

The Gattons Infant School

Summer Term Newsletter

17th July 2026

Happy Holidays!

As we reach the last few days of term, it is always with sadness that we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 2 children. We know they are ready for the juniors and we wish them all the best as they head into Year 3. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents for your support over the last 3 years. Please do stay in touch and let us know how they are getting on. We always really enjoy hearing their news.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Shipman this year after 9 years at The Gattons. We wish her all the best in her new role as Deputy Head at Peter Gladwin Primary School. Mrs Angel is also retiring from her fulltime role, after 18 years here, but will be back for some PPA next year. Thank you to both of them for all their hard work, senses of humour and dedication to the children at The Gattons. They have been fantastic members of staff and we will really miss them.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff this year who work incredibly hard to support all of the children with their learning. I am very lucky to work with such a fantastic group of people!

I would also like to say a huge thank you to all of you for supporting us and your children this year, whether it's been coming to family reading on Fridays, coming on a school trip, coming to a workshop, reading at home with your child, completing a take home task, bringing your child to school everyday on time or volunteering in school. All of your hard work makes such a difference to us and your children. I hope you all enjoy a lie in over the summer! Please keep reading and enjoying the library challenge over the Summer.

Have a great Summer and we look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 2nd September.

Sarah Gospel
Headteacher

OPAL

Thank you for your support with resources this year - you have been fantastic at bringing things in.

Please keep an eye out over the Summer for any small world toys that you think the children would enjoy playing with. Please also have a good search at home and if you find any small world resources that you think might belong to school, please return them in September.

Do you have any decking boards or sanded planks of wood that we could use for obstacle courses?

If you have any resources, please email Mrs Gospel on head@thegattons.co.uk over the Summer and I will let you know if they are suitable.
Thank you!



Dates to remember

Monday 20th July
Thank you assembly for people who have helped in school this year.

Wednesday 22nd July
Last day of the Summer Term

Tuesday 1st September
INSET day - School closed for children
Wednesday 2nd September
1st day back for Year 1 and Year 2.

What have we been doing in school!

Year 1 have been printing their own tote bags as part of our art and environmental awareness project. We have been thinking about how to reduce plastic in the sea and we thought a reusable bag would help this. We designed sea themed art and our wonderful grown ups came in to help us print them. Thank you! We then sold them to raise money as part of our enterprise project.

Thank you Year 1 adults for all the team work with reading, trips, home learning projects and your positive attitude towards Year One learning. It has made this such a positive year and the progress your children have made is brilliant.

The Reception children enjoyed an end of year celebration with their grown ups this week! We performed some songs and shared our Drawing Club books and work folders. We enjoyed making and flying paper aeroplanes. Thank you to all parents and carers for joining us on this special afternoon. A huge well done to all the children in Reception - you have learnt so much this year and are ready for the next adventure in Year One!



Year 2 had a wonderful Leaver's performance assembly over two days to their parents and carers. We sung, played recorder and recited our special class poem. There was even a sample from the Let's Dance troop, celebrating what a wonderful year we have all had.

Thank you, parents, for all your support with everything this year; we have had such a great three terms, all credit to you and your children. We wish them well on their next adventure into Junior school life!

Safeguarding in the holidays

Don't forget that if you have any concerns about a child over the Summer you can contact the Integrated Front Door online anonymously at:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/keeping-children-safe/request-support-or-raise-a-concern-about-a-child/#raising-an-immediate-or-urgent-concern-about-a-child>

You may also email dsl@thegattons.co.uk if you would like to contact someone at school.

If you need help for you or your family you can also contact Early Help through the Integrated front Door website above.

FOGS Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who has supported the many FOGS events over the past year - FOGS have raised a tremendous £9,645 since September, all of which goes to provide fantastic learning opportunities for our children.

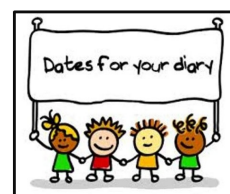
A huge thank you to the incredible FOGS team without whom none of these events would be possible and to all the parents who have given up time to help at events.

Diary Dates

July

Monday 20th
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Wednesday 22nd

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!

