

Gossops Green News

20th October 2023

Parent's Evening



Our Autumn Parents Evenings will take place between 3:30pm and 7pm on Monday 20th and Wednesday 22nd November. This is an opportunity for you to book an appointment to meet your child's teacher on a one-to-one basis, to find out how your child has settled into their new class and how they are getting on in school. We really value the opportunity to share this information with you so please do book an appointment.

This term, the appointments will be in person, in school (NOT online). The meetings will take place in the school halls, which is a successful model used in primary and secondary schools across the country. Appointments will be 10 minutes long and will be timed to ensure that they don't overrun.

Appointments can be booked through our School Cloud System - <https://gossopsgreen.schoolcloud.co.uk/> - and instructions for how to book an appointment can be found at the end of this newsletter. Please be aware that, to allow for travelling time, sibling appointments must have a 10-minute gap between them. **The booking system will open at 8am on Tuesday 31st October** and appointments are available on a first-come-first-served basis. If you are unable to attend either day, please log onto the system and let the teacher know so that we know not to send you reminders. Please be aware that you will not be able to book appointments before the booking system opens.

Damaged Reading Books

Parents in EYFS and Key Stage 1 will be familiar with the RWI books that we send home to support children with their reading. These books were bought new last year at a considerable cost to the school of several thousand pounds.

Sadly, we have had **47** damaged books between January-July and already **10** irreparably damaged books just this half term. The cost of replacing these books is **over £300**.



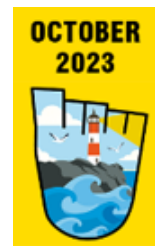
As a school, we cannot afford to replace this many books, so we do keep detailed records of who takes home each book and **parents are charged** for the cost of the replacement book if it is damaged in their child's care. Most of the books have been affected by water damage, where water bottles have leaked next to books or books have got wet in the rain. Please can we ask that you help your children keep their water bottles away from the books to protect them and save you the cost of replacing them.



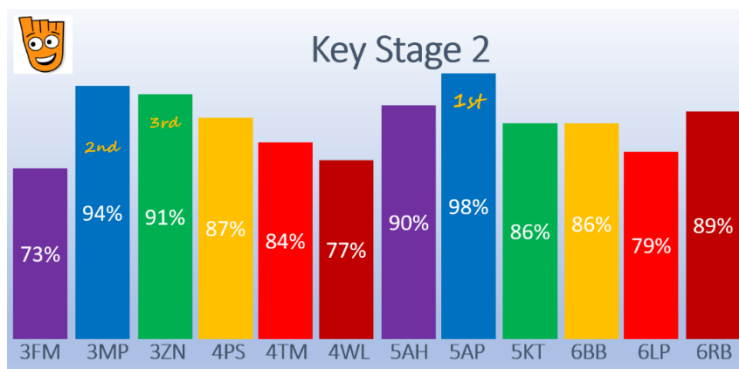
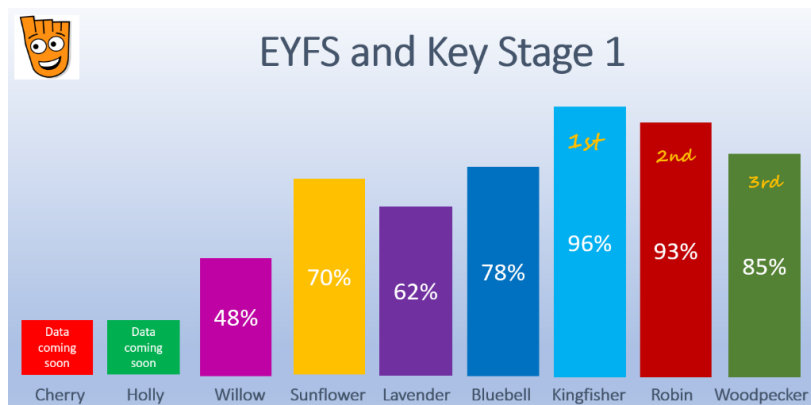
Thank you for your support with taking care of the books and reading with your children; it really does make a significant difference to their learning.

