

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

18th September 2025

Staff Working in Year 5 & 6



Class Teacher(s) + days

Mrs Slater - Mondays

Mrs Lilley - Tuesday - Friday

Teaching Assistants

Mrs Pryke - Monday & Tuesday morning

Mrs Sutcliffe - Wednesday - Friday mornings

- Wednesday - Friday afternoons

Leadership team



- Mr M. Beach (Headteacher)
- Mrs D. Lilley (Upper School Senior Teacher)
- Mrs Redman (Pastoral Support)
Working days: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri
- Mrs Aikman (SENDCo)
Working days: Mon & Tues (Fortnightly)

Office Team



- Mr A. Curtis (Office Manager) working Tuesday-Thursday (main point of contact for queries relating to general queries, dates, dinners, trips, appointments & clubs)
- Mr K. Beirne (Finance Manager) working every Monday
- Mrs E. Redman & Mr M. Beach cover in the office on a Friday

*“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

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

Great Gaddesden's Christian vision is deeply embedded and has a profound impact on the life of the school. The more recent addition of the 'three Bes' to the vision has sharpened its focus, enhancing its impact. (SIAMS, 2025)

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

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
- Under the new Ofsted Framework, attendance has its own judgement and we are expected to have high expectations for attendance and **every day** really counts.
- 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.
- 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)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast club 8-8:45				
After school club until 6pm	After school club until 4:30pm Football (Talent X Academy) until 4:15pm Music & Singing until 4:15pm	After school club until 6pm Street Dance (Saracens) until 4:15pm Recorders (Y4-6) until 4:15pm	After school club until 6pm Tag rugby (Saracens) until 4:15pm Yoga (Boxmoor Yoga) until 4:15pm	No clubs

Clubs & Bookings



- Please note- if you child is not collected by 3:20, your child will be booked into after school club and charged for the session.
- All clubs 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.

Uniform



- The only branded uniform the children **must** wear is the school jumper.
- Plain white polo top and either grey shorts, trousers or skirt (tailored)
- Red checked 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.

Bags



- Children in Y5/6 are permitted to bring a rucksack to school (as we have lockers).
- 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.

Class timetable

Class Teacher	Mrs. Lilley & Mrs. Slater
Supported by	Mrs. Pryke & Mrs Sutcliffe

	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
11:00	Computing	English	English	English	English
12:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13:00	Spelling practice	Spelling practice	Spelling practice	Spelling practice	PE
13:10	Science	RE	English (SpaG)	PHSE	
14:00		Music/ Spanish	Geography	PE (Sports coach)	Art
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.

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.

English

In English this half term, we will be using the text *The Man Who Walked Between Towers* to write biographies, news reports and persuasive speeches.

We will also be using the text *The Promise* by Nicola Davies to write narrative poems and diary entries

Maths

In Maths, we will be learning about the following areas:

- Place value, including numbers to 10,000,000 and rounding of numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000
- Addition & Subtraction, including numbers to 100,000
- Multiplication & Division, including prime numbers, squared and cubed numbers, common factors and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000

RE

Religion or World View Focus: Islam
Our enquiry question this half term is: How does Tawhid create a sense of belonging to the Muslim community?

Science

Our focus in Science lessons is 'Properties of Materials.' The Children will explore and test the properties of a variety of materials, explore electrical conductivity and plan and carry out a variety of scientific investigations based upon this theme.

Music

Mrs Cresswell will be teaching year 5 and 6 music every 2 weeks on a Tuesday afternoon. She will be using the '**Sing Up**' program and this half term's unit is called 'I've Been to Harlem.' What shall we do with a drunken sailor

Computing

The children will begin the year learning about Computing systems and network communication. This will include an e-safety theme.

PE

The children will have 2 P.E. lessons a week. One lesson will be taught by a specialist coach from Saracens who will be teaching hockey skills. The second lesson will be taught by the class teacher and will have a focus on circuit training and personal fitness.

Art

With a focus on the work of Claude Monet, the children will be exploring a variety of techniques using chalk pastels. They will be looking at light and reflection and work towards a finished piece of work inspired by Monet's series of paintings of the River Thames.

Geography

The children will be reviewing their knowledge of the water cycle before moving on to learn about different rivers of the world and the different parts of a river.

Spanish

The children will be learning to describe family and friends in Spanish. They will learn to ask and answer questions to find out personal information, write a description giving personal information about someone in the third person and identify a person from a written description.

Values

This term, our values of the month are the following:

September	Responsibility
October	Respect

Trips/Enrichment

Harvest Festival
Forest School
Visiting athlete (3rd October)
Visit to the water meadows (TBC)

Home Learning



In **Year 5 & 6**, the home learning

As in all year groups we set homework on a Friday and collect it in on a Wednesday.

