

Great Gaddesden CE (VA) Primary School

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This month's
value is:



Weekly update

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we had our Spring Parental Consultations. Thank you for coming along to look through your child's books and meet with their class teacher. We are really proud of the progress the children have been making.

Also this week, we went up to the Garden Centre along Pipers Hill. They have been very kind and generous by donating plants, seeds and soil for the large planter in the Early Years outdoor area. As we approach the summer term, the children are very excited to be growing sunflowers will enjoy measuring how tall they grow. We are very blessed to have such a kind and supportive local business helping our school.



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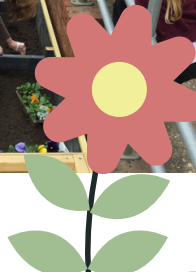
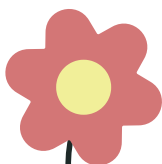
Next week, we have all of our Easter events (Church service, egg rolling and egg decorating competition). Also, on Monday, Year 3&4 will be visiting the Mandir in Neasden. On Friday next week, we finish at 1:30pm as we finish for the Easter holidays. For more information, please refer to the dates section.

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr Matt Beach
Headteacher

OUR OVERALL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK IS: 93%
OUR OVERALL ATTENDANCE SO FAR THIS YEAR IS: 94%





Religious life of our school

We recently completed a pupil voice to measure the impact of our theologically rooted vision and work we do as a Church school. Here are some of the results:

- 100% feel collective worship is an important part of the school day
- 100% feel there are enough moments to be still and reflect at school.
- 100% feel RE is an important subject at our school.

Pupil quotes:

"I like how we gather as a whole school at Church. It makes me feel safe"

Year 2 pupil

"Walking up to Church each week makes me feel peaceful and it has a nice atmosphere"

Year 5 pupil



"I like that some children get to have a big role in leading worship"

Year 6 pupil

"We treat others exactly as we would like to be treated. I use it all the time not just in school"

Year 4 pupil

Spotlight on learning

This week, we hear about all of the singing the children have been learning!

Mrs Cresswell joined our school this term as a Music Specialist. She teaches singing to every class and also runs a Choir club after school on Tuesday's.

Mrs Cresswell writes, "I have had a wonderful first few weeks. The children are enthusiastic and we have begun covering different songs and techniques. In KS2 we have been practising songs ready for the Easter service and also learning a couple of songs that we can then sing in a round (2 parts, 3 parts and 4 parts!). In KS1 and Early Years we've been learning call and response songs, with everyone having a go at singing a solo and lots also having a go at being the leader. After school I lead choir and we have had a busy few weeks learning a lot of songs already. We counted them this week and it's nearly 20. The members are looking forward to singing in the Easter service and we will always welcome new members."



Learners of the week



This week, the following learners below were chosen by their class teacher for demonstrating **excellent learning behaviours**:

Early years **Iustin**

Year 1/2 **Athena**

Year 3/4 **Alex**

Year 5/6 **Jess**

Headteacher's awards
Nyree, William & Carter



This week, the following learners below were nominated for demonstrating **'forgiveness'** (our value of the month):

Early years **Emma**

Year 1/2 **Amelia**

Year 3/4 **Molly**

Year 5/6 **Joey**



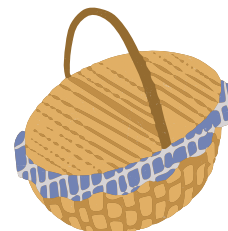
Forest School

Year 5 and 6 used natural materials foraged from the churchyard and the school garden to make some beautiful Easter gardens this week.



'Treat others exactly as you would like to be treated yourself.' (Luke 6:31)

Early Years had a lovely afternoon at Forest school today. We went for a walk up to the meadow behind the church and had a picnic! After listening to the story 'Teddy Bears picnic,' we each introduced our teddy bear to the rest of the group and then we shared biscuits and fruit. We played in the meadow and watched planes and red kites flying above us and rolled our teddies down the hill!



picnic

Key dates

New or amended dates added in **red**
Things in bold are coming up next week

March	31st March Year 3/4 trip to BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Neasden
April	1st April Easter Service at 2pm (at St John's Church- all parents/carers welcome to attend) 3rd April Decorated & plain eggs to come into school 4th April End of term (1:30pm finish for all pupils) 22nd April (INSET day/School closed for pupils) 23rd April Start of Summer Term 1

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