



Great Gaddesden C of E Primary School

Weekly update - Spring Term '24 : Week 2

Religious Life of our School

During the month of January, we are focusing on the value of 'Thankfulness'. This was the focus of our Collective Worship on Monday and the children reflected on reasons for which they are thankful. They were able to link a wide range of biblical stories and examples, considering ways in which others were thankful in their lives.



Staffing update

At half term, we will be saying goodbye to **Mrs Letheren**, who will be leaving Great Gaddesden to take up a new teaching post in her son's school, in Tring. We thank her for all her hard work and dedication to the school during her time with us. She will be greatly missed by staff and pupils. We wish her all the very best in her new post.

After half term, Mrs Ansell will teach in Y1/2 on a Monday and Tuesday, until the end of the summer term.

From February half term to the end of the summer term, Y5/6 will be taught by myself and Mrs Gale. Mrs Gale is a very experienced teacher, who has already spent time in our Y5/6.

At the end of this term, we will also be saying goodbye to **Mrs Feely**, our SENCo leader. We thank her for all the support and guidance she has given the children and staff during her time at Great Gaddesden. We wish her all the very best for the future.

From half term, the role of SENCo will be covered by Mrs Scivyer, who is an experienced SENCo leader.



Marvellous Me!

This term, Y1 - Y6 will continue to use the 'Marvellous Me' app. This is an excellent tool to share specific aspects of the children's learning and achievements each week.

The EYFS staff will continue to use Tapestry.

If support is needed with accessing these apps, please contact the school office.

Nurture Club

A reminder that the After School Nurture Club is now full on a Wednesday, with a waiting list in place.

Please remember that for KS2 children, Tag Rugby is also available after school on a Wednesday.

Forest School

It was a cold and crisp day for Forest School this week, with a lovely dose of winter sun throughout the day.

EYFS thought about animals in winter and enjoyed playing the hibernation game.

Year 5 & 6 had the opportunity to use secateurs to make their own pick up sticks. They also enjoyed a class role play, reflecting their WW2 learning. This involved making bases, acting as medics and operating a field kitchen.

Hot chocolate on the campfire was enjoyed by all.

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**.

26/01/24	FOGGS 'Say Yes!' day <i>Details to follow</i>
w/beg 05/02/24	Feeling Good week
06/02/24	2:30/3:00 EYFS - Stay and Play
09/02/24	Chinese New Year activities
09/02/24	2:00/3:00 Year 3/4 - Open classroom
12/02/24	Social media training day
12/02/24	Pancake making day
13/02/24	Shrove Tuesday
15/02/24	2:00/3:00 Year 5/6 - Open classroom
16/02/24	2:00/3:00 Year 1/2 - Open classroom
19/02/24 - 23/02/24 Half term break	
29/02/24	Y1/2 Mixed sporting activities - Dacorum event at Everyone Active, Hemel.
04/03/24	Y5/6 - Magistrate workshop
07/03/24	World Book Day

