



Great Gaddesden C of E Primary School

Weekly update - Summer Term '24 : Week 4 +5

Religious Life of Our School

Our beautiful, rural location means that we regularly have the opportunity to marvel at God's creation. The recent solar flare caused much discussion amongst the children in school this week, with some having had the opportunity to see the northern lights over the weekend. Thank you to the Kelly Family for sharing this fantastic photo with us.



KS2 SATs

This week, our Year 6 children have completed the KS2 SATs. These tests, alongside teacher assessment of English writing and science, are used to measure school performance and to make sure individual pupils have the support that they need as they move into secondary school.

We are very proud of the way in which Year 6 have conducted themselves during the tests, taking the assessments in their stride, showing great stamina and resilience.

We have celebrated the end of the SATs with cupcakes and a round of applause from the other children in our Celebration Assembly.

K'nex Challenge

Last week, children in KS2 were took part in the Setpoint Primary K'nex STEM Challenge. They worked collaboratively in pairs to design and build a bulldozer, within a given time period. They then presented their model to the rest of the class.

Well done to the winners: Sophie & Harriet in Y5&6 and Amelie & Ophelia in Y3&4.



Forest School

In recognition of mental health week, Y3&4 Forest School started with some mindful moments in the churchyard. They reported feeling very calm and peaceful afterwards.

Linked to their science learning, they then made lip balm on the campfire. It was fascinating to see the very different melting points of the ingredients and to use the vocabulary we had learned in science, such as *melting* and *solidify*.



Wanted

We would like to build a collection of props to inspire creative play at lunchtimes. If you have any unwanted items that you think may be of use, please bring them in to the office.

For example: hats, apron, play food, play tools, bags, plastic crockery.



Bags 2 School Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated their unwanted items to the FOGGS Bags 2 School Collection, on Monday.

A fantastic 220kg was collected, which equates to £88 raised for the school!



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**.

21/05/24	NSPCC visit to school : Y2 -Y6
	EYFS - Dacorum Schools Partnership Sports event
HALF TERM	
w/beg. 03/06/24	Y4 : multiplication timetable check
06/06/24	Class photos
17/6/24- 20/6/24	Our Small Church School Week
20/06/24	Sports Day
21/6/24	INSET
25/06/24	KS1 Dacorum Schools Partnership Olympics- Hemel
Sunday 30/06/24	Family Church Service + fun day (details to follow)
09/07/24	Dacorum Music Festival
19/07/24	1:30 summer term ends

PE Kits

Please ensure that your child has their PE Kit in school every day. We have had a number of children without kit in recent weeks. It is time consuming for teachers to sort out appropriate clothing and can result in a reduction in the time for PE time for the children.



HEMEL STORM

MAY HALF TERM CAMP

The Astley Cooper School, HP2 7HL

WHEN?

- Primary School- Wednesday 29th May
- Secondary School- Thursday 30th May

TIME?

- Camp runs from 9am - 3pm (please make sure you arrive at 3pm to collect your child)

PRICE?

- £40 for the day

WHY COME?

- DBS Certified Coaches
- A chance to get coached by Storm players
- Full packed day of competitive team play
- FUNdamental skills development
- Inclusive and friendly environment

For more information contact: juniorcoaching@stormbasketball.net

Aged 8-17? Be a part of Elgiva Youth's next production

SISTER ACT JR.

No auditions! Lots of fun!
Perform on a professional stage!

Get in the habit of having FUN this summer! Sister Act Jr, The Elgiva's fabulous summer project, is packed with acting, singing, technical skills and will be a totally heavenly fortnight! It's time to get off the sofa and onto the STAGE – just sign up and you're IN!

Key info:

Summer project runs 19th–31st August (excluding 24th–26th)
Performances: Saturday 31st August
£260 for the fortnight (includes £50 deposit)

"The best summer holiday activity club out there!"

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Visit www.elgiva.com/sister-act/
or call the Box Office on 01494 582900.

The **Elgiva**

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Girls got game.



For girls basketball.

An all girls intro to basketball.
Come to our “Girls Got Game” event and give basketball a try!

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May 30th 11:00 - 13:00 Yr 3-6

Oaklands College Sports Zone
East Drive, Smalford, Herts, AL4 0HX

WOLVESBASKETBALLNBL@OAKLANDS.AC.UK



Ashridge Estate - Protecting Our Roots

Ashridge Estate is at a pivotal moment in its history and action is needed now to protect the special landscape that is loved by so many.

We're holding our second 'Protecting Our Roots' public engagement event to share more about our transformational vision to protect the estate for the future.

Come along to see more details of our plans and speak to the project team.

'Protecting Our Roots' public engagement event

Date: Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 May 2024
Time: 11am - 4pm

Where: Meadley's Meadow, behind the Visitor Centre at Ashridge Estate, HP4 1LT



For more information visit nationaltrust.org.uk/ashridge-protecting-our-roots or email protecting-ashridge@nationaltrust.org.uk



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Come and Try Junior Bowls



First session **FREE!**

Who: Anyone aged 10+

What: Fun sessions using obstacles and targets to learn the sport of bowls

Where: Berkhamsted Bowls Club, Canal Fields, HP4 2AL

When: Fridays 4.30-6pm

Wear: Comfy clothes and flat shoes/trainers (all equipment supplied)

For more details: www.berkhamstedbowlsclub.co.uk

