burgess Hill, Hassocks and Haywards Heath all through donations, so the food they have received from us will go a long way, thank you!



Thank you to some of our Year 2 children who enjoyed helping Liz to sort the donations ready for The Pantry to unload!

Thank you to everyone who supported Book Bonanza on Thursday after school. It was lovely to see the children enjoying reading. Please remember to sign our reading agreement and to read 4 times a week with your child. Research shows that reading attainment is a key indicator of how well your child will do in their GCSEs. I know this feels a long way off but the more your child reads at home regularly the more progress they will make with their reading. Please support us at home by signing in the reading diary so that we know you have read. If you are finding this difficult, please talk to your child's class teacher.

Over the years, many parents have asked if they can donate books to school. We have set up a wish list at the Book Nook and on Amazon, if you would like to donate a book. If you have a good quality copy of one of the books, you don't need to buy a new copy. Thank you!
Have a lovely weekend

Sarah Gospel
Headteacher



The Book Nook wishlist



Amazon wishlist

OPAL

Reception have started to enjoy OPAL playtimes this week. Please make sure your child has wellies in school so that they can go on the field if it is wet. They will also need a waterproof coat as the weather changes!

We are looking for barbies, ken dolls, bratz dolls or small world pets. If you have any you would like to donate, please can you email the office before bringing them in. Thank you!



What's happening in school!

Year 2 have started a project to recycle our used paper in school! Eagles class kicked off by preparing shredded paper in a big bucket of water and mashing it up by hand. After 5 days they squished it into a special press to squeeze out the water and made our first 4 solid paper bricks! When they are dry we are going to use these for Woodland Rangers fire-making activities!



Year 1 found Bog Babies in our classrooms. We have been taking care of them and learning about what living things need to stay alive. We have been learning about deciduous and evergreen trees in science too.

We had a visit from Rev Jules from St Edward's Church. She helped us to learn about what is important to Christians. This has been our RE focus this half term. She showed us lots of objects to help us understand Christianity.

This week children in Reception had their first PE lesson. They amazed us with their listening and attention skills. First, we talked about how to be safe in the hall during PE and then we warmed up by playing the traffic light game. The children had to move around the hall in different ways - jogging, running, hopping and jumping, while being careful not to bump into anyone. When the red light was shown they had to stop and green was go. We then learnt all about navigating space and how to change direction. Well done Reception!

Attack the Snack - Healthy packed lunches and healthy snacks



Check out the Veg power website if you'd like ideas for healthy snacks for your children—
<https://simplyveg.vegpower.org.uk/your-food/attack-the-snack/>

You will also find a competition at the bottom of the page to win a Micro Cruiser LED Scooter and helmet.

Please remember no sweets or chocolate bars should be in packed lunches. Please also look at the ingredients of snacks that say fruit bars, as they are often sweets in disguise!

PARKING

Further to my recent ParentMail, we have received further complaints from our near neighbours. Can I please remind parents that you must not park on double yellow lines, across driveways or in front of residents' homes. By parking illegally, you are making it dangerous for residents to exit/enter their drives and they are very concerned that a child will be hurt. Please remember you can park at St Edward's church and walk to school.

I do not expect my office team to have to deal with irate neighbours either in person or on the phone. If the parking issues persist, we will advise residents to report these issues to the police and we will do likewise.

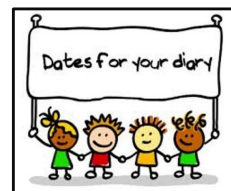
Please be considerate of our neighbours and help us to keep our children safe.

Diary Dates

September

Tuesday 30th
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Individual School Photos & Reception Class Photos
Reception Reading Meeting - 7pm



October

Monday 13th
Wednesday 15th
Friday 17th
Friday 17th
Monday 20th
Tuesday 21st
Wednesday 22nd
Thursday 23rd
Thursday 23rd
Friday 24th
Monday 27th—Friday 31st

Y2 Trip to Hever Castle
Y1 Parents in - 2.30pm - Details to follow
Y2 Trip to Hever Castle
Reception parents in - 2.30pm Family Reading Session
Y2 Celebration of Learning - Owls Class 2.30pm
Y2 Celebration of Learning - Eagles Class 2.30pm
Y2 Celebration of Learning - Puffins Class 2.30pm
OPAL Stay and Play
FOGS Quiz - Details to follow
INSET Day - School closed for children
Half Term Holiday

November

Monday 3rd
Thursday 6th
Friday 7th
Friday 14th
Thursday 20th
Friday 21st
Saturday 22nd
Tuesday 25th
Thursday 27th

Y2 Drama Workshop
Reception Learning Meeting - 9am
Non Uniform Day - FOGS Christmas Fayre Donations
Children In Need Day - Details to follow
Non Uniform Day - FOGS Christmas Fayre Donations
Y1 Drama Workshop
FOGS Christmas Fayre
Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings - Details to follow
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December

Monday 1st
Tuesday 2nd
Thursday 11th
Thursday 11th
Monday 15th
Thursday 18th

Flu Immunisation - Details to follow
Carol Service @ Kings Church - Years 1 & 2 - 2pm
Reception Nativity at school 9.30am or 2pm
FOGS Christmas Discos
Thank you assembly for volunteers
'All Things Christmas' Day - Details to follow

Provisional dates—please be aware these are subject to change

REMAINING INSET DAYS 2025/2026

Friday 24th October 2025
Monday 5th January 2026
Monday 23rd February 2026
Friday 22nd May 2026