

Playground Kits

The children have been enjoying their new play time arrangements and the new equipment has proved extremely popular. A big thank you to our monitors, who have done a super job of helping with the playground kits.



Coronation Celebrations

Arrangements are well under way for the school celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III. On *Friday 5th May*, the children are invited to come to school, dressed in a royal theme e.g. King, Queen, court jester, red/white/blue etc.

During the day, the children will design and decorate a crown, fit for a royal celebration and prepare a picnic fit for a King.

In the afternoon, the children will gather together as a school community for traditional games, which will include croquet, boules and hoopla.

The school will then share a whole school royal picnic together.

The day of the Coronation Celebrations will conclude with EYFS + Y3/4 providing Maypole dancing to entertain us all. Parents are invited to watch the Maypole dancing on the playground at 3 p.m.

Coronation Service: Sunday, 7th May at 11:00

On Sunday, 7th May, all pupils and their families are invited to join together to attend the special **Coronation Service** in our parish church, at 11:00 a.m. All pupils will form the **Coronation Choir** and will perform a Coronation Song, which they have all been practising.

The service will be followed by the parish 'Big Coronation Lunch' and a BBQ. There will also be a bouncy castle for the children to enjoy.

There will be a '**Royal Crown**' competition for the children, when the crowns that the children made in school, will be judged. The crowns will be sent home on Friday, for the children to wear to the Coronation Service on Sunday.

Farm Visit

This week, our EYFS children had a great visit to the farm. During their visit, they met Ron and Reggie, the pygmy goats, fed the pigs, admired the lovely alpacas and pet the beautiful black baby lambs. The children learnt so much about the care of the animals and were a great source of interest to the trio of donkeys. Many thanks to the farm owners for such a special morning visit.



Please see diary dates on separate sheet.

Staffing News

After three years at Great Gaddesden School, Mr Raisbeck will be moving on to pastures new in September. We wish him well and will, of course, keep you updated as we recruit his replacement.

Diary dates:

All dates are displayed on the [School Calendar](#) on the website. Please note that occasionally, it may be necessary to change dates. When this occurs, these will be highlighted to parents.

02/05/23	No Y1/2 in school - NEU Industrial Action
05/05/23	School Coronation Celebration
07/05/23	Church Coronation Service in church (Pupils Coronation choir) + church celebration
08/05/23	Coronation Bank Holiday: school closed
09/05/23 - 12/05/23	KS2 SATS week
15/03/23	KNEX technology day for KS2 Y1/2 - farm visit (tbc)
29/05/23 - 02/05/23	HALF TERM WEEK
08/06/23	Class photos
19/06/23 -23/06/23	Our Small Church School Week
22/06/23	Sports Day:- EYFS +Y1 / Community picnic p.m. Y2 - Y6
23/06/23	Inset Day
27/06/23	Y6 trip - Hazard Alley
29/06/23	Y3/4 trip - Saxon Day, at St Albans Cathedral
04/07/23	Djembe Family Workshop (part of Dacorum Music Festival)
05/07/23	Jazzy Socks for Jazzy Jars
08/07/23	Great Gaddesden School + Church Summer fete
14/07/23	Inter-village Sports Day 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Hosted by Little Gaddesden
17/07/23	Y6 Leavers' Service
20/07/23	FOGGS end of term party 3:30 Y6 Leavers' Party
21/07/23	Last day of summer term