



# Great Gaddesden C of E Primary School

## Weekly update - Summer Term '24 : Week 9 & 10

### Religious life of the school

This week, the children demonstrated their impressive ability to make links between our monthly value of trust and their biblical knowledge. The children, including our Reception children, gave examples of how Noah, Moses, Peter and Samuel put their trust in God to guide them. The children are to be commended on the way in which they reflect on the monthly value and use it to guide their decision making.



### Small Church School Week

It has been wonderful to hear such positive feedback from last week's Small Church School Week. The children certainly seemed to have enjoyed themselves and interacted so well within their houses. The photos of all the activities are available on our school Twitter feed <https://twitter.com/GGPrimary>

I am sure you will join me in extending a huge thank you to staff for all their hard work in planning and delivering such an engaging week for our children.

Thank you to those parents that have paid their £6 donation for this week. It is only with your financial support that we are able to provide these extra-curricular activities for our children.

### Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge, which runs in all public libraries during the summer holiday, encourages children to keep reading during the school summer break. Children are invited to read any six library books (or eBooks/eAudio from the BorrowBox) over the summer and collect rewards for their reading. It's completely FREE to take part, using the details below.

To take part by visiting a local library:

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge)

To take part online:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



### Arbor Balances

As the term draws to a close it is essential that all outstanding balances are settled. We request that these are fully paid **by Friday 12th July** so that we can start our Arbor transitions, ready for the new academic year.



### Saracens



Year 3&4 have been enjoying taking part in the Saracens Healthy Living Project. This comprises of a 45 minute interactive workshop, discussing healthy living and a 45 minute Tag Rugby lesson. This week, the children took part in an analysis of different drinks from McDonalds milkshakes to the drinks available from Prime.

## PSHE + SRE curriculum

During this half of the summer term, all classes will continue to follow our Zigsaw PSHE scheme. Over the course of the next few weeks, the children will be following the 'Changing Me' unit. Details of the age appropriate coverage is shared on the progression map, which is available on the school website - under Curriculum - SRE Progression Map. This shows all areas that may be covered and the vocabulary that may be included.

If you have any queries, please feel free to discuss these with your child's class teacher.

## Dacorum Music Festival

Following the success of last year's Dacorum music festival, we are delighted to be playing host again to one of the workshops. This year, the ukulele singing workshop will be taking place from our church on Tuesday, 9th July. There will be 2 workshops :- 1) [3:45 pm](#) 2) [4:20 p.m.](#)



Both workshops are free of charge, for all Primary aged pupils. To book a place, please use the hyperlinks above.

Please note: early booking is recommended as these workshops are likely to become full quickly.

All children attending the Nurture Club on Tuesday, 9th July, will be booked into the 3:45 pm workshop and will be accompanied by a member of our staff.

Full details of the music festival events can be found [here](#).

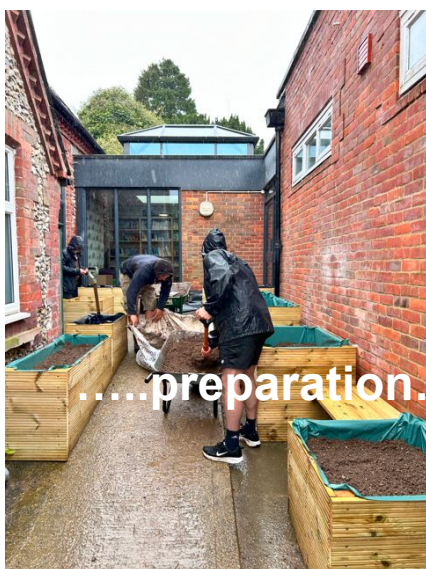
## Diary dates

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**.

09/07/24	Dacorum Music Festival : Ukulele singing workshop Session 1 - 3: 45 Session 2 - 4:20
11/07/24	Transition morning for all children from Reception - Year 5
<b>12/07/24</b>	<b>9:45 Piano pupils' concert</b>
<b>15/07/24</b>	<b>2:00 Year 6 Leavers' Service</b>
19/07/24	<b>9:15 End of year service</b> <b>10:00 Maypole/country dancing</b> 1:30 summer term ends

## Garden of Reflection

We are thrilled that the Garden of Reflection is now open! This project, generously funded by FOGGS, has transformed a neglected, unused courtyard, into an inviting, tranquil space for the children and staff to enjoy. A huge thanks to the Ivory family for all their hard work in planning, designing and planting such a wonderful space. Many thanks also to the Kelly family and the Buckland family for giving up their weekend to help build the garden. The last part of the Garden of Reflection is the water feature. Once this has been set up, we will have an open garden session when all parents are welcome to come and visit the area.



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## FREE TENNIS LESSON

Bring the kids for a free tennis lesson at our Open Day on Sunday 7th July. Junior lessons 1pm - 3pm. Our great coaches will have them playing fun games - rackets provided. Also a great opportunity to check out our tennis club and see all the fab junior tennis activities we have on offer.

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LEVERSTOCK GREEN TENNIS CLUB



### Summer Tennis Camp 2024

Come and join us for a week or two of fun and tennis activities at Leverstock Green Tennis Club, for all ages and all abilities.

Our fully qualified team of coaches and teenage leaders look forward to welcoming you to a memorable week of fun and games.

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug

9:30am - 12:30pm for ages 4 - 8 yrs

1:30pm - 4:30pm for ages 9 + yrs

£20 for 1 morning or afternoon per week

£55 for 3 mornings or afternoons per week

£65 for 4 mornings or afternoons per week

If possible please book in advance so that we can make sure there are enough coaches. To book please call **07950 732772** or email [grahamfish9002@googlemail.com](mailto:grahamfish9002@googlemail.com)

If you want to pay by transfer, a reference will be given to you at the time of booking. Please use this when paying into Graham Fish Acc No. 20772380 Sort 20 40 73. Alternatively, you can pay by cash on the day

Please sign in on arrival and don't forget to bring, a drink, a snack, light raincoat, sun hat and sunscreen

