

GIFFARDS PRIMARY MAY NEWSLETTER



It's been a busy and productive half term. Year 6 have taken their KS2 Sats and we were so proud of them for the mature way they coped, they remained calm, focused and showed fantastic resilience. The children also thoroughly enjoyed the Sats breakfast club – many thanks to all involved for ensuring that this was a relaxing, enjoyable experience. Year 2 are also doing their KS1 Sats, whilst this is less formal, it is nevertheless still a daunting experience for young children. Well done children, you have all coped amazingly! Next half term there will be Year 1 phonics tests and year 4 times table checks (these are both in the first week back after half term). If you haven't already seen it, our Ofsted report was sent home to parents on 11th May a copy is now available on the Ofsted website. We are proud to have retained our **GOOD** grading and delighted to be recognised for the many great things we do, how happy and well behaved the pupils are and how well they achieve. Many thanks to all the staff for their hard work and dedication and for all your support.

We end the term on a high with our Jubilee celebrations – this should be a great celebration to honour the Queen after 70 years of service to the Country and Commonwealth. We wish you all an amazing half term and extended bank holiday. Lets hope the sun shines. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday 8th June.

Essex Fire Museum Open Days

Essex Fire Museum have got two special open days coming up on:

- Tuesday 31st May (Jubilee open day –half term).
- Sunday 12th June (15 year anniversary)

On both days there will be opportunities for families to get involved in history trails around the museum, craft activities and a chance to sit on the fire engines (and squirt water). The museum is free entry (but visits are by appointment only.....as we are on the site of an operational fire station).

If families are interested, could they please email: museum@essex-fire.gov.uk and tell us the number in their party and the time they would like to arrive. This is just because we have to keep the station informed of numbers throughout the day.

Our address and contact details are:
Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays RM17 5QS
Phone: [01376 576847](tel:01376576847)
Website: [Fire Museum \(essex-fire.gov.uk\)](http://essex-fire.gov.uk)

Thank you to the PSA

We would like to say a very BIG thank you to the PSA who have donated an amazing £2,200 to the school this academic year which included £500 for the children's Jubilee Medals.



Cross Country Event

Our amazing Year 6 boys, cross country team were in the All Essex Final in Southend. The boys all completed the course and represented the school brilliantly.

The KS1 children enjoyed the exotic animal visit and got to see, touch and hold various animals from the different animal groups. They saw a barn owl, tortoises, a skunk and snakes- just to name a few!



Many thanks to Co-Op UK for inviting our School Council to help open their refurbished Corringham store (and for the goodie bags). Well done to the children who looked very smart and behaved impeccably.



Congratulations to 2CMc who are this year's winners of our Walk to School Week trophy with 74% of the class walking to school narrowly beating 6CW by 1%.



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WHY NOT BOOK A SLOT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR EXPERT FITTING ADVICE?



From their very first crawling shoes to robust and stylish school shoes or shoes for those big weekend adventures, our kids in-store fitting experts will help you find the perfect fit for their growing feet. Plus, we have a personal shopping and fitting service for adults, too.

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Shoe shopping can be overwhelming for some children. If you think a shopping experience without crowds, noise and bright lights would be better, then book a Quiet Time appointment.

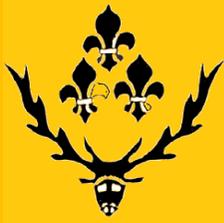
To do this, contact Clarks Lakeside on 01708 868422

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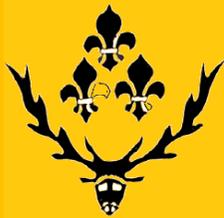
Opening hours, Monday to Saturday 9.00am-9.00pm, Sunday 11.00am-5.00pm

June 1st is the start of The Wildlife Trust #30 Days Wild- keep an eye on our Twitter to find out how you can get involved.

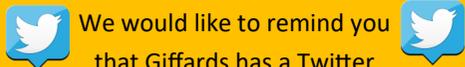




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Twitter



We would like to remind you that Giffards has a Twitter account. We regularly post pictures and updates of the children's day, showing you what they have been doing. The school also regularly posts safeguarding updates on its twitter feed for you to take a look at and familiarise yourself with the information provided.

If you wish to follow us our username is 'GiffardsPrimary'

School Uniform



Along with Uniform Wise and My Clothing we now have a 3rd uniform supplier, Urban Uniform

Please see contact details below for all suppliers.

School Uniform:

My Clothing

<https://myclothing.com/#/uniform>

Uniformwise 01375 644744

<https://www.uniformwise.co.uk/shop>

Urban Uniform 01375 767997

<http://www.urbanuniform19@gmail.com>

Diary Dates

- 26th May - Last Day of Term
- 27th May + 7th June - Non Pupil Days
- 8th June - Children return to school
- 9th June - Year 5 Hanningfield Reservoir Trip
- 10th June - PSA Fathers Day Wrap
- 13th-15th June - Year 6 Residential Trip & Activity Week
- 14th June - EYFS Sea Life Centre Trip
- 17th June - Yr 6 Activity Day
- 21st June - Year 3 Hyde Hall Trip
- 28th June - Growing Up talk for parents of Yr 5 & 6
- 30th June - Year 6 Author Visit
- 1st July - PSA Summer Fete
- 12th July - Year 4 Thameside Nature Reserve
- 12th July - EYFS & Yr1 & 2 PSA Disco
- 13th July - Gable Hall Roadshow + Display Evening
- 14th July - Sports Day KS1 am & KS2 pm
- 14th July - Yrs 3,4,5 & 6 PSA Disco
- 15th July - Reports out
- 18th July - Year 6 Giffards Got Talent
- 20th July - Year 6 Fun Afternoon & BBQ
- 21st July - Year 6 Leavers Disco
- 22nd July - Pupils last day of term
- 5th September - Children Return to School

Contact Details

If anyone changes their contact details or has moved recently please do let us know as soon as possible! It is really important we are always made aware of changes in case of emergency.



Parent Groupcalls



May we remind parents/carers to check their emails regularly as the school will be sending out regular updates and information via email.

*Inclusion Thurrock offer a wide range of support for adults in Thurrock – from traditional counselling and psychotherapy, to webinars and digital support that can help you to help yourself. You do not have to be able to commit to a regular appointment every week, and you don't need to come in for an appointment. At the moment, we are offering many options to support your mental health, and all of them can be done remotely. If you're struggling, **even just a little bit**, then now is the time to contact us. Getting in early stops the problems from building up and getting worse over time! Why not contact us on 01375 898680, or refer yourself online at <https://inclusionthurrock.org/online-referral/>. There is never a better time to feel better!*

Online Payment System

A reminder that we cannot accept cash in the school. We do ask parents to use our online payment system but can also accept payments directly via credit/debit card.

All parents should have already received a unique log in and password to set up an online account, but if you need this to be re-issued then please contact

[Pay Online](#)

