



Little Gaddesden C of E Primary School

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Together in Community

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

Thursday 6th May 2024

Coming up... (new items)

Summer Term

Monday 10th June - Book fair arrives - see details below

Monday 10th June - Class 4 Magistrate visit

Wednesday 12th June - Class 4 sports trip -ultimate Frisbee

Thursday 13th June - Class 3 sports trip - Tennis

Monday 17th June - PE week whole school [LG P.E. Week.pdf](#)

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

Wednesday 19th June Whole school sports day am

Thursday 20th June - Class 2 trip to local Synagogue

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

Wednesday 26th June - Year 4 Science Trip

Friday 5th July - Inter Village sports event 6pm

[Monday 8th July - Class 3 trip to local Safari Park](#)

Tuesday 9th July - Little Big Sing - pm

[Wednesday 17th July - Class 4 Victorian entertainment for Class 4 parents 6pm](#)

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Book Fair

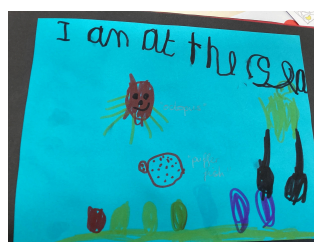
Our Book Fair arrives on Monday and pupils will have had an opportunity to browse the selection of books at the beginning of the week. Each child will bring home their wish lists one either Monday or Tuesday. The wish list will include a link to pay for the books you would like to purchase. **Please return the form with your purchase reference number, crossing out books that you do not want to purchase.** Children can then collect their books. For those that have bought from previous book fairs this is a welcome improvement on the old voucher system!

Additionally, if you would like to attend a book fair with your child(ren), we will be open for browsing at the following times:

Wednesday 12th June: 3.15pm- 3.30pm School Hall

Friday 15th June: 8.30am- 8.45am School Library

Class 1 - have been exploring the text 'The Rainbow Fish' thinking about what attributes make a good friend and diving under the ocean in our role play area!



KINDNESS ENDEAVOUR UNDERSTANDING

Class 2 - We have been learning about cinquain poems, which follow a strict syllable pattern. We have enjoyed playing syllable games and tasting different fruits ready for writing our own cinquain poems. In Maths, we have started learning about time. We have been estimating how long a minute is and learning different time facts.

Class 3 - We have been looking at the sculptures of Spanish artist Rosa Serra who was commissioned to create dynamic, athletic sculptures for the 1988 Olympic Games. We will be using this as inspiration to create our own in a few week's time.

Please can your child come into school next **Thursday 13th** and **Friday 14th in P.E. kit** for our tennis skills festival and an in-school table tennis tutorial.

[Year 3/4 Tennis letter](#)

Class 4 - In English, we have been looking at the picture book 'The Arrival' as a stimulus for our writing while in maths we have been exploring different strategies to calculate with decimals. Please can your child come into school next **Wednesday 12th** and **Friday 14th in P.E. kit** for our Ultimate Frisbee tournament and an in-school table tennis tutorial.

[Year 5/6 Ultimate Frisbee letter](#)

Staff changes

As we begin to look forward to next year, sadly, there are members of staff that we are saying goodbye to.

Having been part of our school for over 15 years, Mrs Patterson will be stepping away from the classroom to spend more time exploring her out-of-school interests. She is a highly valued member of the team and will be very much missed by us all. We look forward to hearing about her travels.

Mrs Moore will also be moving on to explore more full-time teaching opportunities. She has been a great part of our Class 2 staff. I'm sure she will be just as appreciated in her next role.

Mrs Brimmicombe is moving on to focus more on music leadership opportunities. We have very much benefitted from her music knowledge and expertise which she has shared. School staff will continue the foundations she has helped to lay with our music provision.

We are being joined by Mrs Mansfield who will be working in Class 1 and Mrs Chinn who will be joining the Class 4 team.

Class arrangements for 2024-25

Class 1: Mrs Mansfield, Mrs Patel, Miss Willacy

Class 2: Ms Allen, Mrs Blumsom, Mrs Baess, Mrs Sidders

Class 3: Miss Wheeler, Miss Hennessey

Class 4: Mrs Craft, Mrs Chinn, Miss Slade

Plants

We are very grateful to Four Acres Nursery who have provided some lovely plants to update our planters at the front of the school.

Support for families locally

- 📄 20240524 - Health Protection priorities letter to schools
- 📄 Family Lives Summer Term 2024 Groups and Workshops.jpg
- 📄 Smiles for Dacorum (1).pdf
- 📄 Dacorum Families SEND Fayre.png

Local information and activities

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- 📄 ComedyNightJULY2024_e-flyer.jpg

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FOLGS

Roll up, roll up, we have two events that we know you will all enjoy.

Whether you're a parent like me who has little skill when it comes to the morning hair routine or you're looking for something to do on a Thursday evening in September, we have it covered.

We have 10 spaces left for Braid Maidens on July 11th. 📄 FOLGS Dutch Braid event.png

The Circus is coming...

We have already sold 70 tickets for the circus on **September 19th** - get yours now...

Click on the link to buy tickets or find out more information or talk to one of us in the playground. <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/folgs>

Thanks again,
Will + the Friends Team

Learn to Dutch Braid and raise money for Friends of Little Gaddesden School

Thursday 11th July
7.15pm arrival for a 7.30-9.30pm class
Little Gaddesden School
£30pp inc a glass of prosecco
(and the digital version of what you learn)

If you can manage a regular plait, have dabbled with French plaits or can just do a ponytail - it doesn't matter!

Fiona from Braid Maidens will get you going with the popular Dutch Braid and 2 other great looks.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/folgs/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=76964>

*Capacity for this event is 18 people
- first come, first served