



Great Gaddesden C of E Primary School

Weekly update - Summer Term '24 : Week 1

Religious Life of Our School

In our first church Collective Worship of the term, Mrs Tisbury used the image of looking after plants, to explore our monthly value of 'tolerance.' Mrs Tisbury explored many of the different qualities that are the 'fruits' of what God gives us. Together, the children considered how we can use these gifts of the Holy Spirit to support us, as we grow and develop in our lives.



Correspondence from School

We are noticing a significant increase in the number of occasions that parents are contacting the office, requesting information that has previously been shared in the weekly newsletter or in an email from school. This is having an impact on the workload of the office staff.

We try to include all information in the weekly newsletter, in order to minimise the number of emails that are sent. We would like to remind parents of the importance of reading all correspondence that is sent from school.



Club Booking System

We have had a very successful start to our new booking system for school clubs. This has been introduced to ensure safe staffing and sufficient space for the number of children.

Please do not send your child to Breakfast Club or After School Nurture club if they have not been booked in and the club is not showing on Arbor, as this shows that the club is full and there is no capacity for additional children. If additional places become available, these will then be shown on Arbor. In cases of emergency, please ring the office.

Busy Bakers

Our first Busy Bakers club took place this Wednesday. The nurture room was a hive of activity as the children prepared their first dish - fruit kebabs.



Homework

Following feedback from parents during Parents' Consultations, we have made some changes to our homework policy.

Year 2 will no longer receive maths homework but they will continue to have daily reading and spelling practice.

This term, KS2 classes will no longer be using the CGP Maths books for homework but will receive maths sheets, in a maths folder.

Forest School

It was a glorious day for Forest School on Thursday. The sun was shining and the woods were full of bluebells. We were reminded, once again, how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful part of the world. Year 5&6 learned how to whittle a spreader, which they used to make a honey sandwich.



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**.

09/05/24	KS2 KNEX day (technology)
13/5/24- 16/5/24	Year 6 SATs
21/05/24	NSPCC visit to school
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
21/6/24	INSET
Sunday 30/06/24	Family Church Service + fun day (details to follow)
05/07/24	Intervillage sports
09/07/24	Dacorum Music Festival
19/07/24	1:30 summer term ends



Please note that on **May, 13th**, FOGGS have organised for bags of unwanted clothes to be

collected from the Penfold, raising funds by supporting recycling.

The Friends of Great Gaddesden Church Present

A BARN DANCE

11 MAY - 6PM

With the Wick Trimmers



Gaddesden Estate Home Farm

Bridens Camp, HP2 6EZ

BAR BBQ Ice Cream

Tickets £15, Under 13's free

From Jo on 07775 714110 or

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PRIMARY & SECONDARY
Laureate Academy, HP1 3DW

SUMMER TERM ACADEMY MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

- Primary: 5pm-5.45pm
- Secondary: 6pm-6.45pm

PAY TO PLAY COST

- £8 per session

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Mondays: £35 for 5 week half term
- Wednesdays: £42 for 6 week half term




Booking Link:
<https://stormbasketball.net/weekly-skills-academy>

For more information: juniorcoaching@stormbasketball.net



FREE FAMILY EVENT

THE MAYOR'S GARDEN PARTY

Next attachment

SPONSORED BY **CARDO**

SUNDAY 12 MAY, 11AM - 3PM
Sunnyside Rural Trust, Central Nursery,
Two Waters Road, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 9BY

COMMUNITY STAGE · FACE PAINTING · CRAFTING
CAKE BAKING COMPETITION · STALLS · PIZZA

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Cranbourne Primary School EN6 2BA	Hurst Drive Primary School EN8 8DH	Leavesden Green Community Hub WD25 0BW	Birchwood Avenue Primary School AL10 0PS
17:00 - 19:00	17:45 - 19:30	17:30 - 19:30	17:00 - 19:00
BISHOP'S STORTFORD	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD	STEVENAGE	BOREHAMWOOD
Summercroft Primary School CM23 5BJ	Hobletts Manor Junior School HP2 5JT	The Oval Community Centre SG1 5RA	Meryfield Primary School WD6 4PA
17:30 - 19:30	17:30 - 19:30	17:30 - 19:30	17:30 - 19:30

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