

The Gattons Infant School

Summer Term Newsletter

5th June 2026

Welcome back to our final few weeks of the school year. I hope you all enjoyed half term last week and were able to get outside in the sunshine! Unfortunately, the weather hasn't been so kind to us this week for our healthy week. This hasn't dampened the children's enthusiasm and they have been learning about being healthy all week. A huge thank you to Mrs Field who taught the children a new dance, Mrs Palmer who taught mindfulness to Year 1 and 2, as well as FOGS for a fantastic indoor mini marathon. I have had lots of positive comments about the music we have been playing at the beginning and end of the day. We will continue to brighten up your mornings over the coming weeks!

We have a busy few weeks coming up with the phonics screening for Year 1 next week, class photos and sports day the week after. Please check the dates at the back of the newsletter to make sure you don't miss anything.

Our transition morning will take place on Wednesday July 1st, where the children will meet their new teacher and spend some time in their new classroom. For some children this is hugely exciting but for others they may have anxious feelings about the change. If your child does have anxious feelings, please reassure them that this is normal and that they will have plenty of time to meet their teacher and new classroom before September. Please also remind them that they still have plenty of time in their current class to enjoy. We will send a letter to you before the 1st July so that you know where your child will be in September.

Have a lovely weekend.
Sarah Gospel

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A big thank you to Mr Russell who spent some of last week redesigning the mud kitchen on the field.

We are still on the look out for big pans, baking trays, metal or plastic plates and bowls, plastic jugs or large plastic spoons.

Thank you

Dates to remember

**Monday 8th -
Friday 12th June**
Year 1 Phonics
Screening

Sunday 14th June
Burgess Hill Town
Parade Year 2
parading

Monday 15th June
Class Photos and Y2
leavers' photos

**Thursday 18th
June**
Sports Day



Here are some photos of our indoor Mini Marathon. Reception photos have been sent on Tapestry.

Blackbirds



Woodpeckers



Nightingales



Puffins



Healthy Week at The Gattons

Year 2 have also been celebrating Healthy Week by having a Dance session with Mrs Field, running the Mini Marathon and taking part in some mindful activities with Ms Palmer. The children have learnt that keeping our body active and using strategies to help calm our mind, helps to keep our bodies healthy.

Year 1 have learned about the different ways to keep healthy including drinking water, getting plenty of sleep and eating healthy foods. We have taken part in a dance lesson, a mindfulness session, an active activity carousel and we ran the Mini Marathon. It has been a fun active week of learning.

As part of Healthy Week, Reception read the book, 'Perfect Sushi.' We learnt about Sushi and explored the skills of cutting and peeling. We then made our own sushi and tasted it. It was great fun and tasted delicious!



Reading in your home language or a language you speak

Thank you to all those parents who have come in to read in your home language, or a language you speak. The children have enjoyed French, Spanish, and Mandarin so far. If you'd like to come in, please speak to your child's class teacher.



Summer Fayre - Save the Date!

Our Summer Fayre will be taking place on Saturday 27th June 12.00 - 2.30pm. This is our major fundraising event of the year and a letter will be coming home soon giving further information about the fayre and how you can support FOGS in raising valuable funds for the children. We will be having a non uniform day on Friday 26th June in exchange for bottle tombola prizes and will be sending home raffle tickets etc in due course. We look forward to a successful fayre and fingers crossed the weather will be kind to us. Please sign up to volunteer for your class staff at the fayre.

Sickness & Diarrhoea

Please remember that if your child is ill with sickness and/or diarrhoea, they **MUST** not return to school until they have been symptom free for a **minimum** of 48 hours. This significantly reduces the spread of any bug within our school community. Thank you for your support.

Absence from school

If your child is absent from school, please be truthful about the reason. Your child will **ALWAYS** tell either their teacher, LSA or friends and this puts us in the very difficult position of having to ask the parents. This includes holidays, family days out or illness - if your child has been sick in the night, they will tell us and we will send your child home. It is far easier, and less embarrassing, if we know the real reason for an absence. Thank you for your support.

What's been happening in school!

Year 2 have been making Jellyfish out of tissue paper and willow wivvy poles this week in preparation for the Town Council Summer Fayre - come and watch us parade around the event at 11am in Sunday 14th June and cheer us on! We have also taken a short trip to Southway for a tour of the school and to meet some knowledgeable Year 3 children and discussed all the exciting activities Year 3 at Southway has to offer.

