

# Great Gaddesden CE (VA) Primary School

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## Weekly update

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, the change team have been working hard counting up the kind donations made for our Macmillan coffee morning. We are pleased to share that we raised a total of **£112.45!** Thank you to everyone who supported this event and gave to such a great cause.

This week, on Wednesday, we had our vision day. This was a special day and a wonderful opportunity for us to refresh our school vision underpinned by our mission statement 'Treat others exactly as you would like to be treated yourself' (Luke 6:31). It also enabled us to develop a deeper shared understanding of how we can live out our vision through our 3 Be's. We had governors join us for this day for collective worship, the morning carousel of activities linked to our vision and prayer stations in the afternoon. Later in the week, Mrs Tisbury led a very inspiring collective worship focussing on our school vision with some excellent props! We will be hosting an exhibition on 15th October (after pick up) at the Church. You will be able to see the things we created on the vision day.

On Thursday, we had our FOGGs AGM. It is great to hear all of the exciting events and support they continue to provide the school. The agreed events and dates for the Autumn term are shared later in the newsletter.

This afternoon, we welcomed our Grandparents in for the afternoon. They enjoyed tea and biscuits followed by some shared learning with their grandchildren.

Next week, on 8th October we have individual photos so please ensure the children are looking extra smart!

Have a lovely weekend!

**Mr Matt Beach**  
Headteacher

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# Religious life of our school



## Collective worship

The day began with collective worship. We explored our mission statement underpinned by the Golden Rule- "Treat others exactly as you would like to be treated" (Luke 6:31) We introduced the Great Gaddesden Be's (see below and also our vision statement on the website) which Year 5&6 demonstrated through role play. These help guide us to live out our vision. The children also beautifully performed "Jesus Strong and Kind".



*"Treat others exactly as you would like to be treated"*  
(Luke 6:31)



## Expression

Throughout the morning, the children worked in mixed aged groups and visited every classroom and teacher. They had the opportunity to express our vision in a range of ways from decorating ceramic crosses, exploring Bible verses, pebble painting and fabric weaving.



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



## Parent voice

97% of parents either strongly agree or agree that the school's vision has a strong impact on their child

100% of parents either strongly agree or agree that the school promotes strong Christian values and ethos

(Parent Survey, 2024)

## Pupil voice

How do we live out our vision?

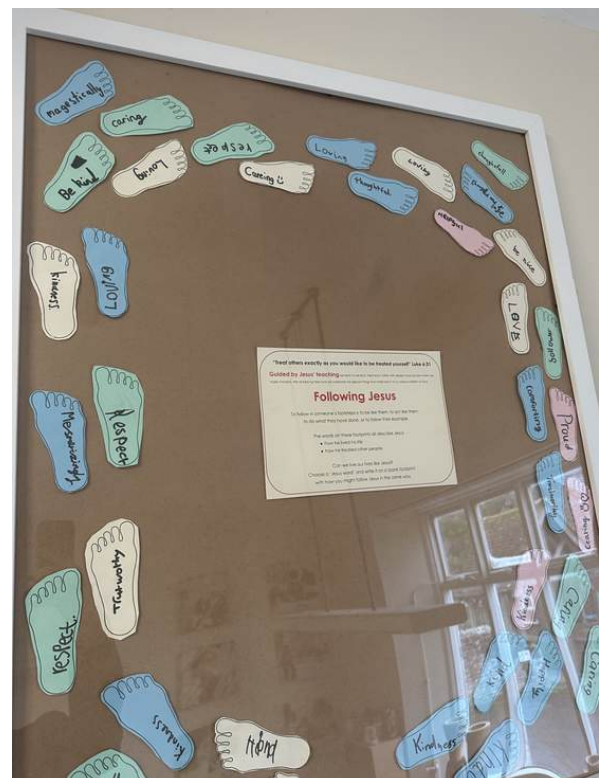
"By being kind and live out our school values"

Sophie

"By being kind, helpful and welcoming to others."

Olive

## Prayer stations



# Learners of the week



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

- |             |  |
|-------------|--|
| Early years | <b>Fredrik</b><br>For working really hard to learn new phonics sounds                                |
| Year 1/2    | <b>Harry</b><br>For excellent learning in Maths  |
| Year 3/4    | <b>Pippa</b><br>For demonstrating excellent learning behaviours by being enthusiastic and reflective |
| Year 5/6    | <b>Olive</b><br>For being persistent in Maths  |



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

- |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|
| Early years | <b>Maeve</b> |
| Year 1/2    | <b>Esmae</b> |
| Year 3/4    | <b>Pippa</b> |
| Year 5/6    | <b>Dolly</b> |

# Attendance

**OUR OVERALL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK IS: 91%**  
**OUR OVERALL ATTENDANCE SO FAR THIS TERM IS: 93%**

Our attendance is still lower than expected and we have quite a bit of lateness this week.

Please note: Our gates and classroom doors open at 8:40 and close at 8:45. Each class completes early morning activities that range from 'Busy Fingers' in Early Years to revision and consolidation of learning further up the school.

Therefore, even arriving 10 minutes late each day would result in almost an hour of learning missed each week.

Thank you for your support with this.

## Attendance Ladder



# FOGGS events



NON

UNIFORM

DAY

in exchange for donations for the Christmas Hamper Raffle



FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER

SUGGESTED DONATIONS

- |                   |                           |            |
|-------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| crackers/biscuits | bottles of nice alcohol   | chocolates |
| festive savouries | bottles of nice beverages | sweets     |
| chutneys/jams     | sweet treats/puddings     | cakes      |

please bring your donations to school on the day!  
thank you as always for your ongoing support!

We had a very successful AGM on Thursday and have lots of exciting things in the pipeline for this year. This term we have a non-uniform day planned for Friday 25th October, this is in return for donations for the Christmas Hamper Raffle - please donate any sweet treats, drinks or crisps.

In December we are planning our first disco for Friday 6th December, please save the date! There will also be a Christmas Movie afternoon which will take place in the school day with FOGGS supporting. Our committee members are listed below, although this is the core committee without helpers it wont be possible to go ahead with the events we have planned. Thank you to those that have already offered to help with events, you have not been forgotten and we will reach out to you as the events are being planned. If anybody else would like to join the official committee please grab one of us for a chat.

Lastly, if you are having a clear out at any point, please think of FOGGS - we'd love any good quality toys, books or teddies you would be willing to donate.

**Committee:**

Sarah Pugh (Chair) Jennifer Philpot (Treasurer) Nicola Bartlett-Steel (Secretary) Becky Spoakes (Vice Chair) Laura Jeffery, Hannah Leask, Diane De Saboulin Bollena, Kate Scutt, Jo Harris, Robyn Ryan & Gemma Hobbins

# Key dates

New or amended dates added in red

October	Black History Month 8th Individual Photos 9th Forest School - EYFS 15th Vision day exhibition at the Church (afterschool) 17th Harvest Service 22nd & 24th Parent Consultation evenings 24th Early Years stay & play 8:45-9:15am w/c 28th Half Term
November	14th November Parent Forum 9-10am (open to all parents to attend/more details to follow)