

Great Gaddesden CE (VA) Primary School

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Weekly update

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very busy and exciting end of term here at Great Gaddesden.

All of the joy, nativities, carols, prayers and reflections bring us back to our foundation as a Church school. As I shared last night at the carol service, at Christmas we remember the coming of Jesus Christ. The good news is shared with people from all walks of life. Jesus, the son of God himself, was born in a stable and without comfort. Jesus brought us light, hope and as Angel Gabriel said, 'I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people' (Luke 2:10-11). Therefore, this Christmas, let us be reminded that the season is about:

Good news - Great joy - All people



This week, we also said a fond farewell to Mrs Ansell and Mrs Cummins. We have been blessed to have them as part of our community and wish them all of the best of luck in their new adventures.

I would like to thank you for all of your support during my first term as Headteacher at Great Gaddesden. I feel very blessed to lead our community and I am looking forward to the next term ahead.

Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas and best wishes for the new year.

Kind regards,

Mr Matt Beach
Headteacher

5 days until Christmas!



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The week before Christmas.....

Monday



On Monday, Key Stage 2 visited St Paul's Care home to sing carols to all of the residents. Bringing joy to all at Christmas is important for us as a Church school; our visit was very much enjoyed and appreciated.



Tuesday



Tuesday was Panto day! Every year, the whole school visits a panto and this year we went to see Beauty and the Beast at the Grove Theatre, Dunstable. Everyone was smiling, laughing and having lots of fun!

Wednesday

On Wednesday we had our Christmas jumper and dinner! We all got to sit together as a school family and share a special meal.

Thank you for the donations for Save the Children.



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

Thursday

On Thursday, we started the day with Early Years' Nursery Rhyme Nativity!



In the afternoon, it was Key Stage One's turn with their Nativity at the Church.



"For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given. And He will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 6:9



In the evening, Key Stage Two delighted us with beautiful Carols by Candlelight.



Friday

We finished the week with the Christingle which was led by our Reflection Ambassadors.



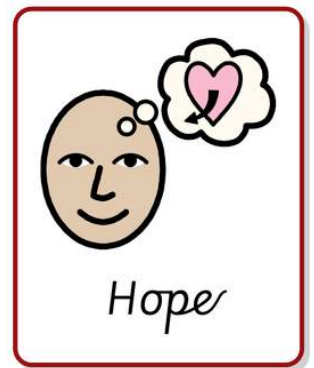
Learners of the week

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

- Early years **Max**
- Year 1/2 **Keeva**
- Year 3/4 **Elise**
- Year 5/6 **Rian**

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

- Early years **Benji**
- Year 1/2 **Sophie**
- Year 3/4 **Harley**
- Year 5/6 **Rian**



Attendance

OUR OVERALL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK IS: 90%

OUR OVERALL ATTENDANCE SO FAR THIS YEAR IS: 93%

Attendance Ladder



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Community information



Please scan the QR code to find out lots of information about support available locally for families

15 & 30 HOUR NURSERY

From January 2025, we are pleased to offer either 15 or 30 hour Nursery places.

- ✓ Qualified teacher
- ✓ Forest school
- ✓ Nurturing, inclusive environment
- ✓ Flexibility to top-up hours from 15 to 30 hours

Please get in contact for a tour

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Lunches Reminder

In the first week back, we will be following Week 1 of the dinner menu

Key dates

New or amended dates added in red

Things in bold are coming up next week

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No such thing as Normal Day

Donate and Dress Up!

Monday, 20th January

International Day of Acceptance

Join Electric Umbrella in shining a light on inclusion and celebrating difference! Leave your school uniform at home and be who you are - embrace the unique with the wackiest wardrobes, most heroic hairstyles, show stopping shoes!

Please bring a donation to support Electric Umbrella's work empowering learning disabled people and fostering a more inclusive society. Any amount from £1 is appreciated.

Interactive Workshop

Join us online at 2pm via Zoom for a fun-filled session of music and song with the Electric Umbrella team and members. Visit our site to learn more and get the link.

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Electric Umbrella: Where Music Unites People and Creates a More Inclusive Society.
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January	6th INSET day (School closed for pupils) 7th- Spring Term Begins (all pupils return) From 6th- Epiphany 14th- DSSN Multiskills (KS1 9:30-11:45) 20th International Day of Acceptance (Non-Uniform- rainbow colours) 28th- DSSN Small Schools Rapid Fire Cricket (9:30-11:45)
February	w/c 17th Half term

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