



Gossops Green News

1st December 2023

Christmas Performances and Events

We are now fully into the swing of Christmas! There are lots of events happening in the next two weeks, so the following will hopefully serve as a useful reference guide.



If your child is in Year 3 or Year 4, please remember to book your spaces for your child's Christmas performance – an email was sent home on Tuesday with the link to the online form. There are two performances per year group and each child is entitled to two tickets.

Reception and Year 1 performances are by class so tickets are not required – please just come to the school office at the time of your child's performance.

It is not too late to book your child's tickets for the KS1 Christmas Cinema Night and the KS2 Christmas Parties; tickets can be paid for via Arbor. Full information about these exciting events was sent home on the 21st November and we are delighted that 215 children are already signed up.



Tuesday 12th December is our Christmas lunch day. The Diner is running a special themed menu – which is always incredibly popular – and children (and staff) can also wear festive jumpers / clothes on this day. The Christmas Lunch can be ordered and paid for in the normal way and there is no charge for coming to school in festive clothes.

Thank you so much to Sussex Christmas Trees for providing our beautiful large hall Christmas tree - [Real Christmas Trees \(sussextrees.co.uk\)](https://sussextrees.co.uk)



From next week, our Christmas Post Box will be back at the main office. If children wish to give out Christmas cards, they can post their cards in the post box and these will be delivered daily. Please can children ensure that names **and classes** are clearly written on the envelopes.

Children may wear Christmas headbands / tinsel in their hair to school in the last week of term (the week beginning 11th December). Please can children **not** wear these items to school next week.



On the last day of term, Key Stage 2 will have their annual Talent Show. Children will be able to audition for a spot in this extravaganza so please encourage them to get practising!

Coats

Please ensure that all children have a warm coat in school every day now that the weather is so cold – they are expected to wear them at break and lunch times.

Also, if your child attends basketball or football club, please ensure that they have suitable warm clothing as these are outside.



Palestine / Israel assembly

In assembly this week, children in KS2 learned - in a child-appropriate way - about the tragic conflict taking place in Gaza. This was in response to the topic being so high-profile in the news every day and several parents approaching us to see how we might deal with this subject in school. Mrs Dunne met with some KS2 Change Champions and asked if they felt children should learn about the conflict in a child-appropriate way. All agreed they thought it was important to learn about other children in the world and so they helped with creating and delivering a presentation in assembly for children in Years 3 to 6.

At Gossops Green we feel it is important to acknowledge real life events that are dominating the news because our children are bombarded with images and words about this every day on social media and on television.

We try to approach news stories with sensitivity; share facts and information in a way that the children can understand and to demonstrate the importance of empathy with others around the world and of always having hope for a better world for children to live in.



School Reports

You should have received your child's school report or ILP via Arbor on Wednesday. If you did not receive this, please contact the school office.



Scooters

If you bring your bike or scooter to school and store it in the bike or scooter shed, please respect other children's property; sadly we have had complaints about other children's scooters being pushed onto the ground.



School Clubs

A reminder that next week is the last week for all school sports and music clubs. Basketball, football, dance, Breakfast Club and Cygnet Crew will run on the last week of term.



Sports Success



Congratulations to Emily who came 2nd in a recent tumbling competition.

Also, congratulations to Wynter and Willow who both came 3rd in their first Karate Tournament for Great Britain; Wynter for her Team Fight and Willow for her Individuals.



Children in Need and Poppy Appeal

We are delighted to announce that we raised **£587** for Children in Need last month.



We also raised **£739.45** for the Poppy Appeal; which is the second largest amount of all of the Crawley primary schools.

We are so grateful for your support, particularly in these difficult financial times.



Cornet and Violin Lessons

We have a number of peripatetic teachers from String Sounds Violin Tuition and West Sussex Music who come into school to teach small groups of children how to play a musical instrument. These lessons take part in the school day, although they do incur an extra cost (unless your child is eligible for means-tested Free School Meals).

In the Spring term, there is availability with Mrs Cooper for the violin and Mr Witcher for the cornet – these lessons may be of particular interest to children in 3FM and 4TM who have been learning them this term. To apply or for more information, please email stringsounds42@gmail.com, giving your child's name and class, for the violin or apply through [Music lessons - West Sussex Music](#) for the cornet.

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Messages

A reminder that messages for children received after 2:30pm are unlikely to get to your child before the end of the day. Please ensure that you phone the office with messages before this time.

