



# GIFFARDS PRIMARY MAY NEWSLETTER



## Mobile Phone/Smart Watches

A reminder please - ideally, pupils should not bring phones to school, if they are needed, then phones must be put on silent and must be handed in to the class teacher. Smart watches should not be worn in school by pupils. Children will be asked to remove them if brought in.



## Year 6—Warner Studio Trip

It was wonderful to see how engaged the children were whilst exploring Warner Brothers Studios: the awe and wonder on their faces was clear to see. They thoroughly enjoyed the workshop where we were shown secrets of the filming trade and enjoyed distressing our own materials. As always, the children were impeccably well behaved and a credit to our school.



Dear Parents /Carers,

It has been a busy half term at Giffards, the children had a fantastic time celebrating King Charles III Coronation as well a really exciting visit of exotic animals Year for Year 1 & Year 6 visited Warner Bros. Studio's.

We would like to welcome back Mrs Mills who after a short break has returned to Giffards, also joining us as part of our site team after half term will be Mrs Peters. Welcome to you both.

On behalf of everyone at Giffards, we hope you have a relaxing half term break and we look forward to seeing the children back on Monday 5th May.



## Term Time Holidays

A reminder that holidays during term time are unauthorised as per our Policy. If you do take your child on holiday during term time, it will affect your child's attendance and you may be issued with a fine.

## After School Clubs

If your child is not going to attend an after school club for any reason, please notify the office as soon as possible.

## Parent Drop-Ins

If you have any concerns about your child then please pop in to our

### Inclusion Team Drop In

Every Monday 9:00-9:30am

Every Friday 2:30-3:00pm

Enter via the KS2 office area

### Who Can I See:

Mrs Holdsworth can help you with any **behavioural** concerns that you may have. Mrs Teager can help you with any worries concerning **Additional Needs**.

## SATs

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 were 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!



## Mathletics

A team from our Year 5 competed in the Thurrock Primary Schools Mathletics competition this half term. The team came 6th.



Well done children!

## Year 1—Visit by RC Exotics

Our Year 1 children enjoyed the exotic animal visit and got to see, touch and hold various animals from the different animal groups. They met lizards, tortoises, rabbits and snakes- just to name a few!





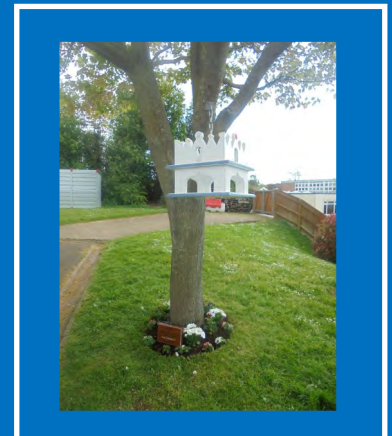
# King Charles III Coronation Celebrations



We had lots of fun celebrating King Charles III Coronation on Friday 5th May. In the morning, the children learnt about the Coronation in class. At lunch, they had the option of a special Coronation lunch and each class had a cake and some squash in the afternoon to celebrate. The children also had a fun sports session with Miss Fitzpatrick in the afternoon.

The children dressed in red, white and blue and children from KS1 planted some flowers in the school grounds to mark the occasion.

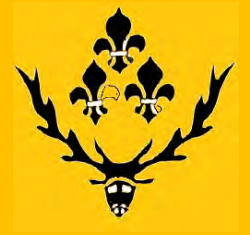
A fun time was had by all.





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### Parking / Driving Outside School

May we remind parents/carers to please consider our neighbours when parking to drop/collect children to school. The yellow zig-zag markings and area in front of the car park gates should also be kept clear to enable any coaches/delivery vehicles to reverse safely through the school gates. Please also be reminded to drive carefully and slowly in Queen Elizabeth Drive.

### Contact Details

If your circumstances or contact details change, please can we remind you to let us know! It is really important we are always made aware of changes in case of emergency.