The aim is to foster independence but please feel free to support your child if needed.

Children should be reading everyday and reading records should be filled in by your child at least once a week.

Please continue to read with your child. They may be able to read it, but with good questioning you will ensure they have understood it too.

Home Learning



Spellings will be sent home weekly on a Friday and the children will be tested the following week.

Each week there will be a focus times table. This will be written in their homework/ reading diaries and they will be tested each week.

Every Friday, a piece of Maths homework will be sent home. This will be based on learning the children have completed that week or consolidating work they have previously studied. This is expected to be completed in **pencil** and handed in the following 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

Support locally

- Our SENDCo, Mrs Aikman, has a Padlet with lots of information about support offered locally. This is updated regularly.
- All parents can access free family support through Dacorum Family Services
<https://padlet.com/SENCOGG/support-for-children-and-families-md2dn9m6u7q5bkcy>

The screenshot shows a Padlet board with the following content:

- Co Parenting - For SEN Parents**: A card with a photo of a family and text about co-parenting with care programmes for parents with children with SEN.
- Top Tips for transition to Secondary School**: A card from Dacorum Family Services with a table for a transition workshop.

Date	Wednesday 17 th June 2022
Time	10.00 to 11.30 AM
Topic	Session will be held on the 17 th of June
- DSPL8 Parents/Carers Newsletter Summer Term**: A card for a newsletter from Dacorum Family Services.
- BOUNCE FORWARD - Navigating Transitions**: A card for a course for parents of children with SEN.
- National Magazine for Families**: A card for 'about family' magazine.
- FREE Sleep Workshop**: A card from Dacorum Family Services with a table for a sleep workshop.

Date	Wednesday 7 th May 2023
Time	10.00 to 11.30 am
Cost	Free with a good bedtime routine
- Supporting Links ASD and ADHD**: A card from eventbrite.co.uk for a workshop on talking ASD and ADHD.
- Beezee Bodies - BZ families**: A card from Beezee Families.

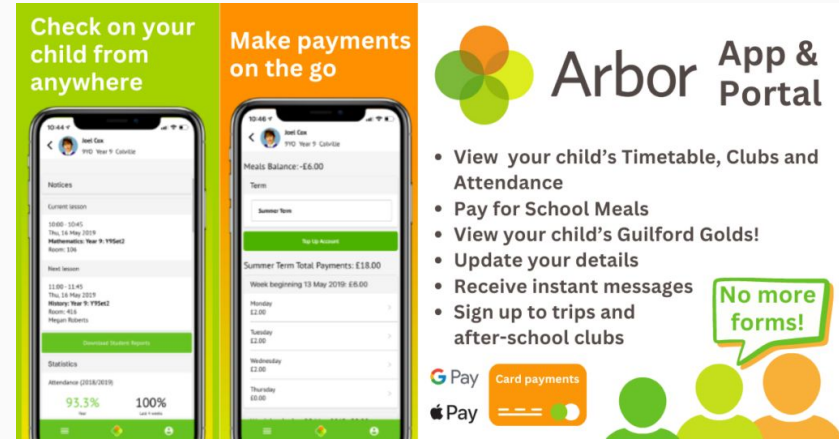
Y6 SATs



- Week beginning 11th May 2026
- The children are formally assessed in reading and maths, with teacher assessment and outside moderation for writing.

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!

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The image displays two smartphone screens side-by-side. The left screen shows a 'Notifies' section with 'Current lesson' details for 'Mathematics Year 9' and 'Next lesson' details for 'History Year 9'. Below this is a 'Statistics' section showing 'Attendance (2018/2019)' at 93.3% and '100%' for another category. The right screen shows a 'Meals Balance' of -£6.00 and a 'Summer Term' section with a 'Pay Up Account' button. Below this is a 'Summer Term Total Payments' of £18.00 and a weekly schedule starting from Monday (£2.00) to Thursday (£8.00). The Arbor logo, consisting of three overlapping circles in orange, green, and yellow, is positioned to the left of the text 'Arbor App & Portal'. A speech bubble with the text 'No more forms!' is located to the right of the feature list. At the bottom, there are icons for Google Pay and Apple Pay, with 'Card payments' and a toggle switch next to them. Three stylized human figures in green, yellow, and orange are at the bottom right.

Parent Forum

- At Great Gaddesden school, we have an open parent forum and usually meet once a term.
- The next meeting is 13th October (after drop off)
- These meetings are an opportunity to consult with parents and receive informal feedback on school life.



Questions

Upcoming coffee morning



26th September (after drop off until 10am)
Cake donations welcome