



Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

Headteacher: Lorna Elkes

Together in Community

Built on our Christian values, rooted in the parable of the Good Samaritan

Thursday 18th April 2024

Coming up... (new items)

Summer Term

Friday 19th April - Swimming lessons begin.

Thursday 25th April - [Folk evening](#) - [FOLGS](#)

Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May Year 6 National Curriculum tests.

Tuesday 21st May - Choir performance to choir parents 4pm

Wednesday 22nd May - Class 1 sports trip am

Thursday May 23rd - Class 2 trip

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May - HALF TERM

Tuesday 4th June - Class 2 sports trip

Monday 10th June - Book fair arrives

Monday 10th June - Class 4 Magistrate visit

Wednesday 12th June - Class 4 sports trip

Thursday 13th June - Class 3 sports trip

Monday 17th June - PE week whole school

Wednesday 19th June Whole school sports day am

Monday 24th - Friday 28th June - Class 4 residential trip

Wednesday 26th June - Year 4 Science Trip

Friday 5th July - Inter Village sports event 6pm

Tuesday 8th July - Little Big Sing

Friday 19th July - Last day term, school finishes at 1:30pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our summer and final term of the school year. As you can see from the details above, we already have much planned for our pupils to enjoy.

Please also look out for all the [FOLGS](#) events coming up - without their support we would not be able to provide the many extras for our children.

Clubs

If you have not already done so, please complete club sign-ups. In some cases, numbers are only just sufficient to offer this provision.

Gobstoppers Drama Club DO NOT have sufficient numbers at the moment to provide this on Thursdays after school. Please confirm by tomorrow (Friday) if you would like your child to take part.

French club - A free taster is available for next week - [Free trial Little Gaddesden2 2024.doc](#)

[School Clubs Summer Term 2024.pdf](#) - details for all clubs with booking links

[Drama Club Little Gad .pdf](#)

[Chess Club Booking Form - Little Gaddesden 2024 Summer.docx.pdf](#)

- 📎 Little Gaddesden - Football - Years 3 to 6 - Wednesday ASC - SUM24.pdf
- 📎 Little Gaddesden - Years 1 & 2 Football - LC- SUM24.pdf
- 📄 Little Gaddesden French Summer 2024.docx
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- 📎 Street Dance Summer 24.png

After school - wraparound care

Thank you for the responses so far.

I have already spoken to several providers for this - all offer a great provision with a range of activities for our children and all offer a light supper. I have particularly sought out providers that will offer a discounted rate for pupils taking part in after school clubs.

If this is something you would be interested in from September please complete [this form](#) by **Friday 26th April**. **We do not yet have enough interest to be able to offer it.**

Mini Marathon

Well done to all the children for some SUPER running during this afternoon's Mini Marathon! I was so impressed by their enthusiasm, determination, and the way they supported one another. A special thank you to the Year 6 Sports Leaders who led the whole school through thorough warm up and cool down sessions.

Thanks to all your generous donations, we have raised £140 for the WWF.

A trophy from TCS London Marathon in Schools should be on its way to Little Gaddesden soon...!

A huge well done again to all the children.

Miss Wheeler



Class 1: have been looking closely at the story of Handa's Surprise, finding out about where our food comes from and making our own African fruit smoothies!



Class 2: This week, we have started our non-fiction English topic on sharks. We have looked at the features of non-fiction books and have started to write questions that we would like to research for the class fact file we are going to create.

Class 3: have started our learning on plants by observing some flowering plants and recording what we know about the functions of different parts.



Reminder: Children only need to come in their **P.E. kits on a Wednesday** this term, and remember to bring their **swimming kits on a Friday**.

Class 4: This week we have started a new science unit about evolution and inheritance and have considered what characteristics offspring inherit from their parents. In English we are starting to explore the picture book, *Hermelin*, as a stimulus for creative writing.
Reminder: PE in class 4 this term is on Monday and Tuesday afternoons.

Class 4 - Year 5 pupils Secondary applications for schools in South West Hertfordshire

If you are considering the following schools for your child please use the link for details and dates.

📄 April 2024 - Registration Opening.pdf

The South West Herts Consortium schools are:

- Croxley Danes School (Music aptitude only)
- Parmiter's School
- Queens' School
- Rickmansworth School
- St Clement Danes School
- Watford Grammar School for Boys
- Watford Grammar School for Girls

Parents can register their child with the Consortium between Monday 8th April and Friday 14th June 2024. The best way to do this is via the SW Herts Admissions Consortium [website](#)

School Football

We are very near to finishing the Game On Red team League, with just one fixture still to play. It has involved 5 very evenly matched Game On Schools and the Little Gaddesden team has not yet lost a game. However this year congratulations to Thomas Coram who have ended up winners for this season.

The final results are below and we are looking forward to next season

	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Points
Thomas Coram	4	3	1	0	10
Galley Hill	4	2	0	2	6
Little Gaddesden	3	1	2	0	5
Holtsmere End	3	1	0	2	3
George Street	4	0	1	3	1

School hours

If you have not yet completed this please do so by Friday 26th April:

From September 2024, the government announced a new minimum expectation on the length of the school week of 32.5 hours. In order to meet this requirement, we need to adjust the length of our school day.

Our proposal:

To extend our end of day from 3:15pm to 3:20pm.

For all pupils to be registered by 8.50am.

As part of this we will be changing the way in which pupils come into school - moving to a 'soft start'.

School gates will open from 8:40am and pupils will be able to come into school from 8:45 in the morning. This will also alleviate the log-jam we currently experience as pupils enter the school after lining up.

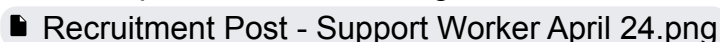
What does this mean for you?

- Access to the playground from 8:40am
- Children able to enter school from 8:45am
- Pupils to be in school and registered present by 8:50am
- School day ends at 3:20pm.


We would very much value your [views](#) regarding this.

Little Gaddesden Pre-school

The local preschool is recruiting -

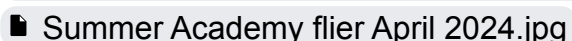


Support for families locally



Local information





Lorna Elkes

Headteacher

FOLGS

Hi everyone,

Huge thanks to the Mabbett family for their Curry and Quiz over the Easter break. Their hard work managed to raise almost £1000 for our school.

Folk Night - Thursday 25th April at Little Gaddesden Church. This is a great evening out with excellent music and entertainment

We are super excited to be welcoming the fabulous Lady Nade to our stunning village church on the 25th April, for an intimate and soulful evening of Americana – with all money helping to RAISE THE ROOF for our village school, which is in need of major repair! There will be a fully stocked and very reasonably priced bar, with yummy snacks. Tickets are only £16 per person!



Please click the link below to purchase tickets, or see Benjamin Dawson
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/folgs/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=77027>

We are always very grateful for volunteers to help with events or support behind the scenes.

Please speak to any of the team if you are able to help with:

- Shelving for our container. We have the wood just waiting to be transformed
- Update the wooden gate and add a Friends notice board
- Cleaning and titivating the school BBQs - they are in need of some TLC

We are also looking for successors. It's not onerous and can be huge fun. We have established systems in place that can help a new team to get up and running. On average, it's probably closer to 30 minutes of our time a week across the year... so if you're able to help us help the school, we can find a role that works for you.

Please talk to one of us or send me a message (friendsoflgschool@gmail.com) and we can help you work out if there's a role for you.

Thanks again,
Will + the Friends Team