

The Gattons Infant School

Autumn Term Newsletter

12th December 2025

Thank you to everyone who came to both our Carol service at The King's Church last week and Reception's Nativity this week. We were so proud of the children for all their hard work learning the songs and actions and it was lovely to see them having so much fun performing to you. I hope it has helped you all feel a bit more festive! A huge thank you to all the staff for their hard work and to you for the costumes and props you provided.

Next week, we have our thank you assembly on Monday at 9.05am for anyone who has volunteered this year. Please come along and enjoy a cup of tea and mince pie afterwards.

We also have our, 'All things Christmas Day,' on Thursday. We will enjoy our Christmas lunch, parties and the children can come in with a festive jumper or brightly coloured jumper for the day.

Don't forget the Christmas post box is up and running if your child would like to post any cards.

Have a lovely weekend.
Sarah Gospel
Headteacher

Dates to remember

Monday 15th December

Thank you assembly for volunteers
9.05am

Thursday 18th December

'All things Christmas' Day

Friday 19th December

Last day of the Autumn Term

OPAL

We are currently looking for donations of:

Baseboards for Lego  Wooden electrical reels



We also need a stairgate if anyone is getting rid of one!

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 been happening in school!

Year 1 have been fire making. We have been using our senses to see, hear, smell and feel the heat of the fire from a safe distance. We have used this experience to write our own poems about fire.

We have also been scientists to think about which materials are waterproof or absorbent. We used pipettes to test the materials. Some absorbed the water quickly and others took longer to absorb it so therefore they were more absorbent.

We are so proud of the Reception children. They have been working really hard to practise all of their songs and actions for the Nativity. Our dress rehearsal with Year 2 and Year 3 children from Southway was a huge success and they really enjoyed sharing it with you too! We have been getting into the festive spirit in Reception. We have been learning about the Christmas story and advent. We have also been doing lots of lovely Christmas crafts including making decorations and Christmas cards for our families. These will be sent home in the next few days.

Year 2 took part in a Christingle Service at St Edward's Church on Monday; this was a great opportunity for the children to have a hands on learning experience about a religious tradition and find out how Christians celebrate Christmas. A huge thank you to everyone at St Edward's for sourcing the resources from their own stock and local businesses; especially Paula, one of our Governors, who helped to organise the morning.



New School Website!

Our new school website has now gone live! The website address has not changed, however the layout of the pages is slightly different. Please bear with us whilst we learn the new system! There is a contact option on the website - please **DO NOT** use this to advise us of changes to collection arrangements/absence on the same day as we do not monitor the website constantly. Please continue to call the school office. Thank you.

Thank you

Thank you for all your donations over the last few weeks:

Anti bullying odd socks raised £107.65

Children In Need raised £264.26

Carol service collection raised £247.42 for The King's Church and OPAL play

Diary Dates

December

Monday 15th
Thursday 18th
Friday 19th

Thank you assembly for volunteers 9.05am
'All Things Christmas' Day
Last day of the Autumn Term

January

Monday 5th
Tuesday 6th
Thursday 15th

INSET Day - School closed for children
First day of the Spring Term
Closing date for starting school and junior transfer applications

February

Monday 16th - Friday 20th
Monday 23rd

Half term holiday
INSET Day - School closed for children

March

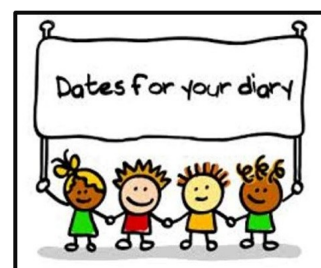
Friday 27th
Monday 30th - Friday 10th April

Last day of the Spring Term
Easter Holiday

April

Monday 13th

First day of the Summer Term



The Pantry Reverse Advent Calendar

Instead of giving gifts and cards to each other staff are collecting food for The Pantry supporting their Reverse Advent Calendar. If any of you would like to contribute to this, please bring your donations to the office by Thursday morning next week, 18th December, when we will be dropping them to The Pantry.



The graphic features a festive design with a light beige background. At the top, there are decorative elements including a red and white striped candy cane with a green bow, a branch with red berries, a green holly leaf, and a large yellow bell with a red bow. The title 'Burgess Hill Pantry Reverse Advent' is centered in a bold, black font. Below it, the text 'DONATE AN ITEM A DAY, MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS CHRISTMAS' is written in a smaller, bold, black font. The main part of the graphic is a 4x5 grid of boxes, each representing a day from December 1st to 20th. Each box contains the date and a list of items to donate. The grid is decorated with green holly leaves and red berries. At the bottom, there is a section for opening hours and a thank you message, accompanied by a cartoon illustration of Santa Claus's head and a branch with red berries.

1 DEC	2 DEC	3 DEC	4 DEC	5 DEC
Jam/Pickle	Biscuits	Squash	Coffee	UHT Milk
6 DEC	7 DEC	8 DEC	9 DEC	10 DEC
Shampoo/ Conditioner	Nut Butter or Honey	Cheese Biscuits	Laundry detergent	Sweet Treat
11 DEC	12 DEC	13 DEC	14 DEC	15 DEC
Shower Gel	Ketchup or Brown Sauce	Longlife Juice	Washing Up Liquid	Baby toiletries
16 DEC	17 DEC	18 DEC	19 DEC	20 DEC
Baby Food	Snacks	Toilet Rolls	Teabags	Cereal

**PLEASE BRING YOUR COMPLETED CALENDAR TO
THE PANTRY, MARKET PLACE SHOPPING CENTRE BURGESS HILL**

WE ARE OPEN
18 DEC 10AM-12.30PM AND 1.30-4PM
19 DEC 9.30-11.30AM
20 DEC 10AM-12PM
WE RE-OPEN ON 6TH JANUARY
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!