

The Gattons Infant School

Summer Term Newsletter

17th April 2026

Welcome to the Summer Term!

Welcome back and I hope you all had a lovely break over the holidays. The children have been fully immersed this week in Arts Week and have sent some amazing creations to The National Gallery for, 'Take One Picture.' Some of the children's artwork will also be up in the entrance hall over the next couple of weeks, so please have a look when you next come to the office.

This week, some children across the school have also taken part in Jolf sessions. Jolf is a games based approach to learning golf. If you'd like to find out more, please visit <https://jolf.golf/introduction-to-jolf/>

As you will have seen, our new outdoor classroom has been built over the holidays. A huge thank you to John Farrall, a grandparent and local builder, as well as FOGS for our new classroom. The children are busy helping us plan what to put inside - horses seems to be a popular idea!

Thank you to everyone who came to the recent FOGS disco. You raised a brilliant £468. Thank you to the FOGS team for organising it. This term we have the Summer fayre, Mini marathon and discos to look forward to. If you'd like to get involved, please contact the FOGS team on fogsgroup@yahoo.co.uk - we will be needing lots of volunteers for the Summer fayre.

After half term, we will be trialling having family reading at 2.45pm on a Friday instead of 8.40am. We are finding a considerable number of children find it very unsettling having it first thing in the morning, so are hoping this will help them have a good day.

Have a lovely weekend.
Sarah Gospel
Headteacher

OPAL

Would you like or do you know anyone who would like to volunteer to do some gardening over the Summer months? If you do, please let the office know on office@thegattons.co.uk who will put you in touch with Mr Russell. It doesn't have to be a big commitment - any help is greatly appreciated.



We are looking for bikes for children to use during OPAL. If you are getting rid of any bikes that are in good condition, please let us know and send a photo through to the office.

Dates to remember

Monday 27th -
Thursday 30th
April
Bikeability for
Reception children

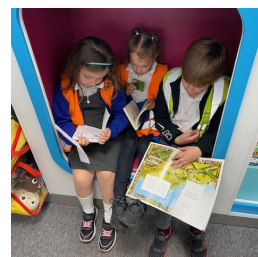
Monday 4th May
Bank Holiday

Tuesday 5th -
Friday 8th May
Bikeability for
Reception children

What have we been doing in school!

Reception's first week back has been an exciting one! We got a message from The National Gallery in London asking us to create some artwork based on one of their famous paintings. We are taking part in their programme called 'Take One Picture' and have been looking very closely and talking about the painting - *A Muse (Calliope?)* by Cosimo Tura. We have been drawing, printing, and creating photomontages based on the children's ideas. We will then send these collaborative art pieces to the gallery. We are so proud of the children's amazing artworks! You are all mini artists!

Year 2 visited the library in class groups and took a leisurely walk in the sunshine over the course of the day on Tuesday. We reminded ourselves about the different sections and how to use our library cards at the machine. We also visited the Churchyard at St John's Church and looked at a famous headstone of a Shackleton explorer. The children were very sensible on our trip and represented The Gattons perfectly. Thank you to the adults who came with us, we wouldn't have been able to do the trip without you.



Year 1 have been doing lots of wonderful art so that we can send our artwork to the National Gallery. The children have been drawing, printing, photographing and sculpting and we are looking forward to showing our grown ups our brilliant work!

Contacting Us!

If you need to leave a message or email about an absence or a change to your child's collection arrangements, please remember to include your child's full name **AND** class details. This saves the office a considerable amount of time if they do not have to look this information up. Thank you.

Please **DO NOT** use the contact form option on our website. This is not checked regularly and is not a reliable way of communicating information to us. Thank you.

Reminder

The Summer term is always a very busy term, with lots of different activities taking place including transition activities for Year 2. Please remember to check your ParentMail regularly and to keep the office updated if your contact details change. Thank you.

Diary Dates

April

Monday 27th - Thursday 30th

Bikeability for Reception children

May

Monday 4th

Tuesday 5th - Friday 8th

Thursday 21st

Friday 22nd

Monday 25th - Friday 29th

Bank holiday

Bikeability for Reception children

Year 1 Trip - details to follow

INSET Day - school closed for children

Half Term

June

Tuesday 2nd

Friday 5th

Monday 8th - Friday 12th

Friday 12th

Sunday 14th

Monday 15th

Thursday 18th

Friday 26th

Saturday 27th

Mini Marathon - Times TBA

Reception trip to Amberley Museum

Year 1 Phonics Screening

Non Uniform day for Summer Fayre

Burgess Hill Summer Parade

Class Photos and Year 2 Leavers Photos

Sports Day - Times TBA

Non Uniform day for Summer Fayre

FOGS Summer Fayre

