



Great Gaddesden C of E Primary School

Weekly update - Summer Term '24 : Week 7

Religious life of the school

This week, we gathered together to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings. We remembered the historical facts of the event, the bravery of all involved and the effect it has had on our lives today. The children prayed for those who do not live in countries where there is peace and they offered their own private intentions for the bravery that others showed for our benefit.



EYFS farm visit



This week, our EYFS children had a fabulous visit to the Humbert farm. The sun shone, Matilda, the donkey, let the children stroke her and the pigs were clearly very grateful for the food the children gave them! They were all very keen to pat Ronnie and Reggie, the pygmy goats and the black Welsh Mountain lambs gave the children a noisy welcome! A big thank you to the Humbert family for inviting us to the farm.



Message from FOGGS

Unfortunately, FOGGS will be disbanding at the end of the summer term as the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer have all come to the end of their term of office.

If there is anyone within our school community, who feels able to take on a role within the committee, and so continue the legacy of FOGGS, please speak to one of the current members. This would need to be prior to the 12th of July, before actions are taken to close the charity and distribute final funds.



Family Church Service

On **Sunday, 30th June**, at **11:00 a.m.**, all our children and families are invited to a short family service in our parish church. The children will be reading prayers and singing during the service. It would be lovely to have as many families as possible joining us for this occasion. The service will be followed by a family fun day, when each class will perform a country dance or a Maypole dance.

Sports Day arrangements

As the temperature this year appears to be lower than last year, the whole school sports day will take place in the *afternoon*, as usual.

Date: Thursday, 20th June

Times: 12:30 - school community picnic in the penfold

1:15 - whole school sports day

Please ensure that your child continues to have their PE uniform in school each day for the remainder of this term.





Maths app

As we are currently reviewing our Maths curriculum, we would like to share a free Maths App that the children may wish to access at home. The '[White Rose 1 minute](#)' can be found for free on the [Google Play store](#). It offers fun activities to help promote quick recall of core maths skills, including multiplication timetables. The App is suitable for all age groups from Yr 1 to Yr 6.

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**.

HALF TERM	
17/6/24-20/6/24	Our Small Church School Week
20/06/24	Sports Day + family picnic
21/6/24	INSET
25/06/24	KS1 Dacorum Schools Partnership Olympics- Hemel
Sunday 30/06/24	Family Church Service + fun day 11:00 Service
09/07/24	Dacorum Music Festival
11/07/24	Transition morning for all children from Reception - Year 5.
19/07/24	1:30 summer term ends

Forest School

Year 5&6 made lip balm on the campfire this week at Forest School. They also initiated a whole-class WW2 role-play, which included bases, medics and cooks. This is a role-play that they have revisited many times at Forest School, inspired by their learning in History. It is always very interesting to see the way in which the children explore different roles, situations, and emotions during such imaginative play, and the way in which it helps their creativity and problem-solving skills.



FREE Workshops

For all parents/carers*

Sessions will be held either online via MS Teams or face to face at Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School HP3 8ER

Lite Bite	Date	Time & Location
Family Life on a Budget	Wed 18th October 2023	10:30 to 12:00 pm Online
Helping your Child to Manage Anger	Wed 15th November 2023	9:30 to 11:00 am Hobbs Hill Wood
Anxiety & Attendance	Tues 9th January 2024	10:00 to 11:30 am Online
Parent & Carer Wellbeing	Wed 28th February 2024	9:30 to 11:00 am Hobbs Hill Wood
Managing Worries & Anxiety	Wed 15th May 2024	10:00 to 11:30 am Online
Moving onto Secondary School	Thurs 20th June 2024	10:00 to 11:30 am Online

To book your place, please contact

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Please include contact details and name of child's school when booking

*at present sessions can only be offered to parents/carers of those children/YP who attend a DFS North & East Partnership School