



GIFFARDS PRIMARY

JULY NEWSLETTER



Summer Fete

The PSA worked very hard to bring everyone a successful Summer Fete on 30th June. Thank you to our amazing PSA and also to everyone who supported the fete. A brilliant time was had by all.

THANK YOU TO THE PSA!

A huge **thank you** to our hardworking PSA and all the parents who have supported them throughout the year. This has enabled them to donate a massive £6,500 to the school!

Year 2 Library Visit

Year 2 really enjoyed their visit to Corringham Library on 22nd May. A big thank you to Meg who explained to the children how a library works.

KS2 SATs

	Giffards	National
Reading	78%	73%
Writing	93%	71%
GPS (Grammar Punctuation, spelling)	82%	72%
Maths	82%	73%
Science	93%	80%
Combined	71%	59%

Dear Parents /Carers,

It's been a busy few weeks as we head towards the end of term. I'd like to thank all the staff for their dedication and hard work over the year. The team at Giffards really are amazing and we are so fortunate to have such hard working, dedicated staff.

Sports day was fantastic, the children all enjoyed themselves and showed off their sporting talents. Thank you to everyone who attended and to Miss Fitzpatrick for organising.

The choir performed at Thameside Theatre on Thursday 13th July. This was an amazing evening and we were so proud of our pupils. Many thanks to Mrs Linard for arranging and supporting the children.

Display evening last week was a wonderful way to celebrate the children's work and achievements—it's always fantastic to see the children proudly showing their families what they have done during the year.

Year 6 put on a great performance to their parents of THE GREATEST SHOW. The children dazzled with their confidence, singing and acting. A great time was had by all. Year 6 have also been celebrating the end of their time at Giffards with a BBQ, activity afternoon and disco and leaver assembly. It is clear what a strong bond the children have and how much they have enjoyed their time at Giffards. Their leavers song brings a tear to our eyes, they have also shed a few tears as they move on to different schools and begin a new chapter in their lives. We wish them well in their new secondary schools.

We have a few staff leaving: Miss Wakeham is moving to a new school much nearer to where she lives, Mrs Brooker and Mrs Owens are starting a new post at Treetops, and Mrs Lawrence is starting her maternity leave. We wish them all well and thank them for everything they have done for Giffards. In September Miss Wallace joins us in yr6, Miss Clayton in Yr3, Mrs Hollaman joins as our KS1 phase lead in yr 2, and Miss Dale joins us in yr4.

Mrs Bryant is reducing her hours from September, we will miss her. We welcome Mrs Halls as our new Office manager. Who will be taking on much of Mrs Bryants role.

I wish you all a wonderful Summer break and thank you for all the lovely cards and presents we have received. Your kind messages mean the world to us and we appreciate them. The children return to school on Wednesday 6th September. Letters are going home with details of the arrangements for the first day. See you all in September.

Mrs N Haslam-Davis

SATs

Year 6 took their KS2 SATs in May, we were so proud of them for the mature way they coped, they remained calm, focused and showed fantastic resilience. Many thanks to the staff who helped run the SATs breakfast club—the children enjoyed all being together and had a lovely breakfast to start the day. 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, I'm proud of all the achievements and delighted that our KS1 results are in line with National and KS2 Sats are above in all areas. Well done to everyone. We are so proud of you all and of the staff who have helped and worked so hard to prepare the children.



School Dinner Cost

Please note that from September, the cost of a school meal will be £2.50. Meals can be paid for via Scopay or by card at the office. A copy of our school dinner menu is available on our website.

KS2 Borough Olympics

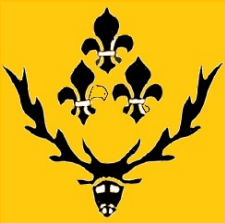
Congratulations to our KS2 Borough Olympics team. First in the track events, third in the field events and second overall!!



Sports Day

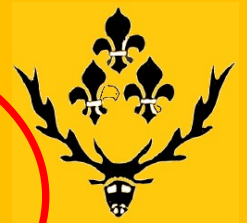
Thank you to everyone who came and supported the children at our Sports Days. Well done to the children who demonstrated sportsmanship and resilience. Congratulations to the Yellow Team who were the overall winners of the KS2 Sports





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Year 1 Trip to Langdon Hills

Year 1 had a great time visiting Langdon Hills Visitor Centre. The children spent time identifying trees and flowers in the local area. They made a flower out of natural materials and labelled the parts of the flower. The children also looked at the type of animals that live in the local woodland areas. It was a fun day had by all!



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.

Many thanks

Diary Dates

Monday 4th September—Inset Day (school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 5th September—Inset Day (school closed to pupils)

Wednesday 6th September—Pupils return to school

Tuesday 12th September, 6:30pm—PGL Parent Meeting

Wednesday 13th September, 2:15pm—PGL Parent Meeting

Thursday 21st September—Yr 3 Trip to Thorndon Park

Thursday 5th October—Yr 4 Trip to Wat Tyler Park

Friday 6th October— School photos

Mon 9th—Fri 13th October—Year 6 PGL Residential / Activity Week

Mon 23rd—Fri 27th October—Half Term

Monday 30th October—Inset Day (school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 31st October—Inset Day (school closed to pupils)

Thurrock Music Festival

On Thursday 13th July, the KS2 Choir performed at the Thurrock Music Festival at the Civic Hall with 8 other schools at an evening concert, which followed a full days rehearsal. One of our choir members was chosen to welcome the audience and introduce the first few songs.