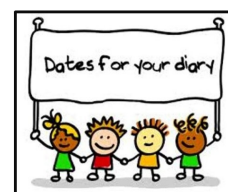
Just before half term, Year 1 spent the day on the beach searching in rockpools, finding animals that they have been learning about. It was so exciting to find the creatures and see them in their natural habitat. The Beach School teachers were impressed with our knowledge. We made museums with the different things we had found on the beach and put them into categories. We found some cuttlefish eggs which are a rare find. We put them back in the sea. The sun was shining and we all had a brilliant time. Thank you to everyone who helped on our trip.

Diary Dates

June

Monday 8th - Friday 12th
Sunday 14th
Monday 15th
Thursday 18th
Friday 26th
Saturday 27th

Year 1 Phonics Screening
Burgess Hill Summer Parade
Class Photos and Year 2 Leavers Photos
Sports Day
Non Uniform day for Summer Fayre
FOGS Summer Fayre



July

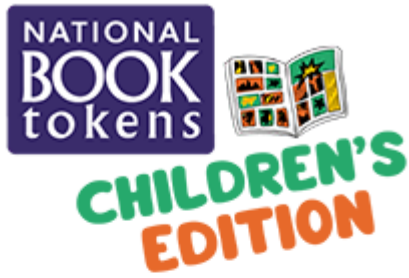
Thursday 2nd
Thursday 9th
Monday 20th
Wednesday 22nd

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

September

Tuesday 1st
Wednesday 2nd

INSET Day - School Closed for Children
First day of Autumn term for children in Years 1 and 2



Proud to support
The National Year
of Reading 2026.



Have you voted for your school?

Thousands of parents, carers and school staff across the UK have already nominated their schools to **win £1,000 in National Book Tokens** to help #rebuildthelibrary and encourage reading for pleasure.

Vote for a school and if yours is one of the five winning entries, you'll also **win a £100 National Book Token** to spend in your favourite bookshop.

✳ Plus: we're giving away even more prizes to celebrate the 2026 [National Year of Reading](#), which invites the nation to Go All In on what they love through reading. ✳

Each week, one lucky entrant will **win a £100 National Book Token for their nominated school, and £25 for themselves**. Find out who won the first week's draw below!

You could be one of our six remaining weekly winners – and still be in with a chance of winning one of the big main prizes – if you enter the draw by 23rd June.

[Nominate a school](#)

https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize?utm_medium=email&utm_source=nbt&utm_campaign=20260518-schools&utm_content=schools-prize

Thank a teacher on 17th June! 🙏

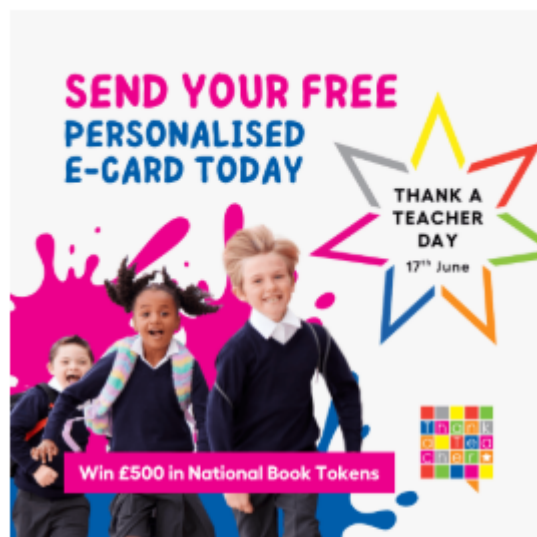
Is there someone at your child's school who makes a real difference each day? Maybe they've sparked a love of reading, brought stories to life, or simply helped make school life more fun.

We've partnered with the Thank a Teacher campaign to give you the chance to win even more books for your school's library.

National Thank a Teacher Day on Wednesday 17th June is a chance to thank teachers and support staff across the UK. Send a free personalised e-card, and you could win £500 in National Book Tokens for your school! Just visit [thankateacher.co.uk](https://www.thankateacher.co.uk) by 17th June to send your card, and have it delivered in time for the day.

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We're proud to support Read for Good®, the national charity with the mission to encourage all children in the UK to read for fun.

It's well established that reading for pleasure leads to significantly better outcomes for children. Our support helps Read for Good motivate and support reading for pleasure all year round; including their sponsored Readathon, which raises money to bring the magic of books and stories to children in hospitals and schools across the UK.

Find out more

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Cherry Land, Read for Good Acting CEO



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