



# 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 9th May 2024

## Coming up... (new items)

### Summer Term

Friday 17th May - Year 6 post-SATS breakfast 8.30am

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

Wednesday 22nd May - Class 1 sports trip am

Thursday 23rd May - Class 2 trip

**Thursday 23rd May - Isle of Wight Meeting Class 4 before school**

Friday May 24th - staff INSET (school closed to pupils)

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

**Monday 17th - 21st June - Walk to school week**

Wednesday 19th June Whole school sports day am

**Thursday 20th June - Class 2 trip - details to follow**

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,

Well done to all our Year 6 pupils who have completed their National Curriculum tests this week. Huge thanks to all the children in school who have been moving around so quietly that we hardly knew they were there...

### Clubs and piano lessons

There are still a few places for some of our clubs. If you would like your child to join after half term, please contact the school office for rates.

There are a couple of spaces for piano lessons after half term. If you are interested in this for your child, please contact the piano teacher Ruth Seodi directly via [ruthseodi@aol.com](mailto:ruthseodi@aol.com).

## **Online safety**

As the better weather arrives, I'm sure that more of the children will be enjoying the fresh air and less screen time.

Please remain vigilant of their online activities. There are several online activities and games, aimed at children, that need security controls regularly checked. For example Roblox, has parental controls that need activating.

This guidance helps explain the settings options to improve safe access, much of which relies on accurate year of birth being used.

[Parents guide to Roblox and how your kids can play it safely](#)

Hertfordshire's guide also has updates on Whatsapp and Snapchat.

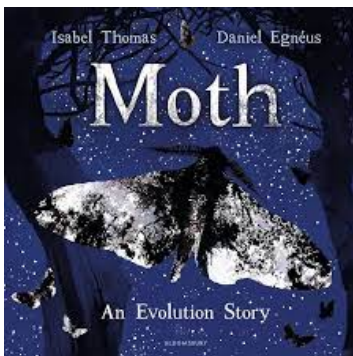
📄 [hfl-education-online-safety-newsletter-summer24-parents.pdf](#)

**Class 2** - We have been busy weighing two of the ducklings, Midnight and Waffle to see how they have grown over the week. They have thoroughly enjoyed their time in the class, especially splashing around in the water trays.



**Class 3** - We have done lots of research on Cleopatra this week and have started drafting narrative poems on her life. The extra challenge is to also follow a rhyming pattern!

**Class 4** - This week the children have **all** worked enormously hard in their assessments. We have been really proud of their maturity and effort in both Years 5 and 6. In science, we have also been thinking about how animals adapt to survive by looking at the example of the Peppered Moth and how it needed to adapt following the Industrial Revolution. We enjoyed reading *Moth: An Evolution Story* and played a game to simulate moth population changes.



Free Transition support for families [Navigating Transitions Dacorum - Bounce Forward](#)

## **Support for families locally**

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- 📄 Managing worries and anxiety 15.05.24.pdf
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- 📄 External Parent Event Advert-Cyber Choices.pdf
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## **Local information and activities**

### [30 Days Wild | The Wildlife Trusts](#)

- 📄 [Swimming lessons Beechwood.png](#)
- 📄 [Swimming lesson Ardley Hill Leaflet 2024.png](#)
- 📄 [Cascade Camps Newsletter - May 2024.pdf](#)
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## **FOLGS**

### **GADDESSEN GALLOP**

FOLGS would like to thank everyone who took part in running or organising one of the best ever Gaddesden Gallops last Sunday.



We had over 200 runners on the day and raised just over £5k which is incredible. This means between us all, we have raised £3.5k for the School

and are able to donate £1.5k to Breast Cancer UK.

Thanks again....goes to show that when we come together, we do it really well in Little Gaddesden.

**Inter Village Sports Day is next on July 5th.**

Our school and 5 others competing together, lots of races, plenty of fun, a BBQ, a bar and maybe, just maybe, some good weather 😎

**CAN YOU HELP!**

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

**COULD YOU BE PART OF THE NEXT TEAM?**

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](mailto:friendsoflgschool@gmail.com)) and we can help you work out if there's a role for you.

Thanks again,  
Will + the Friends Team