



Georgian Gardens Primary School

Newsletter Friday 21st March 2025

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Comic Relief is always a popular day and it is great to see everyone with their splash of red. Thank you for your donations to this great cause.

Thank you to those who filled in the recent homework survey. We shall be analysing the results over the coming weeks and working on ways to adapt and further improve the homework on offer.

Please may we remind you that once you have collected your child from their class at 3:15pm they are your responsibility. We have had a few children trying to leave the grounds far ahead of their parents and we would not want them to be in any danger on the roads.

If you drop your child at The Hive before school, can you please take great care when exiting the car park. We have had some very near-misses with cars entering the school at the same time as cars turning left out of the car park area. Please observe the 5 mile an hour limit. Thank you.



Dates for your diary:

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| Fri 28th March | PINS coffee morning (from drop off time) See attached flyer |
| Mon 31st March | Open Classrooms from 2:45pm (until about 3:30pm) |
| Thurs 3rd April | Y1 Weald and Downland trip |
| Fri 4th April | Y2 Arundel Castle trip End of term |
| Tues 22nd April | INSET Day |
| Wed 23rd April | Summer Term starts |

New date for the discos
Friday 2nd May
 4:30-5:30pm KS1
 5:45—6:45pm KS2

Diary Dates:

Key dates for next year

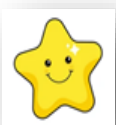
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| Parents' Evenings 3:30—6pm | 26 th / 27 th Feb | |
| Open Classrooms 2:45—3:30pm | 31st March 2025 | 23 rd June 2025 |
| Sports Day (am KS1 pm KS2) | Thursday 5 th June 2025 | |
| Summer Fair 3:15pm | Friday 27 th June 2025 tbc | |
| Y6 production | w/b 14 th July 2025 | |
| Y6 presentation eve | Monday 21 st July 2025 | |

The Book Bank

FREE BOOKS TO TAKE HOME AND ENJOY
 Wednesday 26th March
 3:15pm-3:45pm in the school playground

This week's star of the week winners:

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| 1LG Bonnie | 1LN Rohan |
| 2CA Ollie | 2LD Daniella |
| 3KC Stanley | 3VW Jakob |
| 4RD Jessie | 4TF Evie |
| 5HC Paighton | 5CT Cassidy |
| 6BA Eli | 6HB Freya |



Attendance: Whole school: **94.7%** (Sept to now)

The class with the highest attendance in the last week:
6BA 97% they get the chance to have 15 minutes extra choice time next week).

The child with 100% attendance this week:
Poppy F 5CT chosen by a random generator:
 She gets to choose a book from Miss Bowers' selection of prize books.

House Points: Joint 1st: Amberley / Arundel
 Joint 4th Bramber / Lewes

Snapshot of the week:



As part of their work on the Ancient Greeks, year five had an afternoon of pottery with our ceramics expert, Miss Bowers.



Year five investigated soluble and insoluble substances. They looked at reversible and irreversible changes and experimented to see if they could separate salt from a saturated solution. When the water evaporated they had salt crystals!



Children created a cartouche with their hieroglyphic initials on ready to 3D print.

In readiness for World Water Day, year five, looked at the reasons why water is a precious resource, considered ways to purify water and experimented using filtering. They then researched ways to save water.



Sports News:

Year 1 and 2 took part in a Football tournament at The Angmering School. It was an incredible tournament for GG! The team showed great determination throughout the games, especially with a strong defensive effort in the final. Winning joint first place was a proud moment for everyone involved. Well done to the whole team for their hard work and sportsmanship.

The Netball and Football league games took place on Thursday. It was a challenging set of matches, but the teams showed great effort and perseverance despite the tough competition and the weather! Scoring one goal in football and holding strong in netball against determined opponents is still an achievement to be proud of. Well done to everyone who played- there's always something to learn from each game, and the experience will only make the teams stronger for the next time!



What an incredible performance we had at the High 5 Netball tournament! (High 5 is where players change position after each half and game of the tournament). We went from a tough game against St Margarets (the overall winners) losing only 1-0 to a dominant performance for the rest of the tournament. We secured runners-up position on goal difference which is a fantastic achievement. It was impressive considering that some of the players were new to the game - picking up the skills so quickly and working together as a team shows great determination and sportsmanship.

A huge well done to all the players for their effort, adaptability and teamwork. They should be incredibly proud of themselves.

Term Dates:

To help you plan for next year, here are the term dates and INSET dates. We have attached most INSET dates to holidays / half terms to give you a little more flexibility for booking holidays. (Also attached to the ping with this newsletter).

Information on the page 5 will explain why we request that you avoid term-time holidays.

Term Dates

2025 – 2026

Thursday 4th September – Friday 19th December
(Half term Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October)

Tuesday 6th January 2026 – Friday 27th March 2026
(Half term Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February)

Monday 13th April 2026 – Tuesday 21st July 2026
(Half term Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May)

INSET Dates 2025 - 2026

Wednesday 3rd September, Monday 3rd November,
Monday 5th January, Friday 22nd May, Wednesday 22nd July



FREE BOOKS TO TAKE HOME AND ENJOY
Wednesday 26th March
3:15pm-3:45pm in the school playground

Encourage your children to read for pleasure. Help your children to build a life-long reading habit.

We have a brilliant selection of books in good condition that are no longer required by the school.

Come along to the school library with your children to choose books to take home, read and keep.

We look forward to seeing you.

