



Great Gaddesden C of E Primary School

Weekly update - Spring Term '24 : Week 1

Religious Life of our School

The children have returned to school, refreshed and ready for the new term. On Monday, we reflected on the story of The Epiphany. We were reminded that the wise men were committed to their journey, wherever the star might lead them. As we start this new year, we pray for God's guidance, as we commit to do our best in all areas of school life.



Breakfast Club & Nurture Club

Our Breakfast Club and Nurture Club are beginning to reach capacity for some days.

The Nurture Club on a Wednesday is now fully booked, so ad hoc arrangements for this day, are no longer available.

In order to ensure that we provide the statutory staff ratio, whenever possible, please give at least 24 hours notice prior to the request for a place.

Christmas Jumper Day

We would like to have some spare Christmas jumpers at school, for any children who may need one for the annual Christmas jumper day. If your child has outgrown their Christmas jumper and you would be willing to donate it, please pass this onto the office.



Message from the Active and Safe Travel team:-

BE BRIGHT BE SEEN

Shine Bright as Car Lights

PLAY YOUR PART

During the dark Autumn and Winter months, pedestrians can often become invisible to drivers.

Always remember to be bright and reflective when walking, cycling or running at night.

Be Safe Be Seen

Open Classroom sessions

This term, we will be having an Open Classroom session for all classes. This will give the children the opportunity to share their work with parents and work on activities within the classroom. Please see dates on the website calendar and also on the dates overview on the next page. Please note that these sessions are in addition to the Parental Consultations.

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. Newly added dates are displayed in **red**.

18/01/24	Forest School: a.m. EYFS / p.m. Year 5/6
26/01/24	FOGGS 'Say Yes!' day <i>Details to follow</i>
06/02/24	2:30/3:00 EYFS - Stay and Play
09/02/24	Chinese New Year activities
09/02/24	2:00/3:00 Year 3/4 - Open classroom
12/02/24	Pancake making day
13/02/24	Shrove Tuesday
15/02/24	2:00/3:00 Year 5/6 - Open classroom
16/02/24	2:00/3:00 Year 1/2 - Open classroom
19/02/24 - 23/02/24 Half term break	

Forest School

Steaming cups of campfire hot chocolate were well received by the children at Forest School this week. Linked to their learning about The Great Fire of London, Year 1&2 learned to make a spark with the firesteels. They also found what happened when you use vaseline as an accelerant. Year 3&4 made stars to celebrate Epiphany.

