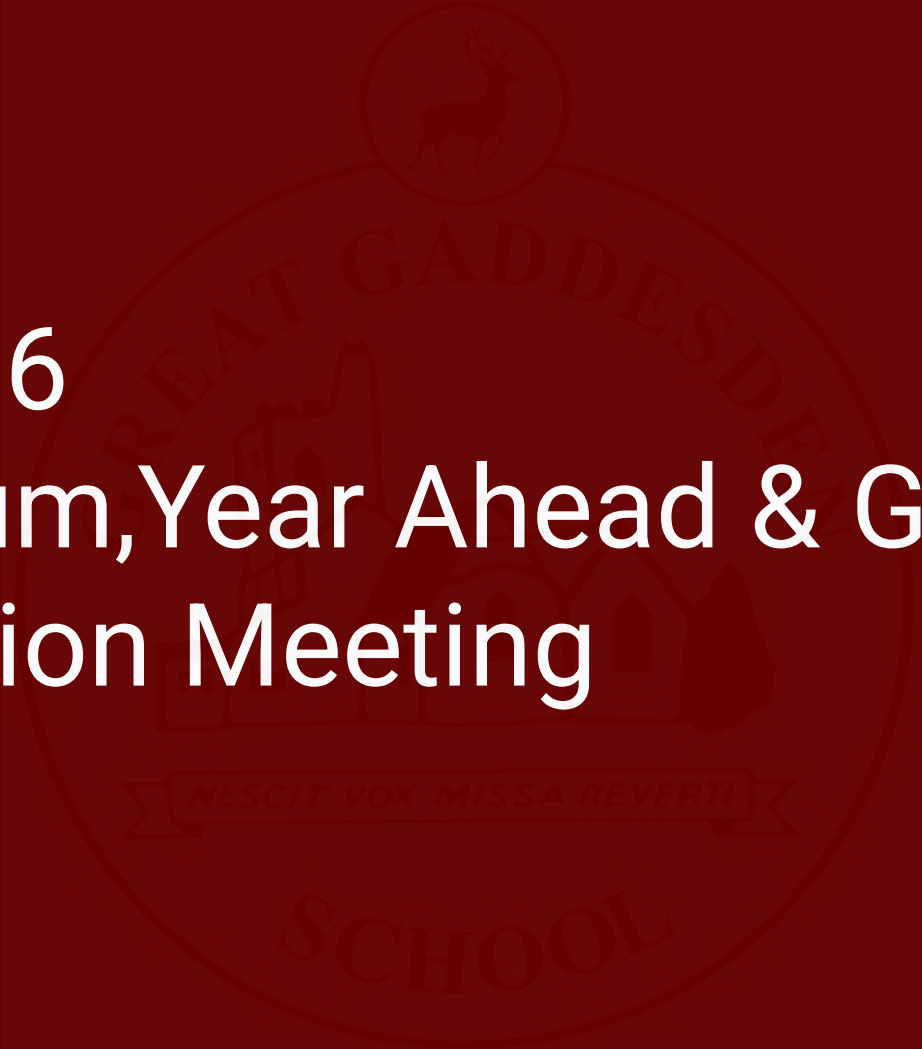




Year 5 & 6 Curriculum, Year Ahead & General Information Meeting

24.9.26



Staff Working in Year 5 / 6



- Class Teachers - Mrs Slater, Mr Waygood & Ms Lilley
- Teaching Assistants - Mrs Pryke & Mrs Sutcliff



Leadership team

- Mr M. Beach (Headteacher)
head@greatgaddesden.herts.sch.uk
- Miss J. Carty (Lower School Senior Teacher EYFS-Year 2) & Ms 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.

Miss 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 & Ms 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

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 Wednesday 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



Things to bring each day

- 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.
- PE kits are no longer to come into school separately.

Class timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40	EMW arithmetic 1:1 readers	EMW arithmetic 1:1 readers	EMW arithmetic 1:1 readers	EMW arithmetic 1:1 readers	EMW - mark home work Readers 1:1 readers
9:00	Collective Worship	Collective Worship	Child Led Worship	Celebration Assembly	Church
9:15	Times Tables/penfold run	Times Tables/penfold run	Times Tables/penfold run	Times Tables/penfold run	Times Tables/penfold run
9:25	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
10:30	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
10: 45	Guided Reading	Guided Reading	Guided Reading	Guided Reading	Spelling test
11:10 	Computing	English	English	English	English
12:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13:00	Spelling practice	Spelling practice	PE (Sports coach	Spelling practice	History
13:10	Science	RE		PE	
14:00		Music	PSHE/ Spanish	English - SpaG	DT
15:00	Class novel	Class novel	Class novel	Class novel	Class novel
15:15	Home Time	Home Time	Home Time	Home Time	Home Time
Interventions	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC

Curriculum for this year



- At Great Gaddesden CE VA Primary School, we have a two year rolling cycle.
- In Year 5 and 6, your child will cover all that is required for this key stage within the two years.
- Please see overviews attached



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.
- Please see overviews attached



Home Learning

- In **Year 5 & 6**, the home learning expectations are the following:
- Reading **every day** for at least 10 minutes.
- One piece of maths homework will be sent out each Friday, to be returned by the following Friday. The homework will be based on previous or current learning.
- Spellings will be sent out every Friday with a spelling test the following week.
- There will also be a times table focus each week.

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 & KS2

Y6 SATs



Yr 6 SAT's week beginning 10th May 2027

SAT's consist of 6 test papers and teacher assessment of writing.

Maths: 3 papers - Arithmetic, Reasoning 1, Reasoning 2
English: Reading, Spelling, Grammar

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.

The advertisement for the Arbor App & Portal is divided into two main sections. The left section, with a green background, is titled 'Check on your child from anywhere' and shows a smartphone screen displaying a child's profile, including their name, date of birth, and a 'Check in' button. The right section, with an orange background, is titled 'Make payments on the go' and shows a smartphone screen displaying a 'Make payment' button and a list of payment options. To the right of these sections is the Arbor App & Portal logo, which consists of three overlapping circles in green, yellow, and orange. Below the logo is a list of features: 'View your child's Timetable, Clubs and Attendance', 'Pay for School Meals', 'View your child's Guilford Golds!', 'Update your details', 'Receive instant messages', and 'Sign up to trips and after-school clubs'. At the bottom right, there is a 'No more forms!' speech bubble and icons for Google Pay and Apple Pay.

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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