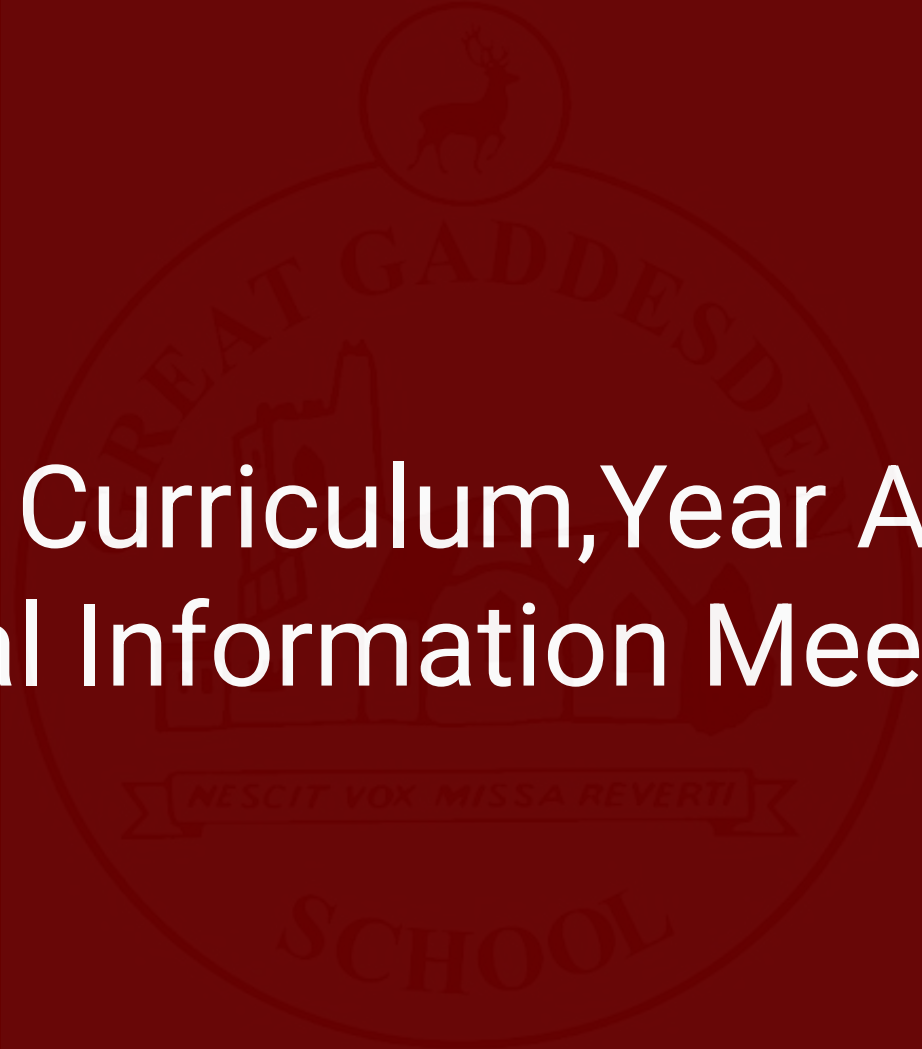




Year 1/2 Curriculum, Year Ahead & General Information Meeting

16.9.26



Staff Working in Year 1/2



- Miss Carty (Monday - Wednesday) & Miss Bonney (Thursday - Friday)
- Ms Baltera, Mrs Pryke, Mrs Jeffery

Leadership team



- Mr M. Beach (Headteacher)
head@greatgaddesden.herts.sch.uk
- Miss J. Carty (Lower School Senior Teacher EYFS-Year 2) & Mrs D. Lilley (Upper School Senior Teacher Year 3-6)
- Mrs Redman (Office & Pastoral Manager)
Working days: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri
admin@greatgaddesden.herts.sch.uk
- Mrs Curtis (SENDCo)
Working day: Tuesday
senco@greatgaddesden.herts.sch.uk

Office Team



In addition to Mrs Redman (Office & Pastoral Manager), Ms Baltera works in the school office on a Wednesday as our Finance Assistant.