Walk Once a Week

Please help support the Walk Once a Week (WOW) initiative by enabling your child to travel actively to school (walk/wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride) at least once a week. All children that do this will get rewarded with a free badge, which they can then wear to school with pride. We are aware that some people have to drive to school, but you can also take part by parking a short distance away once a week and walking the final few minutes (park and stride).



We are also running a fortnightly class competition to see which classes walk the most. This fortnight's winners are:



To make the school walk more exciting, Living Streets produce activity sheets. This month's sheet is on page 4

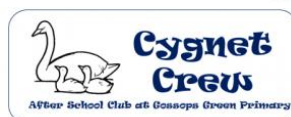
Let's swap those school runs for school walks.

Breakfast Club and Cygnet Crew Bookings

Regular Breakfast Club and Cygnet Crew users will be aware that wraparound care clubs for the week after a holiday need to be booked before the start of the holiday. This week, the wrong reminder email was sent out so, on this occasion, we will keep the booking window open until next Thursday.

Please be aware that, for future breaks, bookings for the week after a holiday cannot be accepted during holidays so the closing date for the week beginning 2nd January 2024 will be Thursday 14th December 2023.

Thank you for your understanding.



Sports Success

Our Year 6 pupils have been busy representing the school at football and Cross Country recently. We are really proud of how they have all done their best, even against tough competition. Both football teams played in the Crawley District Cup and will be competing in the league next month.

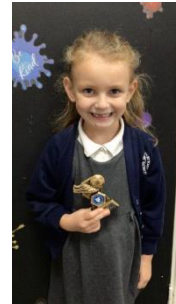


A special mention to Tom, who came 4th in the Boy's Cross Country run yesterday so will represent Crawley in the Sussex Finals and Grace, who came 22nd against tough competition.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Layla-Mae and Amelia for winning these amazing trophies for Irish Dancing and football.



Messages to teachers

Please can we remind parents in EYFS and Key Stage 1 to use the Home-School diaries for messages and email absence@gossopsgreen.org.uk for absences, rather than Seesaw. Teachers cannot check and respond to Seesaw messages during the school day and will not respond outside of working hours (some messages are being sent at 11:30pm). Therefore, urgent messages may be missed on Seesaw.

Seesaw

Apply online at:
westsussex.gov.uk/admissions



Is your child due to transfer to secondary school in September 2024?

Apply online!
It's simple, convenient and time-saving.
If your application is received after the deadline, your chance of securing a place at one of your preference schools could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from
Monday 4 September 2023
If you would like further advice or information, phone: **03330 142 903**.

Deadline: Tuesday 31 October 2023

Free Internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries.



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Trading Cards

Trading card day is very popular so, our Change Champions have suggested having different days for Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 to ensure that everyone gets the opportunity to trade cards.

After half term, Year 3/4 will be allowed to bring in their cards on a Wednesday, while Year 5/6 will continue to bring their cards in on a Friday.

To avoid loss, please can children only bring one tin or folder of cards each.



#WALKING FROM HOME

WALKING ACTIVITIES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN



LET'S
WALK TO
SCHOOL



DISCOVER

Getting out on foot and exploring your local area is a great way to stay active. The below activities are suitable for primary school children of varying ages, and designed to engage them in their community. Give them a try and share your thoughts, snaps and videos on social media.

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AGES 4-7

Can you spot all of these on your walk?

- ☐ POST BOX
- ☐ NEWSAGENT
- ☐ PLACE OF WORSHIP
- ☐ BUS STOP
- ☐ STREAM, RIVER, POND OR PUDDLE
- ☐ FLOWERS



AGES 8-11

LOCAL SNAPSHOTS

Can you photograph three local landmarks?
Which one is your favourite and why?



➔ What else did you see?

