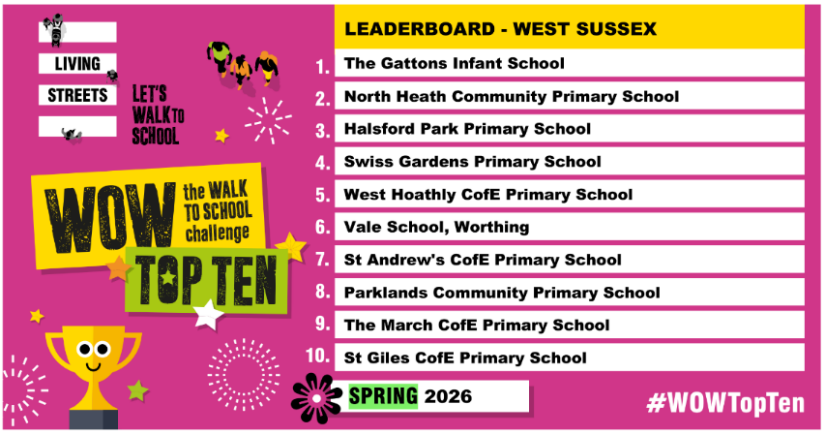
The Gattons Infant School

Spring Term Newsletter

6th March 2026

A big well done this week to everyone in Year 1 and 2 who have been walking to school. We are the top school in West Sussex and 29th in England! Keep walking!



If you are park and striding, please remember not to park over neighbour's driveways, particularly in The Gattons.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at parents evening next week. Please come in through the front door and books will be outside classrooms for you to look at before your appointment.

This half term is flying by with only 3 weeks left until the Easter holidays. As we head into the Summer term, if anyone would like to volunteer and do some gardening, please get in touch with me. We are always looking for people who enjoy weeding and pruning!

Have a lovely weekend.
Sarah Gospel
Headteacher

Dates to remember

Tuesday 10th & Thursday 12th March
Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings

Tuesday 17th March
FOGS Cake Sale

Friday 27th March
Last day of the Spring Term

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We are still on the lookout for small action men play figures like Batman, castles, small world people, small dragons, bubbles, toy prams, baby dolls / dolls clothes, spades to dig in the sandpit, sand pit buckets, cars, a car mat and yo-yos !
Please send photos to office@thegattons.co.uk before sending items in.
Thank you

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What we've been doing in school!

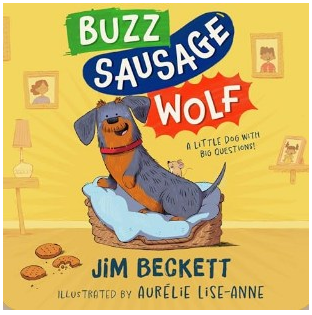
Last Week Reception had a drama workshop with Mr Tuppence from Perform drama. The children went on a trip to a toy shop and had to pretend to be different toys to help the owner keep his shop! It was a really fun session and all of the children listened and joined in so well. Well done everyone!

We also enjoyed learning about Nepal and completed our sponsored Everest climb together. Every day after lunch we walked towards the top of the mountain; enjoying climbing to some great tunes such as, 'Walking on Sunshine,' and 'I'm Gonna Be (500 miles)'.

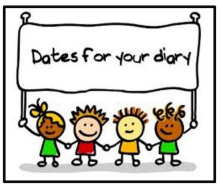
Year 1 children found some beans on the playground floor. We threw them onto the field so the birds could eat them but they grew into a magical beanstalk before our eyes! We have been reading a story called, 'Jim and the Beanstalk,' and talking about what might be at the top. Children in Year 1 have their own bean that they will take home to grow.

Last week, we also learned about Nepal. We learned about the geography of the area. We know that the tallest mountain is in Nepal and it is called Mount Everest. We learned that it is landlocked—ask us what this means. We also learned about some of the animals that were living there.

Year 2 have had a great time celebrating World book Day. We were delighted seeing all the children swapping books from home during the day, dressing up and also taking park in a special world book day discovery time. We enjoyed sharing our favourite books from the book corner with our Year 3 Southway friends, when we took a short trip there on Tuesday. We loved welcoming the author Jim Beckett last week and are already enjoying his fun chapter book about Sausage dogs!



Last week, the whole school met the local author called Jim Beckett. He told us what it was like to write a book and introduced us to the character he invented called Buzz Sausage Wolf. He did a survey on us all to see if we were more sausage dog or wolf which we all enjoyed. Our favourite part was listening to the song Jim sang us on his ukulele. The children helped to write it and it included broccoli ice-cream and an underwater castle!!



Diary Dates

March

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
Tuesday 24th	Reception Library Visit
Thursday 26th	Year One Library Visit
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
Tuesday 14th	Year Two Library Visit

World Book Day

The Gattons reading community kicked off with a family read, followed by a fashion parade in their unique book character costumes. The children talked about their favourite books and why they liked them. The children were immersed in books and book activities throughout the day. Every child got a £1 Book Token to buy a WBD book. Every child took home a book as part of our book swap. What a great way to enjoy reading and save the planet too! Here are some photos of the fun we had….