### 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'**

### Diary Dates

<b>Monday 29th - Friday 2nd June</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>Monday 5th June -</b>	<b>Pupils return to school</b>
<b>Wednesday 7th June -</b>	<b>Woodlands School visiting</b>
<b>Friday 9th June -</b>	<b>PSA Father's Day Wrap</b>
<b>Mon.12th &amp; Wed.14th June</b>	<b>Toy Library for EYFS Sept. New Starters</b>
<b>Mon.19th &amp; Wed. 21st June</b>	<b>Toy Library for EYFS Sept. New Starters</b>
<b>Tues 20th - Wed 21st June -</b>	<b>EYFS, Yr3 and Yr5 Road Safety Walks</b>
<b>Friday 23rd June -</b>	<b>Sports Day</b>
<b>Mon.26th &amp; Wed.28th June</b>	<b>Toy Library for EYFS Sept. New Starters</b>
<b>Tuesday 27th June -</b>	<b>Year 4 trip to Thameside Nature Reserve</b>
<b>Wednesday 28th June -</b>	<b>Year 6 Author Visit to school</b>
<b>Thursday 29th June -</b>	<b>Year 1 Langdon Hills trip</b>
<b>Thurs 29th - Fri 30th June -</b>	<b>Woodlands Transition Days (Year 6)</b>
<b>Friday 30th June -</b>	<b>PSA Summer Fete</b>
<b>Mon 3rd—Wed 5th July -</b>	<b>Gable Hall Transition Days (Year 6)</b>
<b>Mon 3rd - Fri 7th July -</b>	<b>Hassenbrook Transition Week (Year 6)</b>
<b>Tuesday 4th July -</b>	<b>KS2 PSA Disco</b>
<b>Wednesday 5th July -</b>	<b>KS1 PSA Disco</b>
<b>Wed 5th - Fri 7th July -</b>	<b>St Clere's Transition Days (Year 6)</b>
<b>Wednesday 12th July AM -</b>	<b>Year 6 Leavers Production</b>
<b>Friday 14th July PM -</b>	<b>Year 6 Leavers Production</b>
<b>Thursday 20th July -</b>	<b>Year 6 Leavers Disco</b>



### **NO DOGS ON SITE**

We would like to remind all parents/carers that Dogs are NOT allowed on the school premises, this includes carrying the dog. Only registered Guide Dogs are allowed on site.

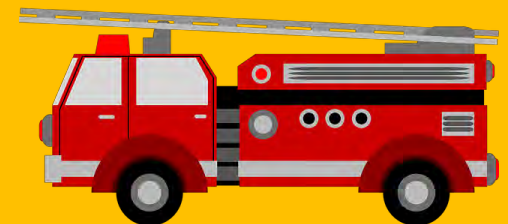
### Essex Fire Museum Open Day

Essex Fire Museum are holding two family open days on Sunday 28th and Tuesday 30th May.

There will be opportunities for families to get involved in history trails around the museum, spot hazards in their new fire safety room, take part in craft activities and sit in the fire engines.

If you would like to attend, please email [museum@essex-fire.gov.uk](mailto:museum@essex-fire.gov.uk) to book your place.

For more information visit [www.essex-fire.gov.uk/essex-fire-museum](http://www.essex-fire.gov.uk/essex-fire-museum)





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**MOORE COACHING**

Half Term  
**FOOTBALL CAMP**

30<sup>TH</sup> & 31<sup>TH</sup> MAY

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE  
**BOOK NOW: 07535 817477**

ONE DAY **£25**  
BOTH DAYS **£40**

SIBLING DISCOUNT **£10 OFF**

WILLIAM EDWARDS SECONDARY SCHOOL - GRAYS

10AM - 3PM

4 - 16 YRS

**Walk Online Roadshow for Parents, Carers and Practitioners**

**Tuesday 6th June 2023 - 20:00 - 21:30**

**THURROCK LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP**

Thurrock LSCP have offered the Walk Online Roadshow for all Years 5, 6, 7 and 8. We are pleased to be able to offer a session for parents, carers and practitioners. This session explores how parents, carers and practitioners can support their children to navigate the online world. Visit the website to access the link

[www.thurrocklscp.org.uk](http://www.thurrocklscp.org.uk)

**Do you want to be a teacher?**

Training with us could not be easier! We are currently training around 100 teachers a year in our dynamic partnership of schools.

Our school is proud to work in partnership with Essex and Thames SCITT, one of the country's leading providers of initial teacher training. Providing teacher training for almost 25 years and working in partnership with Anglia Ruskin University, the courses offer excellent value for money and an opportunity to train with some of the very best teachers in the area.

Visit [www.etpscitt.co.uk](http://www.etpscitt.co.uk) for details of all our courses. We'd love to welcome you to our partnership to begin your new career. Just get in touch with us to discuss your options.

Email us at [saffron@ete.org.uk](mailto:saffron@ete.org.uk) or ring us on 01268 988580. Or apply [here](#).

We look forward to hearing from you.