The Gattons Infant School

Spring Term Newsletter

30th January 2026

We have had a busy fortnight with lots of fantastic learning going on. Reception have been designing and making their own biscuits, which have smelt delicious! Year 1 really enjoyed the planetarium last week and I have been lucky enough to have seen so much fantastic writing about space and the planets. Year 2 are off to the Little Sing at London Meed in a couple of weeks and are busy learning songs to sing with other Year 2 children in Burgess Hill. Their dance rehearsals are also in full swing for Let's Dance at Brighton Dome in March. We will let all families know about tickets if you would like to come and watch Year 2 dancing.
Have a lovely weekend

Sarah Gospel
Headteacher

Dates to remember

Tuesday 3rd - Thursday 5th February
Year 1 DT Workshops

Friday 6th February
FOGS Music Bingo Quiz

Tuesday 10th - Thursday 12th February
Reception DT Workshops

Attendance

Last week, you will have received an attendance letter if your child's attendance was below 90% for the Autumn Term. The Government guidance identifies below 90% attendance as persistent absence. Please email me if you would like any support in improving your child's attendance. We do understand that your children are sometimes unwell but wanted all parents to be aware that we monitor all children who are persistently absent.

OPAL

We are looking for:

Waterproof backed picnic blankets

Lego figures

Sylvannians

small world figures and toy cars

Chalk

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What have we been doing in school!

This week in Reception the children have had so much fun making their biscuits. Having tasted different flavours last week and designing their own biscuit, the children learnt to roll and cut dough to make their design. They all had great fun decorating their biscuits and evaluating their design. Thank you to everyone who donated ingredients to make this lovely activity possible.

Year 2 have been making Arctic landscape pictures. This is a 3 week project inspired by the artist Emily Powell. We also been learning about human and physical landmarks in Geography over the 7 continents and are taking great pride in making our own A3 world maps. We have also learnt about how doing jobs can earn us money to save up for something we want in PSHE, like Bunny and Rabbit (see pic).

The Year 2 children at, 'Let's Dance club' have been working hard to learn a great routine run by Mrs Field and Mrs Anderson.

In Year 1 the children are continuing to learn about space. This week we had a visit from some scientists. They taught us all about rocks and linked it to space. They did some experiments with us. We were all fascinated by the facts they taught us.

World Book Day—5th March 2026

We will be celebrating World Book Day on 5th March. You will be receiving a book token this half term so that you can buy the World Book Day books ahead of 5th March. In previous years, we have found they sell out quite fast!

Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings - 10th & 12th March 2026

Invitations to Parent/Teacher consultation meetings will be going out on ParentMail on 4th February (info@parentmail.co.uk). If you do not receive an invitation, please check your spam/junk mail. Appointments should be booked online via ParentMail. If you are not able to book an appointment, please contact the school office and we will be happy to help you.

FOGS Music Bingo - Friday 6th February - Adults only event

Come and join us for a twist on regular bingo. Instead of calling out numbers, the host plays snippets of popular tracks and participants have to mark off the song titles on their bingo card. There will be a cash/card bar and you are welcome to bring your own snacks (no nuts please). Please book online using the QR code. Deadline for tickets is Monday 2nd February.

West Sussex Children and Family Plan

Please look at the animation below to find out more about the West Sussex Children and Family Plan 2026-2029.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=28QFB_JTIgE

Diary Dates

February

Tuesday 3rd	Blackbirds DT Workshop
Wednesday 4th	Nightingales DT Workshop
Thursday 5th	Woodpeckers DT Workshop
Friday 6th	FOGS Music Bingo Quiz - 7pm Adults Only
Tuesday 10th	Wrens DT Workshop
Wednesday 11th	Swallows DT Workshop
Thursday 12th	Robins DT Workshop
Thursday 12th	Year 2 Celebration of Learning - 2.30pm
Monday 16th - Friday 20th	Half term holiday
Monday 23rd	INSET Day - School closed for children
Tuesday 24th - Friday 27th	Nepal Week

March

Thursday 5th	World Book Day - Details to follow
Tuesday 10th & Thursday 12th	Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings
Tuesday 17th	FOGS Cake Sale
Tuesday 17th	Multi Skills Competition
Wednesday 18th	Let's Dance at The Dome - Y1 & Y2
Friday 20th	Comic Relief - Details to follow
Thursday 26th	FOGS Discos - all year groups
Friday 27th	Last day of the Spring Term
Monday 30th - Friday 10th April	Easter Holiday

April

Monday 13th	First day of the Summer Term