

The Gattons Infant School

Summer Term Newsletter

19th June 2026

Thank you to everyone who came to Sports Day yesterday - it was a fantastic day and a big thank you to Mrs Angel, Miss Lawrence and Mrs McCarthy for their hard work making sure everyone was prepared and had a great time. A particular thank you to the Reception parents for embracing the wet weather! It was lovely to welcome the Southway Sports Leaders to help run the events. It always amazes us to see how grown up they are by the time they reach Year 6, Hopefully it will inspire some of our children to become Sports Leaders when they are at Southway.

FOGS are busy preparing for the Summer Fayre on Saturday 27th June. Please help make this event a huge success for the school. Whether this is bringing in a tombola prize on Friday 26th June, volunteering on a stall through your class what's app group or coming to the fayre on Saturday. We are fundraising for resources for the children and the more we raise the more experiences we can offer the children. Fundraising this year has paid for these fantastic blocks for Reception and Year 1 playground, which are arriving soon!



Have a lovely weekend!
Sarah Gospel
Headteacher

Dates to remember

Friday 26th June
Non Uniform Day
- Tombola
Donations

Saturday 27th June
FOGS Summer Fayre

Thursday 9th July
FOGS Discos

Burgess Hill Town Parade

Thank you to all the Year 2 children and staff who took part in the parade on Sunday in St John's Park. The jellyfish they had made looked amazing! Thank you to everyone who came to cheer us on!



Summer Safety

West Sussex have designed new resources to support families to stay safe in the Summer. Please find resources here:

<https://padlet.com/wscpublichealth/key-public-health-information-advice-and-support-for-parent--gkp5mgabuctnpobo>



What have we been doing in school!

Year 1 have been learning different printing techniques ready to create their own tote bags as part of our mini-enterprise initiative. They have learned monoprints where they can only make a single print of their intricate designs. Next we learned string prints which mean we can print many of these images. Finally, next week we will learn polystyrene prints where we will use pencils to draw an image before we print it.

Year 2 started Woodland Rangers again last week and have enjoyed making seed bombs and learning about the dragonfly life cycle. We also were visited by Southway teachers to show them our favourite lesson - Curious Quests, so they are getting to know us already before we have even started. Thank you to the children who tried their hardest in Sports Day- you played so fairly and cheered on your friends. Finally lots of Year 2 met at St Johns park last Sunday and we had a fab time parading in the Burgess Hill summer fayre, holding our Jellies in the sunshine! G.A.T.T.O.N.S... Gattons, Gattons are the best!!



We were so excited in Reception when Mr Brooks visited our classes to tell us all about his job, as a pilot. We saw several photos and videos about the training he did, the planes he has flown, as well as the countries he has been to and the airports he has landed in. We also asked some sensible questions to find out more about his job. Afterwards we were lucky enough to try on some different aviation hats, headphones and uniform, it was great fun. A big thank you to Mr Brooks for taking the time to talk to us, we really enjoyed the afternoon!

The Gattons Biscuit Mountain!

Thank you to everyone who has donated biscuits, we are building a very impressive mountain! If you would like to donate to the Burgess Hill Pantry biscuit mountain, please can you bring in any donations by **Friday 26th June**. We will then arrange for them to be collected by the volunteers at The Pantry. Thank you.



Don't forget - Non uniform on Friday 26th June for tombola donations

Hot Meals in September - Update



From September 2026, school meals at will be provided by ISS Education, who are taking over from Chartwells as part of a new West Sussex County Council contract. ISS will be bringing exciting new menus and a brand new online ordering system to make managing school meals easier than ever for families. If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals then check the WSCC website and apply today www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/. To find out more about what's coming, including menus and how the new ordering system will work, visit www.feedwestsussex.co.uk.



Parent Survey

Please don't forget to fill out our parent survey. It will close on 1st July.

[School Parent Survey 2026 - Fill in form](#)

Please come and talk to Mrs Gospel, Miss Bennett or your class teacher, if you have any concerns. The survey is anonymous and we can't help if we don't know you have concerns. Thank you.

TAX FREE CHILDCARE

Tax-Free Childcare (TFC) is a childcare top-up for working parents. It can be used to help pay for breakfast clubs, after school clubs, holiday clubs, childminders or sports activities. TFC is available for children aged up to 11, or 17 if the child has a disability. Families can visit the [Best Start in Life website](https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/childcare-early-years-education/tax-free-childcare/) - to check if they are eligible—<https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/childcare-early-years-education/tax-free-childcare/>

You can find out more about the scheme here—<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

Even if childcare is not required throughout the school terms, there is still the option to save up funds to use during the holidays.

Best Start in Life has a page of frequently asked questions, which may be useful. You can also follow the Family Information Service (FIS) Facebook page. The FIS shares useful information on help paying for childcare and other topics that may be useful to families.

Year 2's final sports day at The Gattons



Diary Dates

June

Friday 26th
Saturday 27th

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

