

Great Gaddesden CE (VA) Primary School

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Weekly update

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, we welcomed our new families to attend an information session about joining our school in September. I am sure the community will make our new families feel very welcome.

Today, you will have received a copy of your child(ren)'s end of year report(s). I hope you enjoyed reading them as much as I did and join me in thanking the staff for all of the effort and dedication that went into them. Also today, the children performed traditional country and maypole dances. This has been a long standing tradition at our school and is always one of a highlight. There are some photos of this event further on in the newsletter.

Next week, is the last week of term and we finish on Tuesday at 1:30pm. Please can the children bring a plastic bag into school as they will be bringing lots of books home.

Over the Summer, as you get things ready for your child in September, we politely ask that EYFS, Y1&2 and Y3&4 bring either book bag or drawer string bag that will fit into your their tray.

Book bags can be purchased from Beat School Uniforms:-

<https://beatschooluniforms.co.uk/product/great-gaddesden-c-of-e-primary-school-great-gaddesden-c-of-e-primary-despatch-bag/>

Please note, only Y5&6 will be allowed to bring in a rucksack as they have lockers which can accommodate larger bags.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr M. Beach
Headteacher



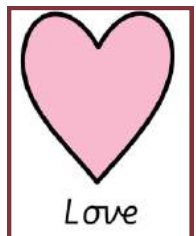
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This month's values are:



Friendship



Love

Country & Maypole dancing



Today, we had both country and maypole dancing which is one of our much loved annual traditions. It was a delightful event and we were very proud of the children's efforts.

I would also like to thank the staff for their hard work in preparing this display.



Learners of the week



Star Learners

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

Early years	Freddie
Year 1/2	Tommy
Year 3/4	Leo F-W
Year 5/6	Rían

Outside Celebrations

Well done to **Tommy** for being awarded a medal in football and to **Joey** for winning two trophies in football!

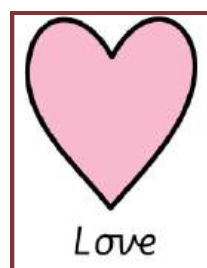
Mia achieved a certificate for completing the first 10 weeks of gymnastics and **Bea** was awarded the 'mighty netball' award.

Pippa was awarded two badges in Brownies. The first was for her dancing and the second for golf! **Jess** also was awarded with the same badge in golf. Well done everyone!

Value Ambassadors

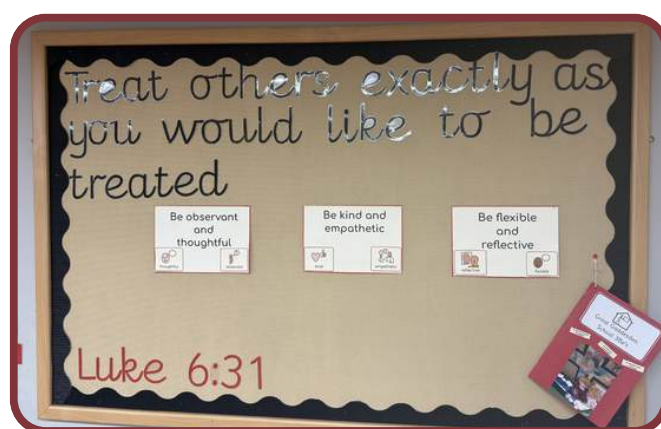
This week, the following learners below were nominated for demonstrating '**love**' and '**friendship**' (our values of the month):

Early years	Max
Year 1/2	Charlotte
Year 3/4	Molly
Year 5/6	Dottie



Mission Ambassador

This week, **Alys** was awarded as our 'Mission Ambassador' for always being thoughtful and reflective. Well done Alys!



Attendance

OUR OVERALL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK IS: 97%
OUR OVERALL ATTENDANCE SO FAR THIS YEAR IS: 94%

Our attendance has been really good this week!
Well done everyone!

Spotlight on Learning

This term, the children in all year groups were busy practising athletic events ready for Sports Day. This consisted of running, throwing, jumping, hurdling and a variety of relay type races. Year 1 and 2 can be seen here improving their throwing skills, using the foam javelins. Each class has a sports coach visit once a week, alongside teacher led PE.



As well as Sports Day practice, Year 5 and 6 enjoyed visiting Sapphire this term for some specialist gymnastic lessons. It was wonderful to see their confidence, strength and skill level improve across the various apparatus.



Key dates

July	21 st July Change Team have organised our first fundraiser (Pyjama Day) 22 nd Y6 Leavers Service (St John's Church) 22 nd Term Ends @1:30pm 23 rd Occasional day
September	3 rd & 4 th September (INSET days/School closed for pupils) 5 th September All pupils return