Living Streets is the UK charity for everyday walking and the people behind the Walk to School campaign. Visit our website to find out more:

LIVINGSTREETS.ORG.UK/PRIMARY-SCHOOLS

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INDOOR CHALLENGE

If you could re-imagine the world outside your window, what would you like to see?

➔ Can you draw or paint it?



Dates for your Diary



Changes are highlighted

23 rd – 27 th October	Half Term
Monday 30 th October	Term restarts
Tuesday 31 st October	8am - Parent Evening Bookings open on School Cloud
Tuesday 31 st October	9:15am – 10:30am Reception 2024 Prospective Parents' Tour
Tuesday 6 th November	9:15am – 10:30am Reception 2024 Prospective Parents' Tour
Tuesday 14 th November	5:15pm – 6:15pm Reception 2024 Prospective Parents' Tour
Monday 20 th November	3:30pm – 7pm Parent's Evening (in School)
Wednesday 22 nd November	3:30pm – 7pm Parent's Evening (in School)
Thursday 23 rd November	INSET – school closed to pupils
Friday 24 th November	INSET – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 29 th November	Reports sent home via Arbor
Friday 1 st December	11am – 3PM Violin concert to parents (Not 3MP - sorry)
Monday 4 th December	9:15am Cherry Class Nativity Performance
Monday 4 th December	2pm Year 1 Lavender Class Christmas Performance
Tuesday 5 th December	9:15am Holly Class Nativity Performance
Tuesday 5 th December	2pm Year 1 Bluebell Class Christmas Performance
Wednesday 6 th December	9:15am Willow Class Nativity Performance
Wednesday 6 th December	2pm Year 1 Sunflower Class Christmas Performance
Tuesday 12 th December	Christmas Dress Up Day and Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 13 th December	9:15am and 2:15pm Year 3 Christmas Concert
Thursday 14 th December	9:15am and 2:15pm Year 4 Christmas Concert
Friday 15 th December	Last Day of Term
16 th – 31 st December	Christmas Holidays
Monday 1 st January 2024	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 2 nd January 2024	Spring Term Starts





VISIT OUR SCHOOL

NEW RECEPTION - SEPTEMBER 2024

Tuesday 10th October, 9:15 - 10:30am
 Tuesday 31st October, 9:15 - 10:30am
 Tuesday 7th November, 9:15 - 10:30am
 Tuesday 14th November, 5:15 - 6:15pm

Please call the school office to book your appointment.



Gossops Green Primary School, Kidborough Road,
Gossops Green, Crawley RH11 8HW

www.gossopsgreen.org.uk

Community Opportunities



My name is Sharn, I'm a mum and I'm a newly qualified 'Parent 4 Success' **Bronze Parenting Consultant.**

I am offering a set of 6 free, tailor-made online parenting sessions in exchange for feedback.

**** FREE ONLINE PARENTING SESSIONS!****

Discover how to:

- help your child to feel more confident
- use positive discipline techniques that don't involve shouting or threatening
- improve morning routines and bedtime routines
- manage screen time issues
- encourage independence
- get your child to do what you ask the first time
- teach siblings how to solve arguments
- get your child helping around the home more
- learn to deal with tantrums or angry outbursts
- stay calm when your child pushes your buttons!

Contact me today and tell me about your child or issues.

SEND ME AN EMAIL AT:

info@happier-parenting.com

I did the same course because I wanted to have a calmer and happier home life, improve my parenting skills and get help with managing my own children – it worked!

