



# Great Gaddesden C of E Primary School

## Weekly update - Autumn Term : Week 6

### Religious Life of our school

In our worship this Friday, Rev. Russell challenged the children to the ‘world’s worst joke competition.’ The children did not disappoint! He went on to talk about the joy in being a Christian and St Philip Neri, who was known for his love of jokes.

As a school community, we offer our prayers for those currently affected by war, and we will keep them in our thoughts in the coming weeks.



### Christmas Cards

All the children should have now brought home their Christmas card designs. Please return these with the orders and payment by the end of next week (Friday, 20th October).

### Secondary School Applications

A reminder to our Year 6 parents that the deadline for applying for secondary school places is **31st October, 2023**.



### Home learning log-ins

All the children’s log-ins for the following programmes, have now been set up and activated for the new school year:-

My Maths : Y2 -Y6	Spelling Frame : Y3 - Y6	Times Table Rock Stars : Y3 - Y6
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Please check that your child has a written copy of their passwords so that they are able to access these programmes at home.

### Parental Consultations

Please ensure that a booking has been made for next week’s Parental Consultation sessions, on Tuesday/Thursday. This is an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into school life this term.

### Forest School

Nursery and Reception enjoyed their first Forest School session of the year. They learned about the Forest School rules and we talked about the changing of the seasons from Summer to Autumn. A big thank you to our KS2 volunteers who set up some amazing dens for the children to play in!



### 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**.

17/10/23	3:30/5:00 Parent Consultations
19/10/23	5:00/7:00 Parent Consultations
23/10/23 - 27/10/23 Half term break <i>27/10/23 - closing date for secondary applications</i>	
01/11/23	Applications for Reception place opens (September '24)
02/11/23	Gaddesden Singing Festival
07/11/23	Visitor from The Royal British Legion
16/11/23	Flu vaccines
17/11/23 <b>3:30- 4:45/5:00</b>	Children in Need day <b>FOGGS movie night</b>
29/11/23	Y5/6 Bletchley Park visit
<b>01/12/23</b>	<b>Non uniform day</b> <i>(chocolate/bottle donations for FOGGS Xmas hampers)</i>
07/12/23	Christmas Jumper Day (supporting Save the Children)
12/12/23	Whole School Pantomime - Peter Pan
14/12/23	KS2 Carol Singing at Care Home
19/12/23	a.m. EYFS + Y1 Nativity 2:00 - Carol Service - Y2 to Y6 6:00 - Carol Service - Y2 to Y6
21/12/23	1:30 pm - End of Autumn term