

The Gattons Infant School

Summer Term Newsletter

1st May 2026

The summer term is now in full swing and the children are really enjoying spending lots more time outside. This feels really appropriate with next Friday being Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday! We will be celebrating the impact he has had on our planet in assembly and in class.

Vision for Education are running a competition for the children if they would like to take part. Every child is invited to write a "Letter to David," or design a birthday card, taking inspiration from the extraordinary life of Sir David Attenborough. Pupils can be as imaginative as they like, through words, drawings, or both.

Their favourite individual entry will win an **Ultimate explorer kit** (worth £100), including a den building set and a butterfly hatching experience. Plus, the most inspiring letters will be sent to Sir David Attenborough himself. If the children would like to take part, please bring your entries to the office by Wednesday 20th May.

Enjoy the bank holiday weekend - see you on Tuesday!

Sarah Gospel
Headteacher

Dates to remember

Monday 4th May
Bank Holiday

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

Thursday 21st May
Year One trip

Friday 22nd May
INSET Day - School
closed for children

OPAL

We are looking forward to welcoming you in on 14th May to enjoy OPAL with your children. There will be a presentation in the hall at 1.30pm to tell you more about OPAL, for anyone who hasn't been before and then you can play with your children from 2pm-2.45pm. We will all tidy at 2.45pm, ready to go home at 3pm. If you are just coming to play, please enter through the blue gates at 2pm.



We are still on
the look out for
more small world
toys!

What's been happening in school!

Year 2 have been doing lots of sandwich related activities. From making disgusting ones on the field, to writing descriptions and recipes, all linked to our curious quests adventure. We have also taken part in food tasting for our DT project; sampling sweet and savoury ingredients to see which ones we would like for our sandwich designs. In science, we have been planting seeds in different conditions for our science investigation.

The children in Reception are taking part in Bikeability over the next two weeks. Robins and half of Swallows took part this week. They practised using their bikes safely. Each day, they improved their balancing skills and were able to take their feet off the ground to ride along with ease. The children enjoyed different fun games on our bikes and were absolutely brilliant at listening to the instructors too! The rest of Swallows class and Wrens are looking forward to their sessions next week.



Year 1 have been planting sunflower seeds in our classrooms and other vegetables in the polytunnel. We are busy watering them and we are looking at the different parts of the plants and learning about how they help a plant to survive. In PE, we have been learning striking and fielding games. We have been making accurate throws to help the fielder's job of catching much easier. This means that we should be able to play a game of rounders or cricket with you in the park.!

FOGS Summer Fayre - Saturday 27th June

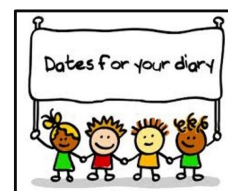
FOGS will be having one tombola at this year's Summer Fayre - bottles and drinks. We will be holding a non uniform day on Friday 26th June in exchange for donations for this stall. We hope that this will take the pressure off parents having to donate to two tombolas. Chocolate will still be sold as part of another stall.

Diary Dates

May

Monday 4th
Tuesday 5th - Friday 8th
Thursday 14th
Thursday 21st
Friday 22nd
Monday 25th - Friday 29th

Bank holiday
Bikeability for Reception children
OPAL Play session
Year 1 Trip
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

July

Thursday 2nd
Thursday 9th
Monday 20th
Wednesday 22nd

Reserve Sports Day
FOGS Discos
FOGS Ice Lolly Sale after school
Last day of the Summer Term