

# Great Gaddesden CE (VA) Primary School

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This month's  
value is:



## Weekly update

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had some beautiful sunshine this week and Early Years really enjoyed their Spring walk around the churchyard.

The children and staff have been busy preparing for our upcoming **Easter Service** on **1st April at 2pm**. Mrs Cresswell has been preparing some songs the children will be singing and each class will be sharing something special they have been doing in class about Easter. In addition, our Year 5&6 children will lead with retelling the Easter story and also sharing some prayers.

In the Summer term, on Tuesday 1st July, we plan to host our first 'Soiree' evening where children that learn the piano and flute will be able to perform. Also performing will be Mrs Cresswell's choir and all of Key Stage 2 who have been learning the recorder with Mr Waygood. If your child would like to join the choir, please sign up via Arbor as we have quite a few spaces.

On a separate note, we have had quite a lot of lateness this week. Please ensure your child arrives at school promptly (by 8:45am) as learning begins as soon as the children come into school and every minute counts.

Any absences must be reported please either by leaving a voicemail (Option 1) or emailing: [absence@greatgaddesden.herts.sch.uk](mailto:absence@greatgaddesden.herts.sch.uk)

Next week, we have our Spring Parents Evening. Please arrive 5 minutes before your appointment to sign in at the school office.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards,  
**Mr Matt Beach**  
Headteacher

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# Religious life of our school

At the start of the week, we explored how Joseph forgave his brothers. We reflected on this and how forgiveness is a powerful thing to do.

Joseph said "I forgive you. I welcome you"  
Genesis 50:20

On Friday, Mrs Tisbury shared our thoughtful responses shown below to the 'Big Question'. Also with the help of the children, Mrs Tisbury revisited the story when Peter asked Jesus how many times we should forgive and finding it in our hearts to always forgive. The children also shared some prayers.

*Big Question...*  
*Why is forgiveness so powerful?*



*"Forgiveness is powerful because sometimes you do not think you can forgive and when you do it makes you feel proud inside"*

*"so we can all be happy"*

*"To be strong enough to say I forgive you and accept that you are sorry and just forget about is a really powerful thing to do all by yourself"*

## Red Nose Day

Today, we all wore something red for Red Nose Day. Mr Russell joined in with the fun and greeted all of the children this morning wearing a red nose! We shared how Comic Relief is a charity set up to create a 'just world free from poverty'. Thank you to everyone who has donated for this cause. If you would like to donate, please click the following link below:

<https://donation.comicrelief.com>

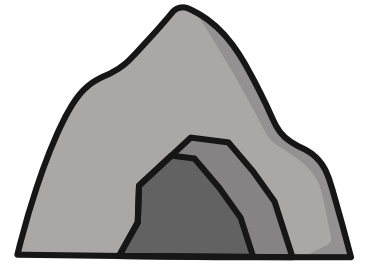


**RED  
NOSE  
DAY**



# Spotlight on learning

This week we hear from Year 1&2!



Year 1 and 2 have had a busy and enjoyable few weeks. Our text for English has been 'Cave Baby', where the children have been able to express their creativity in a number of ways; building caves out of the wooden blocks, drawing chalk cave pictures and using drama to move and sound like the animals in the story.



Our maths work this week has been linked to measure. The children have learned how to carefully and correctly measure an object using a ruler and how to draw lines of a certain length. Making the most of the sunshine, we have gone outside and measured some larger objects using metre sticks. How many metre sticks would we need to measure the whole playground?



During our indoor PE lessons this half term we have been learning about point and patch balances. The children have practised balancing on different pieces of apparatus and making a variety of shapes with their bodies. Perhaps they can demonstrate some of these for you at home!



# Learners of the week



This week, the following learners below were chosen by their class teacher for demonstrating **excellent learning behaviours**:

- Early years **Eve**
- Year 1/2 **Elissa**
- Year 3/4 **Lowri**
- Year 5/6 **Olive**

This week, the following learners below were nominated for demonstrating **'forgiveness'** (our value of the month):

- Early years **Maeve**
- Year 1/2 **Carter**
- Year 3/4 **Pippa**
- Year 5/6 **Leo**



The following children were awarded a **Headteacher's Award** this week for exceptional work:

Year 5&6- Dottie



Year 1&2- Reed

# Attendance

**OUR OVERALL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK IS: 93%**

**OUR OVERALL ATTENDANCE SO FAR THIS YEAR IS: 94%**

We have had quite a bit of illness this week. Please refer to the poster for guidance on this. Thank you



**UK Health Security Agency NHS**

## Should I keep my child off school?

**Yes**

	Until...
Chickpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

**No**  
but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

**SCAN ME**

**Advice and guidance**  
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

# Community information



Please scan the QR code to find out lots of information about support available locally for families



## Summer Term Tennis Coaching

Little Gaddesden tennis coaching will restart after Easter from Friday the 25th of April. All Juniors classes will run at Little Gaddesden on Fridays. We are also running a FREE taster session on Friday 4th of April.

To book in for any of these you can scan the QR code below or visit our booking page.

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/LittleGaddesdenTennisClub/Coaching>



Delivering Special Provision Locally

Please follow the link below for the Summer newsletter from the DSPL. There is lots of information about support available locally to access.

<https://dacorumspl.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/DSPL8-ParentsCarers-Newsletter-Summer-1-25.pdf>



The timetable for the Summer Term classes is below:

Adults Starting the 25th April:

- Intermediate 9.30-11am
- Improvers 11-12pm

Juniors Starting the 25th of April:

- Red Ball U8s - 3.45-4.30pm
- Orange/Green Ball U10s - 4.30-5.30pm
- Yellow Ball 11+ - 5.30-6.30pm

For more information, please contact Tyrell or Olly  
Mobile - 07758631370,  
07956944899



# Key dates

New or amended dates added in **red**  
**Things in bold are coming up next week**

March	<p><b>24th Y5&amp;6 Forest School (Afternoon Session)</b></p> <p><b>25th &amp; 27th Parents Evenings</b></p> <p><b>28th EYFS Forest School (Afternoon Session)</b></p> <p>31st March Year 3/4 trip to BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Neasden</p>
April	<p>1st April Easter Service at 2pm (at St John's Church- all parents/carers welcome to attend)</p> <p>3rd April Decorated &amp; plain eggs to come into school</p> <p>4th April End of term (1:30pm finish for all pupils)</p> <p>22nd April (INSET day/School closed for pupils)</p> <p>23rd April Start of Summer Term 1</p>