Ms Baltera, covers the following:

- Dinner & Club Balances
- Tax Free Childcare payments

"The Christian vision is an imaginative, effective and compelling response to the context of this small, rural school. This means that pupils flourish through a rich and diverse educational experience" (SIAMS, 2025)



Our vision and values

Small School - Big Heart - Great Start

Mission statement:

"Treat others exactly as you would like to be treated yourself" Luke 6:31

Our 3Be's

1. Be observant and thoughtful
2. Be kind and empathetic
3. Be flexible and reflective

We have a value for each month (as shown on the yearly overview shared later on)

Working together, leaders have clarified and built on the school vision. This is at the heart of their work and helps to create a united sense of purpose. (Ofsted, 2026)

Safeguarding



- At Great Gaddesden, Safeguarding children is **everyone's responsibility**.
- Any concerns about the welfare or safety of children **must** be reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Mr M. Beach/Headteacher) or a Deputy Safeguarding Lead (Mrs E. Redman & Mrs D. Lilley)
- All visitors **must** sign in at the school office.
- For safeguarding reasons, the school gate(s) will only be open between 8:40-8:45am & 3-3:20pm
- Children can only be released to a parent/carer. Family friends, other parents, grandparents etc can collect but we require a parent with parental responsibility to inform the school office of this. Regular pick up arrangements should be put in writing to the school office.



Attendance

- Attendance lead: Mrs E. Redman
- We understand that from time to time, all children get unwell.
- All absences must be reported by 8:45am to the **absence voicemail or email**

Absence message- Option 1

Emails: absence@greatgaddesden.herts.sch.uk

- Please provide an update for each day if an absence is continued.
- This year, we are focussing on punctuality. Your child should be in school between 8:40-8:45. Being 10 minutes late daily can result in nearly an hour of learning missed per week.
- Term time holidays cannot be authorised. Unauthorised absences exceeding 10 sessions within a 10 week period may result in the LA issuing a fixed term penalty fee.
- Each day = 2 sessions (AM & PM)
- If your child's overall attendance falls below 90%, the school will contact you to offer support.
- Any leave of absence requests must be sent to the school office (form is on our website).

Book via provider

Book via school (on Arbor)



Club timetable (Autumn term)

<https://www.greatgaddesden.herts.sch.uk/web/clubs> and wrap around provision/297253

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast club 8-8:45				
After school club until 5:00pm Kiddle Arts and Crafts until 4:15pm	After school club until 5:00pm Football (Talent X Academy) until 4:15pm Music & Singing until 4:15pm	After school club until 5:00pm Chess Club (Lunch time) Cheerleading (Saracens) until 4:15pm	After school club until 5:00pm Yoga (Boxmoor Yoga) until 4:15pm	No after school clubs



Clubs & Bookings

- Please note - if your child is not collected by 3:20, your child will be booked into after school club and charged for the session.
- All clubs (including wrap around) should be pre-booked and paid for in advance.
- Wrap around provision has a debt limit of £20. You will receive a polite reminder if this needs topping up. If the debt exceeds £20, future bookings will not be permitted.
- Accounts are checked weekly on a Wednesday.

Please note - the £20 debt should be used as an emergency contingency. Accounts should be credited for bookings made.

Bags



- Children in EYFS/KS1 are required to use a school book bag daily.
- The only things the children need to bring into school each day are:
A water bottle, reading book & reading record (lunch box if required).
All stationery is provided and pencil cases/stationery from home is not permitted.

Uniform



- The only branded uniform the children **must** wear is the school jumper, PE top and the **midlayer** to wear over PE kit on PE days. The children must come in to school in PE kit on PE days.
- **Our PE days are Tuesday and Thursday.**
- Plain white polo top and either grey shorts, trousers or skirt (tailored and at least knee length).
- Red pinafore dresses are allowed in the warmer months.
- Black, white or grey socks **only**.
- **Black shoes only.** We would prefer black, polished shoes. However, the children can wear trainers but they must be all black (including the soles).
- We have a large selection of pre-loved uniform at the Church.

