



Dates for the Diary

SPRING TERM

Monday 7 January 2019 to Thursday 14 February 2019

(Friday 15th February 2019 is a teacher training day*)

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 18 February 2019 to Friday 22 February 2019

SPRING TERM (CONTINUED)

Monday 25 February 2019 to Friday 12 April 2019

EASTER HOLIDAY

Monday 15 April 2019 to Friday 26 April 2019

SUMMER TERM

Monday 29 April 2019 to Friday 24 May 2019
(May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 6 May 2019)

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 27 May 2019 to Friday 31 May 2019

SUMMER TERM (CONTINUED)

Monday 3 June 2019 to Friday 19 July 2019
(Monday 22nd July 2019 is a teacher training day*)

SUMMER HOLIDAY

Begins Tuesday 23 July 2019

All term dates are on our website:

<http://www.johngulson.coventry.sch.uk/parents-info/term-dates/>

***1 extra Teacher Day yet to be confirmed**

SEVERE WEATHER NOTIFICATIONS

The weather forecast is predicting wintry showers in the next few weeks. It is our aim to keep the school open. However should the weather conditions become more severe please do not phone the school to check that we are open.

Please check the school website and the following media:

School Closures on Coventry Council Website – www.coventry.gov.uk/schoolclosures

Local Media –

BBC Coventry & Warwickshire (94.8 and 103.7 FM)

Free Radio (97.0 FM and 102.9 FM)

Radio Plus (101.5 FM)

Touch FM (96.2 FM)

Heart FM (100.7 FM)

Coventry Telegraph



Attendance

Overall	96%
Reception	99%
Year 1	94%
Year 2	94%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	98%
Year 6	95%

BOOK BANDS AND READING AT HOME

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term we will be introducing a new banded reading system for our home reading books in Key Stage Two. By introducing the new scheme we hope to:

More closely match books to children's reading ability

Provide an interesting and varied reading experience for our children

The bands are organised into two groups:

Pink to White band – early and developing reader bands

Lime to Ruby band – confident and experienced reader bands

Key stage two will focus on Lime to Ruby band.

Once the children reach Lime band, children will be confident readers. At this point, they will stay on a book band for a long while, as there are lots of different and exciting books to read in each band. We know that children like to have a wide variety of books to read, so they will still be able to pick a book of their choice from the school library, as well as their home reader.

Reading is a high priority at John Gulson Primary School and we believe it is at the heart of all children's learning. This new system should help to develop your children's reading skills and allow them to explore more books so they can find a love for reading.

If you have any questions about the new system and what this might mean for your child, please contact me through the school office.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Mackintosh



YEAR 1'S DINOSAUR MUSEUM

To show parents their work children in Year 1 decided to open a Dinosaur Museum. Parents were invited to see all the models, writing and art work that the children had completed over the last term of their Dinosaur planet topic. The parents and children all have a really good time exploring the museum. Well done Year 1.



YEAR 1 SCIENCE

Children in year 1 have been looking at the properties of different materials. They have been looking at stretchy and bendy materials and have chosen the best ones to use to make a stretchy web and bendy legs for a spider. The children were very good at choosing the materials to use and had lots of fun making their spiders.



CHRISTMAS BEDTIME STORY WITH YEAR 1

Children in year 1 put on their pyjamas drank their hot chocolate and ate their cookies and had a lovely time listening to Christmas stories.



OUR VISIT FROM THE NURSE

This half term's topic is about People Who Help us; this includes a lot of people like Doctors, Nurses, Fire-fighters, Teachers, Dinner ladies etc. Children have been learning about how all these people help us in different ways. This week, we have been exploring the role of Nurses and how they help us and what better way to learn than from a visit by a real Nurse. Nurse Mellet came to visit our Reception children, she talked about what she did, and she brought lots of interesting medical equipment for our children to see. The children were fascinated and some even had the opportunity to become a Nurse, a Dr and even the patient! It was very informative and our children really benefitted from this experience. Maybe one day, some of our children may become Doctors and Nurses too!



TEA FIT FOR A QUEEN

To Start this terms topic year 1 Children were able to welcome a very special visitor to school. The children got all dressed up to take tea with the queen. They sang her the national anthem as she walked into the room and waved their flags in welcome. Children were then able to ask her lots of questions about what it is like to be queen. Before they sat down to afternoon tea, they paid their respects by bowing or curtsying to her. They sat down to afternoon tea eating finger sandwiches, cream and jam scones, cakes and drinking fruit tea. Children had an enjoyable afternoon.

