



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 4th July 2024

Coming up... (new items)

Summer Term

Friday 5th July - Inter Village sports event 4:30 pm arrival for 5pm start

Monday 8th July - Class 3 trip to local Safari Park

Tuesday 9th July - Little Big Sing - 2:30 pm

Friday 12th July- Class 2 Ashridge Walk

Wednesday 17th July - Class 1 Trip

Wednesday 17th July - Class 4 Victorian entertainment for Class 4 parents 6pm

Friday 19th July - End of term service, Church of St Peter & St Paul, 9.15am

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Intervillage 5th July

We are watching the weather very closely - given how much work is involved in this and that we were not able to host the event last year, we will make a final decision tomorrow morning. I know the children are very much looking forward to taking part in it so we are hoping for the best.

Arrival time 4:30pm for 5pm start.

FOLGS are arranging refreshments and food for everyone. This is a great fun event for all - if you are able to help please contact one of the FOLGS team (friendsoflgschool@gmail.com)

Wraparound Care

I am delighted to confirm that in conjunction with Cascade Kids we will be offering after school wraparound care from the Autumn Term. This will be for Mondays - Thursdays until 6pm. Cascade Kids will be using our premises and bookings will be made directly with them. Once we have all the registration and booking information we will share it with you.

Clubs

We have almost finalised the details for our clubs for next term. They will be very similar to our current offers, but will include a specialist Gymnastic club for years 3-6. More information will be shared next week.

Music Lessons (Autumn Term)

If your child would like to learn the Guitar, Piano, Drums or a wind Instrument please contact the [Herts Music Service](#) (Piano/Woodwind/Drums), [Life Music](#) (Guitar) or Ruthseodi@aol.com (Piano) for more details.

Guinea Pigs

Our very lovely guinea pigs also need a holiday. We now need to make arrangements for our guinea pigs' summer break. [Guinea pig rota-Summer 2024.pdf](#) if you are able to help look after them over the summer please speak to one of the class 1 team or email the school office; admin@littlegaddesden.herts.sch.uk

Milk for Autumn term- (Reception and Year1)

The Milk sign up is now open on Arbor for those pupils currently in Reception and Year 1. Please confirm if your child would like milk by **12th July**. See the [Infant milk letter](#) for more details.

Class 1 - have been thinking about choices we make this week..., some fantasy, like our ideal pet and some to show our character like on a visit to the park where we made good choices to show determination, resilience and respect.

We are looking forward to our trip to the zoo, [CI1 Zoo trip letter.pdf](#) .



Calling all would-be cyclists. As part of our learning next week, we would like the children to bring in their bikes (without stabilisers) and helmets. For those who have not yet mastered riding independently, we will be supporting them to develop this skill.

Class 2- In science, we have looked at healthy eating and made links to D and T where we had designed and made our own wraps. In maths, we have looked at bigger numbers to prepare us for next year.

Class 3- In English, we have typed up our rainforest animal reports and in geography, we have compared the lives of the Kayapo indigenous people to our own.

Class 4 - After our busy week on the Isle of Wight, we have been learning about puberty and how our bodies change as we grow.

Information about secondary school choices can be found here.

[Moving On Open Events 2025 \(for Y5 pupils\).pdf](#)

Attendance:

As you will be aware, school attendance is a focus for the Department of Education. From 19th August 2024 a new National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absence, including

unauthorised holiday absence, is being introduced following changes to the law. These new Government regulations will affect when penalty notices are issued in Hertfordshire. Full details: [West Parent Letter New National Framework for PNs.pdf](#)

Schools are required to monitor pupils' attendance and contact parents if there are concerns about attendance levels being too low. The local Schools' Attendance Officer monitors pupils' attendance each term, requiring schools to explain situations for pupils with high levels of absence - currently anything close to 10% absence.

As a whole school, our attendance levels have significantly fallen since the autumn term. From our registers we note that 42% of children have missed school due to holidays, with 14% having missed a whole week or more.

The concern around absence is not only about lost learning, but also missing out on friendships, socialising and taking part in activities and events. A week is a long time for a young person. Having had time away from school, children are not so secure about what playtime games are being played or what has been happening in class. This can be unsettling for them.

Of course we fully appreciate that if children are unwell, they are not able to come to school. As a school we are also very aware of the financial pressures on families, This is why, where possible, events and trips are subsidised to enable our pupils to have a thoroughly enjoyable and memorable learning experience.



Summer reading Challenge.pdf

Support for families locally

DFS North & East Newsletter 2024.pdf

Family Lives Summer Term 2024 Groups and Workshops.jpg

Smiles for Dacorum (1).pdf

Local information and activities

Dacorum Music Festival.pdf

Ukulele Sing Poster.pdf

premier sport summer camp- Tring.pdf

Game On Summer Holiday Courses 2024.pdf

Basketball summer camp.jpg

Girls Cricket.jpg

Curiosity kids.png

performing arts camp 2024.jpg

Summer Sounds and Classic Cars 2024 Flyer - USE.pdf

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FOLGS

The Circus is coming...

Get your tickets now for the circus on **September 19th...**

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