



# Great Gaddesden C of E Primary School

## Weekly update - Summer Term '24 : Week 11

### Religious life of the school

In our Collective Worship at church this week, Rev. Russell talked to the children about the general election and the importance of leading according to our values. He also spoke to the children about friendship and how, although we may disagree on matters of religion and politics, we can still get along with others respectfully.



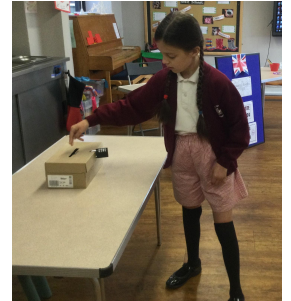
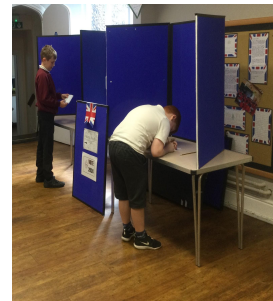
### The Great Gaddesden School Election



On the day of the national General Election, there was also a very significant General Election taking place at Great Gaddesden School. The children started the day



by listening to impressive manifestos from all party leaders of the DVD party, The Sweet Treat Party, the Play Party and the Green Games Party. All children and staff then headed into GG polling station with their ballot papers in hand and cast their vote in the voting booth. The children's enthusiasm and excitement was great to see. At the end of the day, everyone gathered to watch the tellers counting every vote and it was announced that the DVD Party had won with a very large majority ! So next week, the children will all enjoy watching their choice of DVD. This process gave the children the opportunity to experience our British value of democracy in action. The children reflected on how fortunate we all are to live in a democratic society.



### Transition Morning

On Thursday, the children will have their 'moving up' morning, and they will spend time in their new classes. This will give the children time to get to know the adults they will be working with next year in their new cohorts. This is an opportunity for the children to start looking forward to next year with confidence. The children will, I am sure, be excited to share their news at the end of the day.

### Arbor Balances



As the term draws to a close it is essential that all outstanding balances are settled. We request that these are fully paid **by Friday 12th July** so that we can start our Arbor transitions, ready for the new academic year.

### Street Dance



Parents of all children attending our Thursday Street Dance Club are invited to join the session at **4pm this week**, where the children will give a short demonstration of the dancing that they do each week.

## Dacorum Music Festival

Following the success of last year's Dacorum music festival, we are delighted to be playing host again to one of the workshops. This year, the ukulele singing workshop will be taking place from our church on Tuesday, 9th July. There will be 2 workshops :- the first at [3:45 pm](#) and the other at [4:20 p.m.](#)



Both workshops are free of charge, for all Primary aged pupils. To book a place, please use the hyperlinks above.

Please note: booking is recommended as these workshops are likely to become full very quickly.

**All children attending the Nurture Club on Tuesday, 9th July, will be booked into the 3:45 pm workshop and will be accompanied by a member of our staff. Collection will be from school, as usual.**

Full details of the music festival events can be found [here](#).

**Dacorum Music Festival 2024** [Live Music](#) [School Workshops](#) [Community Events](#)

# Ukulele Sing!

We are returning to St John the Baptist Church in Great Gaddesden as part of our Dacorum Music Festival but this time, we are bringing ukuleles!

Come and join us to learn something new, sing together and **HAVE FUN!**

**Workshop 1: 3.45-4.15pm**  
**Workshop 2: 4.20-4.50pm**

Tickets are **FREE** and available via the QR code below.

Any issues or questions, please email [dacorummusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:dacorummusicenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk) for more info

**Tuesday 9th of July**

**3.45pm-4.15pm and 4.20pm-4.50pm**

**Dacorum Music School**

**Free tickets via Eventbrite**

  
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## 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**.*

09/07/24	Dacorum Music Festival : Ukulele singing workshop Session 1 - 3: 45 Session 2 - 4:20
11/07/24	Transition morning for all children from Reception - Year 5
<b>12/07/24</b>	<b>9:45 Piano pupils' concert</b>
<b>15/07/24</b>	<b>2:00 Year 6 Leavers' Service</b>
19/07/24	<b>9:15 End of year service in church</b> <b>10:00 Maypole/country dancing</b> 1:30 summer term ends