The pupils performed songs from the past 25 years in recognition of the 25th anniversary of the Music Services, including a Spice Girls Medley, I'm Still Standing, I Gotta Feeling, various Disney songs and some traditional songs from Asia. They were also treated to performances from some of the Music Services Instrumental groups. I was proud of how they represented Giffards with exemplary behavior and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves, performing brilliantly onstage for their audience.

Mrs Linard—Music Teacher

NO DOGS ON SITE

We would like to remind all parents/carers that Dogs are NOT allowed on the school

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 4 Trip to Thameside Nature Reserve

Year 4 pupils really enjoyed their trip to Thameside Nature Reserve. They did some birdwatching, went on a bug hunt and learned about food chains.





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AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION AT GIFFARDS

We are pleased to announce Giffards Primary will have an afterschool provision on site from September 2023. This is in partnership with Junior Adventures Group (JAG).

Bookings are available now at:

<https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/find-us/giffards-primary-school>

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

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*.

Junior Adventures Group

Action-Packed After School Club

Running here every day throughout the school year!

An explosion of play, sport & adventure beyond the school day!

SCAN HERE TO FIND OUT MORE & BOOK NOW!

Our after school clubs are designed to provide children with a happy, safe place to play freely, as well as take part in structured activities such as arts and crafts and active play. A healthy snack and specially crafted programme can be enjoyed!

- ✓ A big dose of fun right through to 6pm!
- ✓ Make new friends across all age groups
- ✓ Delivered by a team of expertly trained professionals
- ✓ Keep active and improve wellbeing
- ✓ Explore creativity and a wide range of interests
- ✓ Tasty, healthy snack to keep your child fuelled and happy

Also included:

- ★ Themed Weeks
- ★ Celebration Days
- ★ Children's Choice

A day in the life of our after school clubs

Our energising after school sessions are jam-packed with amazing activities to get children moving after a long school day. Our friendly, expert team ensures no day is ever the same, creating a fun and stimulating environment where children can relax, grow and thrive with their friends. Our Whole of Child programming ensures children's time at JAG is always their favourite time. Fun packed activities include:

<p>Power Teams Activities Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Team Challenges ★ Obstacle Courses ★ Scavenger Hunts 	<p>Zen Masters Activities Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Yoga ★ Zen Gardens ★ Healthy Heart Circuits
<p>Super Sports Activities Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Tennis ★ Football ★ Basketball 	<p>Global Kids Activities Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Cooking ★ Rocket Building ★ Eco Warriors
<p>Brain Boosters Activities Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Quizzes & Brain Teasers ★ Puzzles & Building Projects ★ Code-breaking 	<p>Creative Inventors Activities Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Painting & Crafts ★ Role Play ★ Drama

Also included:

- ★ Childcare Vouchers
- ✓ Sibling Discount
- ✓ Tax Free Childcare
- ✓ Flexible Payment

SCAN QR CODE TO FIND OUT MORE, LEARN ABOUT OUR FLEXIBLE PAYMENT OPTIONS AND START YOUR CHILD'S ADVENTURE BY BOOKING NOW!

Junior Adventures Group

Ofsted Registered

Follow us online @JUNIORADVENTURESGROUPUK JUNIORADVENTURESGROUP.CO.UK

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club runs every day before school. Doors open at 7:30am, last admittance at 8:20am.

No need to book, £3.00 a day, payable on Scopay

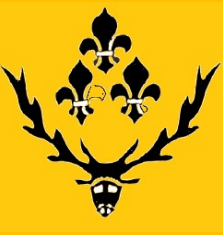
Twitter

We would like to remind you that Giffards has a Twitter account.

If you wish to follow us our username is

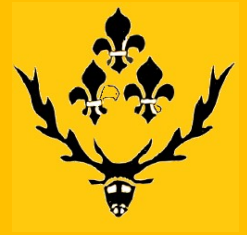
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Essex Fire Museum Open Days
Sunday 30th July
Tuesday 15th August
Sunday 27th August
(10.30am to 4.00pm)



Visits must be pre-booked via:
museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

Address: Essex Fire Museum, Grays Fire station,
Hogg Lane, Grays, RM17 5QS

SWIM IN SCHOOLS

SUMMER INTENSIVE COURSE

DETAILS
Monday 24th July - Friday 18th August
Tudor Court Primary School.
9:00am - 12:30pm (30 minute session everyday).
Stages 1-4.
7 Years+.
£40pp for the week.

ABOUT
Choose your desired stage and book a space for the week and turn up to our pool everyday (Mon-Fri) at the same time, same place.

WHY US

- Low class ratio 5:1.
- 2 swimming teachers to 10 pupils.
- Small private pool.
- A personal swimming environment making it less overwhelming to support children with anxiety.

INFO
swiminschools@prosports-solutions.co.uk
www.swiminschools.co.uk

CLICK HERE TO BOOK

Brighter Futures



Thurrock Family Hubs

**Is your child three or four years old?
Come along to a Ready Steady Learn session!**

We share ideas and activities that support your child's learning and development in everyday life – talking, singing, sharing books and playing together.

You and your child can make friends and have fun, while finding out how the things you do now will help them make the most of school.

Call your local Family Hub to book your session!

West locality South Ockendon, Purfleet-on-Thames and Aveley 01375 413 936	East locality Tilbury, Chadwell and Stanford-le-Hope 01375 858 243	Central locality Chafford Hundred, North Stifford, Grays Riverside, Grays Thurrock, Little Thurrock and Blackshotts 01375 987 894
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