

# The Gattons Infant School

Autumn Term Newsletter

14th November 2025

Welcome back!

A big thank you to Houlihans who over half term have built our fantastic path on the field. They were hindered by the awful rain but are hoping to have it completed next week for the children to use. Please make sure your child has wellies at school and if you know they are going to go in the mud kitchen regularly, they are welcome to bring their own waterproof trousers to school.

It has been lovely to see the children settle back to school so well after half term, particularly our Reception children. We started our open mornings for prospective parents this week. They have been really impressed with how engaged the children all are in their learning. If you know someone with a child due to start in September 2026, please remind them of our open mornings, which are bookable on the website. If they are full, please ask them to contact the office.

Thank you for your kind donations for Antil bullying week on Monday and Children in Need on Friday. I will let you know how much we've raised soon.



Next week, we have a non-uniform day on Thursday 20th November for our Winter fayre on Saturday 22nd November. Please bring in bottles for our bottle tombola and any filled jars that you have made. We look forward to seeing lots of you on the 22nd November from 12-2.30pm at the fayre. If you haven't already, please volunteer on your class what's app groups to help out and don't forget you can sign up to see Santa in advance.

## Dates to remember

**Parents evening—**  
Tues 18th & Thurs  
20th November

**Thursday 20th November—non**  
school uniform in  
exchange for a  
bottle.  
Bring in filled jolly  
jars for the Winter  
fayre

**Saturday 22nd November —**  
Winter fayre 12-  
2.30pm

We look forward to seeing you at parents evening on Tuesday 25th November and Thursday 27th November after school. If you haven't booked an appointment, please talk to your class teacher.

Sarah Gospel- Headteacher

## OPAL



We are still on the look out for small world toys—if you are clearing out before Christmas, please email any photos to [head@thegattons.co.uk](mailto:head@thegattons.co.uk) of things you'd like to donate. Thank you!



Please find the links for our OPAL and Amazon wish lists if you would like to donate any resources to school. Thank you to those who have donated this term - it makes a huge difference!

Opal <https://amzn.eu/7rcPQwB>

Main list <https://amzn.eu/1XkJKLG>

## What's happening in school!

Year 2 had a great start to Autumn 2 with a free drama workshop from Perform Schools. They went on an adventure with a wizard who transformed into a witch and a dragon! Much fun was had. The children have been taking part in dragon art too, focusing on using textures to create a collaborative piece of dragon artwork. We have also been having class discussions about how we can be a kind friend and help others when we see unkind behaviour in aid of anti bullying week.



Year 1 have started their Fire, Fire learning journey, as well as meeting Professor Clunk on their journey from Drawing club into Curious Quests. They have met Noodle and Titch so make sure you ask them all about it!



Reception had a fantastic visit from the Fire Brigade last week and learnt all about being firefighters. The children were brilliant at asking questions all about what they have to do all day!



## Christmas Lunch - Thursday 18th December

We will be having our Christmas lunch on Thursday 18th December. If you have already booked a meal for this date, you will have received a notification from Chartwells saying that it has been cancelled. Please go back in and re-book the Christmas lunch if you want your child to have a hot meal on this date. A copy of the menu is attached.

## TUMMY BUGS!

Please remember that if your child is unwell with sickness and/or diarrhoea for whatever reason, they **MUST** stay away from school until they have been symptom free for a **MINIMUM** of 48 hours. This period of time significantly reduces the risk of the bug spreading throughout the school. We will request that children are collected if we discover they have not been symptom free for 48 hours. Thank you.

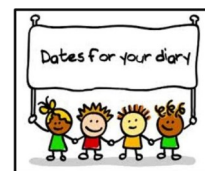


## Diary Dates

### November

Thursday 20th  
Friday 21st  
Saturday 22nd  
Tuesday 25th  
Thursday 27th

Non Uniform Day - Christmas Fayre Donations  
Y1 Drama Workshop  
FOGS Christmas Fayre  
Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings  
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### December

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

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

### January

Tuesday 6th

First day of the Spring Term

# Christmas Lunch

Serving on Thursday 18th December

## MAINS

Roast Turkey  
Or  
Quorn Roast

## SIDES

Roast Potatoes, Stuffing,  
Mini Sausage, Gravy,  
Broccoli & Carrots

## DESSERTS

Festive Chocolate Brownie

Order on ParentPay.com no later than  
**Thursday 4th December.**  
Book in advance to avoid disappointment



[www.ParentPay.com](http://www.ParentPay.com)



**Chartwells**

<https://www.chartwells.co.uk/west-sussex/>

# FREE Language Cafes in Burgess Hill

Come along and learn English, make friends and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee!

**Address: Cyprus Hall, Burgess Hill, RH15 8DX**

**10:30am - 12:30pm:**

**24th September**

**8th October**

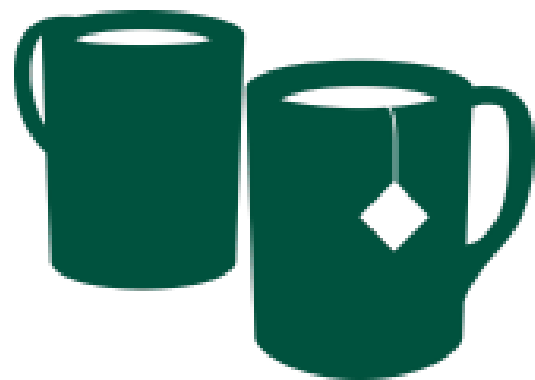
**22nd October**

**5th November**

**19th November**

**3rd December**

**17th December**



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If you have questions, you can email us at:  
[community.engagement@westsussexcab.org.uk](mailto:community.engagement@westsussexcab.org.uk)



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