Crawley Town October Half-Term Soccer School

23rd – 27th October, 9am – 3pm

Ages 5-12

[Book October Half-Term Soccer School 2023 from Crawley Town](#)



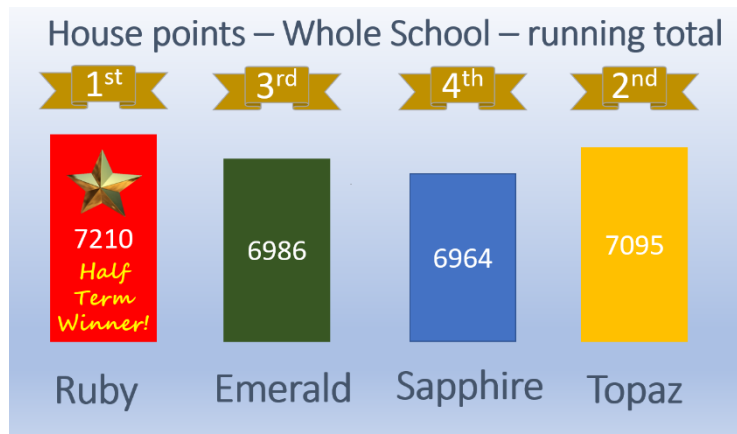
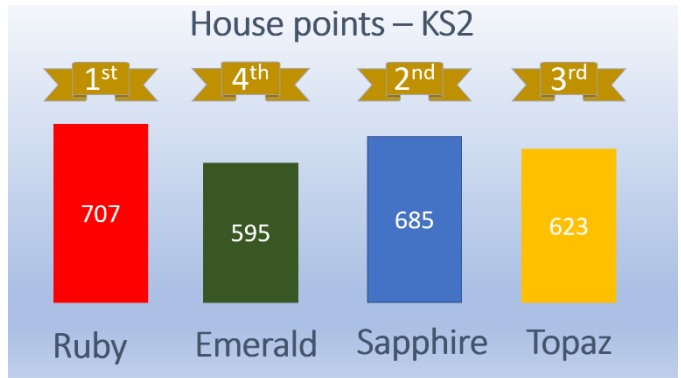
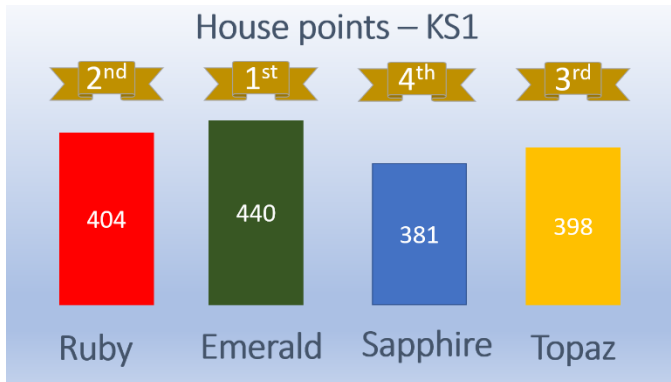
Half Term
Clubs



Praise Page!

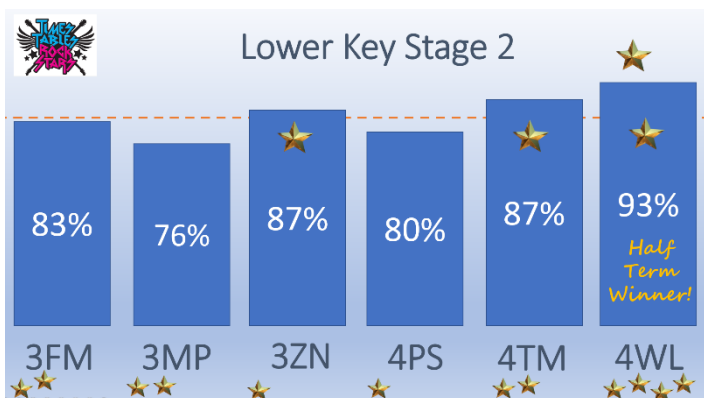


House points

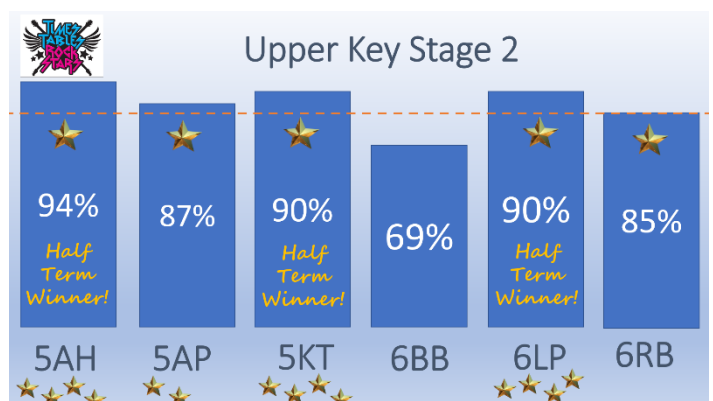


Well done
Ruby house!