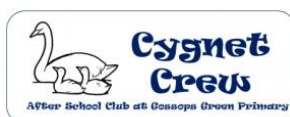
Choir Performance



On Tuesday 5th December the Choir will be giving a performance at **3.45pm** to parents/carers at the end of their last rehearsal session; we do hope you are able to join us. Please note the session may overrun slightly to 4.15pm.

Breakfast Club and Cygnet Crew Bookings

A reminder that all bookings for the week beginning 2nd January 2024 need to be made by **Thursday 14th December**.



Dogs

A reminder that no dogs can be brought onsite, unless they are registered assistance dogs.



Dates for your Diary

Following parental feedback, this is now colour-coded to hopefully make dates easier to see. The colours are:

Black – whole school event / Green – EYFS and Key Stage 1 event

Blue – Lower Key Stage 2 event (Years 3 and 4) / Red – Upper Key Stage 2 event (Years 5 and 6)

Monday 4th December	9:15am Cherry Class Nativity Performance
Monday 4th December	2pm Year 1 Lavender Class Christmas Performance
Tuesday 5th December	9:15am Holly Class Nativity Performance
Tuesday 5th December	2pm Year 1 Bluebell Class Christmas Performance
Tuesday 5th December	3:45pm Choir performance to parents
Wednesday 6th December	9:15am Willow Class Nativity Performance
Wednesday 6th December	2pm Year 1 Sunflower Class Christmas Performance
Wednesday 6 th December	3:10pm - 4:30pm Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party
Thursday 7 th December	11:15am 4TM Cornet Concert to Parents
Thursday 7 th December	3:05pm – 4:30pm Year 1 and Year 2 Cinema Night
Monday 11 th December	3:10pm – 4:30pm Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party
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



FAMILY FUN DAY

For young people aged 4 – 16.

SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2023
11.00AM – 3.00PM

The Apple Tree Centre, Ifield Avenue, Crawley, RH11 0AF

FREE!

Create memories and share experiences

To some fantastic clubs and activities

FREE WOOD FIRED PIZZA AND HOT MEALS!

Perfect for those with a HAF Code. Open to all.

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Nourishing Our Nation

Music - Cooking Demos - Arts & Crafts - Sports
Martial Arts - Sensory Chill Out Room

There's something for everyone to enjoy!

FREE!

Try new experiences and festive activities as you discover the amazing range of children's holiday clubs available across Crawley. If you receive Benefit Related Free School Meals you can sign up to a holiday club for free with your HAF Code!

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VIEW THE FULL BUS ROUTE ONLINE

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FREE SHUTTLE BUS

Broadfield Barton North	1030	1120	1210	...	1420	1510	1600
Maidenbower Maidenbower Place	1045	1135	1225	...	1435	1525	1615
Three Bridges Gales Drive	1055	1145	1235	...	1445	1535	1625
Crawley Bus Station Stop E	1100	1150	1240	1400	1450	1540	1630
Ifield The Orchard (for Apple Tree Centre)	1110	1200	1250	1410	1500	1550	...
Crawley Bus Station Stop B2	1120	1210	1300	...	1420	1510	1600
Broadfield Barton North	1120	1210	1300	...	1420	1510	1600

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Activities from holiday club providers including:

And Many More...

Community Events

west sussex music Starting JANUARY 2024!

Back for another year the incredible
TOMORROW'S ORCHESTRA PROGRAMME

Free group lessons on orchestral instruments for children aged 7 - 11

✓ Free for term one ✓ Free Instrument hire ✓ Play in an orchestra



BOGNOR REGIS Thursdays **CHICHESTER** Saturdays **HORSHAM** Saturdays **WORTHING** Fridays

 **ONLINE BOOKING ESSENTIAL**
LIMITED PLACES

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FAST-TRACK SWIMMING LESSONS, MINI WATER POLO & WATER POLO

FREE TASTER SESSIONS AVAILABLE

★ **NEW** ★
Swim & Play Swimming Lessons

in partnership with Russell's Swim School

All sessions for children aged 5 to 11 at Windlesham House School, near Findon



DRENCHED WATER POLO

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



18-20 DECEMBER
BOGNOR REGIS - RAP & LYRIC WRITING

18-20 DECEMBER
CRAWLEY - DJ & MUSIC PRODUCTION

21-22 DECEMBER
LITTLEHAMPTON - RAP & LYRIC PRODUCTION

18-21 DECEMBER
WORTHING - ROCK & POP BAND


AGES 8 - 16YRS
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CHRISTINGLE at **ST. ALBANS**

