



Great Gaddesden C of E Primary School

Weekly update - Autumn Term : Week 9

Religious Life of our school: Remembrance Day

Our Friday Service was dedicated to Remembrance Day, led by Rev'd Russell. We came together as a school for a special service of remembrance. We shared prayers and had a minute silent reflection for all those who have been and continue to be affected by war. All the children, from the youngest pupils to the oldest, showed great respect as they shared the silence together as a community.

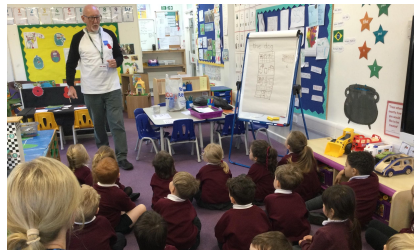


Visitor from The British Legion



As we approach Remembrance Day, we have been linking this to our learning. The children were delighted to welcome back Mr McCarthy from the British Legion - always a very popular visitor! Mr McCarty spoke to the children about the rationing that was introduced at a time of national shortage. He showed the children the precise amounts of sugar, flour, bacon and the single egg that was allocated for a week. This gave the children a real sense of perspective.

The older children added impressive information about The Battle of Britain and the need for evacuation from the cities, retrieving key information from their history learning.



Mr McCarty extended his thanks to the school, on behalf of the British Legion, for the very generous contributions to the Poppy Appeal.



Follow the Star: our walk to Bethlehem



Our Follow the Star journey to Bethlehem is now in its second week. As a community, we have covered a total of 1,317 miles, taking us into the country of Hungary. Thank you for your continued efforts; the children are so motivated by this project and look forward to the grand reveal in our Celebration Assembly, every Thursday. The total funds raised have now risen to £358. Please remember to share [the fundraising link](#) with friends and family.

We are looking forward to our community walk on Saturday 18th November and hope that family and friends will be able to join us. We will meet at Great Gaddesden Church at 1:30pm and there will be a choice of 2 walks, followed by mugs of hot chocolate.



Forest School

Another rather wet Forest School this week! The children constructed some fantastic dens to take shelter in. They also made woodland poppies as part of our Remembrance activities.

Next week's Forest School will be Year 1 & 2 on Thursday.



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**.

w/beg 13/11/23	Anti bullying/Just Talk week
14/11/23	3:30/5:00 Y3/4 Parental Consultations
16/11/23	Flu vaccines
16/11/23	4:30/6:00 Y3/4 Parental Consultations
17/11/23	Children in Need day 3:30- 4:45/5:00 FOGGS movie night
18/11/23	1:30 Follow the Star Community Walk (starting at the church)
23/11/23	Y3/4 Trip to St Albans, Verulamium
29/11/23	Y5/6 Bletchley Park visit
01/12/23	Non uniform day (chocolate/bottle donations for FOGGS Xmas hampers)
07/12/23	Christmas Jumper Day (supporting Save the Children)
12/12/23	Whole School Pantomime - Peter Pan
13/12/23	Christmas lunch
14/12/23	KS2 Carol Singing at Care Home
15/12/23	2:40 Piano and flute sharing assembly school
19/12/23	a.m. EYFS Nativity 2:00 - KS1 Nativity story (Y1/2) 6:00 - KS2 Carol Service (Y3-6)
21/12/23	1:30 pm - End of Autumn term