

# Great Gaddesden C of E School :

## Weekly update - Autumn Term : Week 2

### Religious Life of our school

Year 5 and 6 embodied our monthly value of responsibility, as they accompanied our youngest children up to church for our Collective Worship this week. Using the image of geese in flight, Mrs Tisbury shared how we all have a part to play in our school community. Well done to the Year 3 & 4 children who volunteered to help from the front, complete with yellow party hat beaks!



### Grandparents Afternoon

In celebration of National Grandparents' Day, (Sunday, 1st October), we are inviting the children's grandparents (or special family members of the same generation) to school on the afternoon of Friday, 29th September, from 1:30pm - 2:45pm. There will be the opportunity to spend time with their grandchildren, sharing their learning, in their class. This will be an inclusive afternoon for all children. Please use the [link](#) to complete the form, indicating if a member of your family wishes to attend. Please note: we may have to limit numbers, dependent on responses

### Parents Information sessions

Many thanks to all the parents who were able to attend the Curriculum Information sessions this week. Please note that all copies of the information that was shared, has been emailed to parents.

On *Thursday, 21st September* from 2:40 - 3:00, we will be holding a Phonics Introductory session for parents of Reception and Year 1 pupils.

### Forest School

Foraging was the focus of Forest School this week. Year 5 and 6 collected elderberries from the church yard and blackberries from the surrounding hedgerows. These were used to create natural dyes, from which we tie dyed fabric.

The children really enjoyed the messy nature of this activity and were fascinated by the different colours that the berries produced. We are hoping that there will be enough berries left next week so that Year 3 & 4 can have a try!



## 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*.

16/09/23	<b>Gaddfest evening</b> - all parents and friends warmly invited
21/09/23	2:40 - Phonics Information session for Reception and Year 1 parents
29/09/23	1:30 -2:45pm - Grandparents afternoon in school
03/10/23	9:10am - Harvest Festival service in church
<b>05/10/23</b>	<b>National Poetry</b>
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 27/10/23 - closing date for secondary applications	
<b>02/11/23</b>	<b>Gaddesden Singing Festival</b>
<b>16/11/23</b>	<b>Flu vaccines</b>
<b>17/11/23</b>	<b>Children in Need day</b>
<b>29/11/23</b>	<b>Y5/6 Bletchley Park visit</b>
<b>07/12/23</b>	<b>Christmas Jumper Day (supporting Save the Children)</b>
<b>21/12/23</b>	<b>1:30 pm - End of Autumn term</b>