

**Great Gaddesden C of E School :**  
**Weekly update - Autumn term : Week 1**

**Religious Life of our school : Blessing of the school**

It was lovely to see so many parents at the blessing of our school on Friday morning. Rev'd John Russell visited each classroom, where the children shared a prayer that they had composed Together as a class. It provided a lovely start to the new school year.



**Welcome back**

The children have had an excellent first week back at school, and have all settled into their new classes very quickly. We extend a big welcome to all new children, their families and the staff that have joined Great Gaddesden School this term. The school community has, as always, been marvellous at making them feel welcome.

**Uniform supplies**

EYFS and KS1 book bags are now available from our uniform suppliers. The school is looking at options which will result in being able to offer more cost effective school polo shirts.

**Curriculum afternoons**



Next week, we will be holding our Curriculum Information sessions for Y1 - Y6. The purpose of these meetings is to share information such as class routines, curriculum details and timetables. A copy of the information that is shared during the sessions will be sent home to parents who are unable to join us.

**Sickness !**

Unfortunately, we have started the new term with a sickness bug spreading among the children and staff. A reminder that if your child has been sick, in line with County policy, please keep them off school for 48 hours, following their last bout of sickness. In a small environment such as Great Gaddesden, this is essential in order to prevent it spreading. Many thanks for your supporting the school with this.



**Parking**

A gentle reminder that all parents are encouraged to park in the garden centre at drop off and pick up times, in order to ease congestion outside school. If it is necessary to park in Church Meadow, please ensure that cars are parked safely, allowing parents, buggies and children to be able to walk safely along the footpath. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

*Next Saturday, 16th September, is the first fundraising event of the year: **Gaddfest**. This social event for friends and families, will provide the opportunity for new families to meet others within our community. Please see details below for tickets.*

**Fruit snack**

We participate in the 'Fruit and Veg. scheme within Hertfordshire, which provides fresh fruit and vegetables as a daily for snack for our EYFS and KS1 pupils. When there are sufficient supplies, we offer this to all children throughout school. However, as we cannot guarantee this daily, all KS2 children are welcome to bring in a piece of fruit or vegetables for a snack (in a named container).



**Piano lessons**

**(Y2-Y6)**

Mrs Seodi, our piano teacher, has a vacancy for this term. If you would like your child to start piano lessons in school, please email the office.

### 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.

11/09/23	2:40 - <b>Y3/4</b> Curriculum Information session.
12/09/23	2:40 - <b>Y1/2</b> Curriculum Information session.
13/09/23	Y5/6 : Forest School Roald Dahl day (learning link)
14/09/23	2:40 - <b>Y5/6</b> Curriculum Information session.
16/09/23	<b><i>Gaddfest evening - all parents and friends warmly invited</i></b>
21/09/23	2:40 - Phonics Information session for Reception and Year 1 parents
29/09/23	Grandparents afternoon in school
03/10/23	9:10 - Harvest Festival service in church
10/10/23	World Mental Health Day
11/10/23	Y6 Health check
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	