TimesTable Rockstars



Congratulations to 4WL,
5AH, 5KT and 6LP – this
half term's winners!



Parents' Guide for Booking Parent Evening Appointments

Browse to <https://gossopsgreen.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Your Details

Title	First Name	Surname
Mrs	Rachael	Abbot

Email	Confirm Email
rabbot4@gmail.com	rabbot4@gmail.com

Student's Details

First Name	Surname	Date Of Birth
Ben	Abbot	20 July 2000

[Log In](#)

Step 1: Login

Fill out the details on the page then click the *Log In* button. Please note that you will need to be listed as the primary carer with the school in order to access the system. A confirmation of your appointments will be sent to the email address you provide.

Parents' Evening

This parents' evening is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher. Please enter the school via the main entrance and sign in at reception.

Click a date to continue:

Thursday, 16th March	>
Open for bookings	
Friday, 17th March	>
Open for bookings	

[I'm unable to attend](#)

Step 2: Select Parents' Evening

Click on the date you wish to book.

Unable to make all of the dates listed? Click *I'm unable to attend*.

Choose Booking Mode

Select how you'd like to book your appointments using the option below, and then hit Next.

☒ **Automatic**
Automatically book the best possible times based on your availability

☐ **Manual**
Choose the time you would like to see each teacher

[Next](#)

Step 3: Select Booking Mode

Choose *Automatic* if you'd like the system to suggest the shortest possible appointment schedule based on the times you're available to attend. To pick the times to book with each teacher, choose *Manual*. Then press *Next*. We recommend choosing the automatic booking mode when browsing on a mobile device.

Choose Teachers

If there is a teacher you do not wish to see, please untick them before you continue.

Ben Abbot

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr J Brown SENCO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mrs A Wheeler Class 1 LA
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[Continue to Book Appointments](#)

Step 4: Choose Teachers

If you chose the automatic booking mode, drag the sliders at the top of the screen to indicate the earliest and latest you can attend.

Select the teachers you'd like to book appointments with. A green tick indicates they're selected. To de-select, click on their name.

Confirm Appointment Times

The following appointments have been reserved for two minutes. If you're happy with them, please choose the Accept button at the bottom.

	Teacher	Student	Subject	Room
17:10	Mr J Sinclair	Ben	English	E6
17:25	Mrs D Mumford	Ben	Mathematics	M2
17:45	Dr R Morimans	Andrew	French	L4

[Accept Appointments](#) [Cancel Appointments](#)

Step 5a (Automatic): Book Appointments

If you chose the automatic booking mode, you'll see provisional appointments which are held for 2 minutes. To keep them, choose Accept at the bottom left.

If it wasn't possible to book every selected teacher during the times you are able to attend, you can either adjust the teachers you wish to meet with and try again, or switch to manual booking mode (Step 5b).

	Mr J Brown SENCO (A2)	Miss B Patel Class 10E (H3)	Mrs A Wheeler Class 11A (L1)
	Ben	Andrew	Ben
16:30		✓	
16:40			
16:50	+		+
17:00			+

Step 5b (Manual): Book Appointments

Click any of the green cells to make an appointment. Blue cells signify where you already have an appointment. Grey cells are unavailable.

To change an appointment, delete the original by hovering over the blue box and clicking *Delete*. Then choose an alternate time.

Once you're finished booking all appointments, at the top of the page in the alert box, press *click here* to finish the booking process.