Chatterbooks:

Ten year-5 Chatterbooks Club members took part in an immersive Virtual Reality experience at Rustington Library on Thursday 20th March. Every child and Mrs. Sims put on Virtual Reality headsets and jumped into a magical world of virtual books. The group was given a choice of five books: Smuggling, Countryside, Cookery, History or Space. It was a truly 'out of this world experience' and enabled us all to engage with books in a unique virtual environment. It was awesome! If you want to try it for yourself, you can book a slot online at:

<https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/-/virtual-reality>

A HUGE thank you to the brilliant staff at Rustington Library who made our visit so interesting and enjoyable.

Mrs Sims



Year 1 enjoyed a range of activities this morning in recognition of World Down Syndrome Day. We talked about how unique we all are and why this is an important thing to celebrate. The children had lots of fun taking part in a 'sock hunt' and they even designed their own pair of 'odd socks too'!



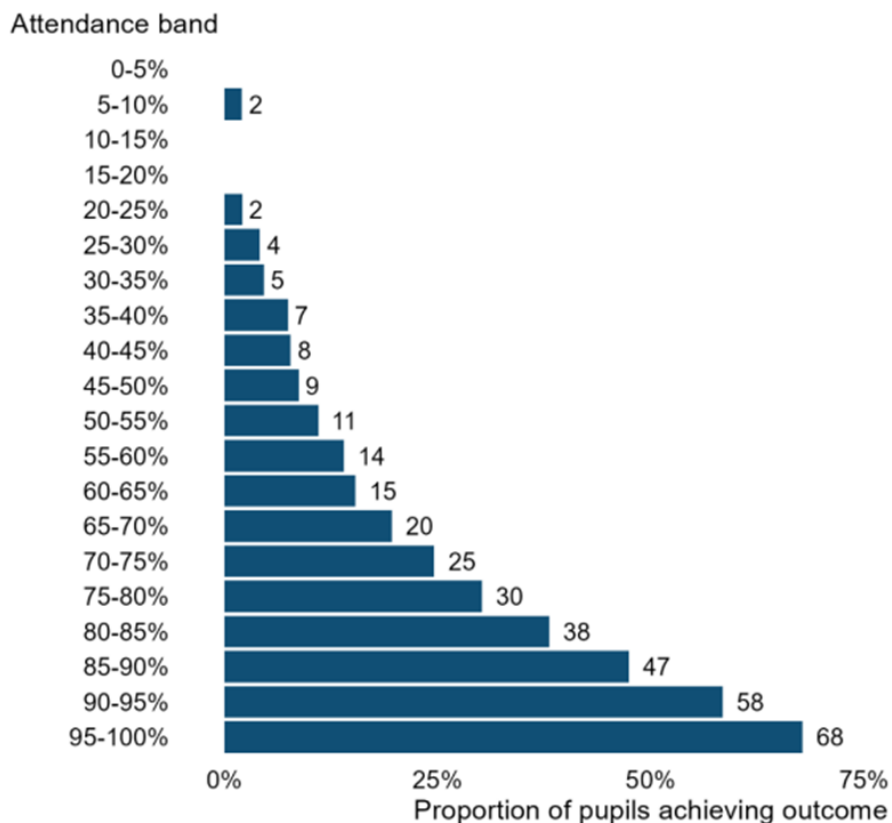
Attendance:

The government recently published a document called, 'The Link between attendance and attainment in an assessment year.' The findings of the report come as no surprise and serve as a reminder of the importance of children attending school as often as they can. We do, obviously appreciate that children get sick and need time off when very unwell.

The main findings from the report are shown below.

- At both KS2 and KS4, the higher the 5% attendance band a pupil is in during the assessment year, the more likely they were to achieve a successful outcome in 2022/23.
- At KS2, pupils who attended school nearly every day in Year 6 (with an attendance rate of 95-100%) were 1.3 times more likely to achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths compared to pupils who only attended 90-95% of the time. This means missing just 10 days of year 6 reduced the likelihood of reaching the expected standard by around 25%. Pupils who attended nearly every day were 1.8 times more likely to achieve the standard than persistently absent pupils who only attend 85-90% of the time (relating to 4 -6 weeks more time in school).

Figure 1 Proportion of pupils in each 5% attendance band for Year 6 achieving expected standard in RWM at the end of KS2



A message from West Sussex music service:

Dear Parents/Carers,

This Easter, we're offering a range of exciting music workshops for young people, with both paid and free HAF-funded places available for children receiving free school meals. The workshops include:

Rock & Pop Band in Worthing: 7 – 9 April

DJ & Music Production in Crawley: 7 – 9 April

Rap & Lyric Writing in Bognor Regis: 7 – 9 April

Pop Choir in Littlehampton: 8 – 9 April

Interactive Soundtrack & Music Creation in Chichester, Worthing & Crawley: 7 – 9 April

Lunch is included, and all participants will receive a **Digital Badge** after completing the workshops. Digital Badges are a smart, simple, and visual way of recognising non-accredited learning.

Due to high demand and limited spaces, please book [here](#) as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Places are first come, first served.

Kind regards,
Tamsyn Ridgwell
West Sussex Music



HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



7 - 9 April

BOGNOR REGIS - Rap & Lyric Writing

CHICHESTER - Interactive Soundtrack & Music

CRAWLEY - Music Production & DJ

- Interactive Soundtrack & Music

LITTLEHAMPTON - "Soundz" Contemporary Choir

WORTHING - Rock & Pop Band

- Interactive Soundtrack & Music

AGES 8 - 16YRS

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