Class timetable



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40 - 9:00	EMW	EMW	EMW	EMW	EMW
9:00 - 9:15	Collective worship	Collective worship	Class worship	Celebration assembly	Church
9:15 - 9:35	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics
9:35 - 9:50	Maths Input	Maths Input	Maths Input	Maths Input	Maths Input
9:50 - 10:30	Maths group work Provision	Maths group work Provision	Maths group work Provision	Maths group work Provision	Maths group work Provision
10:30 - 10:45	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
10:45 - 11:00	Reading session	Reading session	Reading session	Handwriting Library	Handwriting
11:00 - 11:20	English Input	English Input	English Input	English Input	English Input
11:20 - 12:00	English group work Provision	English group work Provision	English group work Provision	English group work Provision	English group work Provision
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00 - 2:00	Computing / Music Input Group work Provision	P.S.H.E. Input Group work Provision	RE. / Art Input Group work Provision	Geography Input Group work Provision	Science Input Group work Provision
2:00 - 3:00		P.E. (Coach) Singing 2:45	Handwriting	P.E.	
3:00 - 3:15	Class novel Home time	Class novel Home time	Class novel Home time	Class novel Home time	Class novel Home time



Curriculum for this year

- At Great Gaddesden CE VA Primary School, we have a two year rolling cycle.
- In Year 1 and 2, your child will cover all that is required for this key stage within the two years.

See attached Yearly Overview



Curriculum overviews

- Each half term, you will be emailed an overview of the curriculum your child will be learning.
- The aim of this is to support you and your child know what is coming up and to prompt discussion/further learning opportunities at home.



Home Learning

- In Year 1, the home learning expectations are the following:
 - Reading (at least 3 times per week)
 - Engaging with our current topic - feel free to bring in relevant items or books to share with the class
- In Year 2, the home learning expectations are the following:
 - Reading (at least 3 times per week)
 - Engaging with our current topic - feel free to bring in relevant items or books to share with the class
 - Weekly (optional) maths homework linked to our learning

From time-to-time, we may set a project linked to a topic.

If you would like your child to complete more home learning, we would recommend CGP books for KS1

Y1 Phonics Screening Check



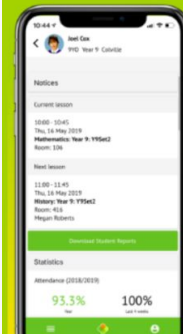
- In June, children in Year 1 will sit the Phonics Screening Check.
- This is a statutory assessment.
- This check will be carried out by a known adult.
- Children read a range of real and 'alien' words in order to assess their decoding skills. We do lots of practise of this throughout the year.

Communication

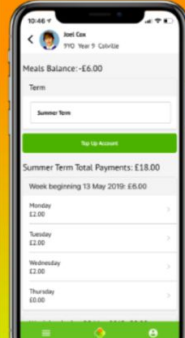


- Our weekly newsletter (sent out on a Friday) is our main communication to parents.
- Trips, events, reminders etc are sent out via email on Arbor.
- Please ensure your details on the Arbor Parent Portal are correct.
- We must have at least **two emergency contacts on Arbor**.
- Messages can be shared on the gates in the morning or an email/phone call to the school office.
- Please allow at least 24 hours for an initial response.

Check on your child from anywhere



Make payments on the go



Arbor App & Portal

- View your child's Timetable, Clubs and Attendance
- Pay for School Meals
- View your child's Guilford Golds!
- Update your details
- Receive instant messages
- Sign up to trips and after-school clubs

No more forms!

Google Pay

Card payments

Apple Pay



Parent Forum

- At Great Gaddesden school, we have an open parent forum and usually meet once a term.
- The next meeting is 16th October at 2:30pm
- These meetings are an opportunity to consult with parents and receive informal feedback on school life.



Questions



Upcoming coffee morning



25th September (after drop off until 10am)
Cake donations welcome