Gossops Drive, Gossops Green, Crawley
RH11 8LD

3rd December 2023
2pm



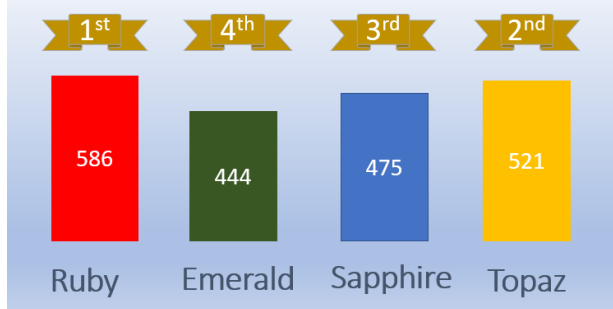
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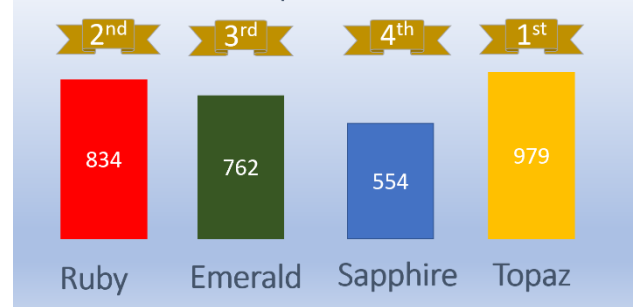
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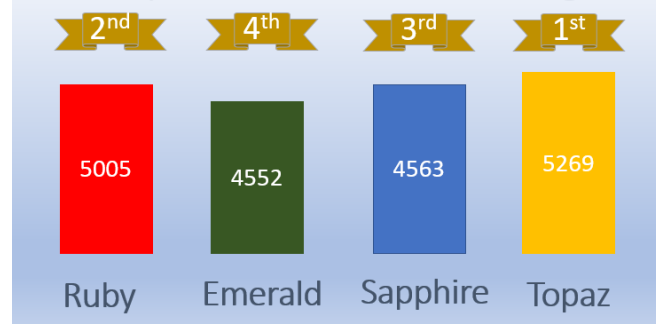
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House points – KS2



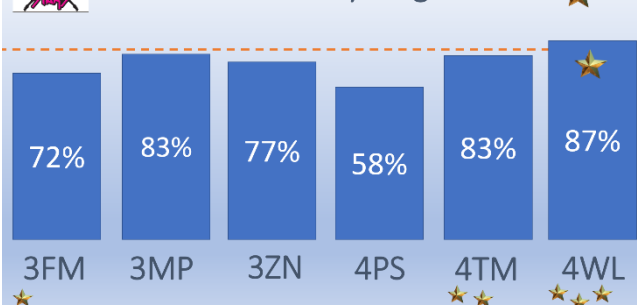
House points – Whole School – running total



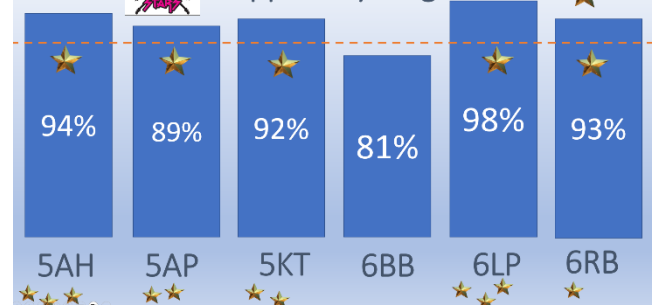
TimesTable Rockstars



Lower Key Stage 2

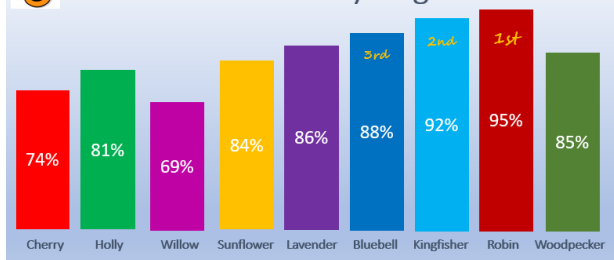


Upper Key Stage 2



Walk Once a Week

EYFS and Key Stage 1



Key Stage 2

