



Summer Term Newsletter
15th May 2026

The Gattons Infant School

I can't believe we are only a week away from half term. Thank you to everyone who has come in to support this half term, whether you came to family reading, OPAL play or DT workshops. We really appreciate your support.

After half term, we will be busy with FOGS events. They are raising money for climbing obstacle equipment for Reception and Year 1 playgrounds. Please keep an eye out for information about the mini marathon, Summer Fayre, discos and ice lolly sales. FOGS are on the look out for new committee members from September, as many of our committee will be moving up to Southway. FOGS cannot run without volunteers so please chat to the FOGS members in your class and offer your time so that we can continue to raise amazing amounts of money for the school.



Dates to remember
Healthy Week—29th May
Mini Marathon—2nd June
Y1 Phonics screening—Monday 8th June

Our Amazon wishlists are still up and running if you would like to donate anything to school. Please use the links below.

Main wishlist—<https://amzn.eu/0c5GqdgP>
Opal Play wishlist—<https://amzn.eu/0aML1ZVt>

Have a lovely weekend.
Sarah Gospel
Headteacher

OPAL

This week we have a long list of things we need for OPAL please. Do you have any of the following?



For the mud kitchen - pans, baking trays, metal or plastic plates and bowls, plastic jugs or large plastic spoons.
Sand toys
Small watering cans
Buggies that the children can sit in
Play buggies or prams and dolls to go in them
Small world play figures

Space hoppers
Hobby horses
Toy cars
Bike helmets



What's been happening in school!

Year 2 had a lovely visit from Mrs Doma Swathi, Sri Harshith's mummy, who came in to talk to the children in each Year 2 class about India. She shared beautiful photographs, interesting facts and stories and talked about the different alphabets and languages spoken there like Telugu and Hindi. She even wrote every child's names out beautifully in Telugu and Hindi to take home!



Children in Year 2 have also been practicing skills for our DT workshop next week - taking part in mashing, spreading, chopping and grating. We have been designing some sandwiches based on their tastes. We have also been watching the progress of the lettuce plants we have grown in the Polytunnel on the field - we can see tiny shoots growing in the beds! We have been watering them and tending to our plants and hope to enjoy them by the end of the year.

Year 1 took part in an engaging puppet-making workshop. The children began by exploring a range of different puppets, including marionettes, hand and finger puppets, and shadow puppets. They then designed their own sea creature puppets and carefully selected and illustrated the materials they wished to use. Parents and carers kindly joined us to support the making process. The children were able to choose from four different joining methods: staples, glue, safety pins or sewing. Once completed, the pupils evaluated their finished puppets and reflected on how they might improve or adapt their designs in the future.

As part of our learning journey, the children in Reception have been learning about lifecycles. We have been able to observe the lifecycle of a butterfly first hand, observing the change from egg to caterpillar to chrysalis and then to butterflies. We released them to our pond area and watched them fly away happily!

We were lucky enough to have a visit from Strider to celebrate all the walking and wheeling to school we have been doing. The School Councillors told Strider about all the eco-friendly ways we have been getting to school. Keep up the good work!



FOGS Mini Marathon

FOGS will be holding their annual mini marathon on Tuesday 2nd June. We have been holding our mini marathon for over 30 years and it is always a popular event for children and parents. A letter has been sent home giving details of timings for each class together with a sponsorship form. We are grateful for any money raised which goes towards new resources for the children. We look forward to welcoming you on the day - please remember there is NO on site parking for parents.

Diary Dates

May

Thursday 21st
Friday 22nd
Monday 25th - Friday 29th

Year 1 Trip - Beach school
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 - see letter for times
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

