

# The Gattons Infant School

Summer Term Newsletter

3rd July 2026

Thank you to everyone for your support over the last 2 weeks in the heat. We have all definitely enjoyed a cooler week this week!

FOGS worked tirelessly to put on a fantastic Summer Fayre last weekend. Thank you to all the volunteers and to everyone who came to the fayre and donated tombola prizes and lucky bags. We raised an amazing £3600! The climbing blocks and tunnel have arrived from our previous fundraising and are currently being enjoyed in the Reception playground. The children are having a great time sliding down the hill. The blocks will be brilliant for developing the children's gross motor skills, thank you!

Year 2 headed over to Southway for transition this week, while all the children moved up to their new classes and met their new teachers. Thank you to all the parents who helped us walk the children back from Southway. As we head towards the last few weeks, if your child is worrying or anxious about the move up to their new class, please talk to their class teacher.

Have a lovely weekend.  
Sarah Gospel  
Headteacher

## Dates to remember

Thursday 9th July  
FOGS Discos

Monday 20th July  
FOGS Ice Lolly sale  
after school

Wednesday 22nd  
July  
Last day of the  
Summer Term

## OPAL

Each year, we have a group of students from Hurst College who come on their community action day. They paint the outside tables, sheds and do lots more gardening and clearing! Unfortunately, due to the heat, they were not able to come last week. If anyone would like to volunteer their time for these jobs in the next few weeks or over the Summer holidays, please let Mrs Gospel or Mr Russell know. Thank you!



## Summer Reading Challenge

Burgess Hill Library will be running their annual Summer Reading Challenge. This year's reading challenge begins on Saturday 4th July and is free to take part in. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

# READ<sup>to</sup>the BEAT

## What have we been doing in school!

The children in Reception enjoyed a special morning around the camp fire when they had their first Woodland Rangers session. They learnt all about how to stay safe around the fire and then enjoyed toasting marshmallows. They were made into delicious S'mores. The best bit was, of course, eating them!

Year 2 had a great final trip of the year and were so sensible during our Local Worship Walk to St John's Church and The Burgess Hill Mosque. We ended the day with a series of activities including the playpark, parachute games and sketching in the shade at St John's Park. Thank you to Miss Lawrence's daughter for our ice lolly treat delivered by bike! The children were so sensible moving between venues and keeping safe in the park. Thank you for being excellent role models for The Gattons!



Year 1 have been enjoying learning about turns.

They have been learning quarter turns and we are starting to apply this to reading the analogue clock. Please help them at home because this is a really tricky task! We are also learning to say the days of the week in order and the months of the year. We have loved sharing when special cultural events and birthdays are, so please talk to your children about this too.

## Lost Property

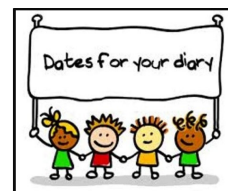
We will be putting the lost property out w/c 13th July. If you are missing any items, please have a look and see if they are there. Any unclaimed items at the end of term will be donated to charity. Thank you.

## Diary Dates

### July

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

FOGS Discos  
Thank you assembly - 9am  
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

### October

Friday 23rd  
Monday 26th - Friday 30th

INSET Day - School Closed for Children  
Half Term Holiday



# READ to the BEAT

Join thousands of children taking part in the  
**Summer Reading Challenge**  
in all West Sussex Libraries from Saturday 4 July.  
Watch our [Read to the Beat video](#) to find out more!

- Fill in the [online registration form](#) at [libraries.westsussex.gov.uk/src](#).
- Tell library staff the [secret code word](#).
- Pick up a book and start reading!
- **Collect rewards** for reading library books and completing 'Make the Challenge Your Own' goals!
- Read [any library books](#) you like - it's up to you!
- Look out for fun events and activities at your local library!



It's **FREE** to join the library and **FREE** to take part.  
**Let's get reading!**

