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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 6 Activities Week – June 2026

I am writing to inform you about the exciting plans we have made for 'Activities Week - Monday 29th June 2026 to Friday 3rd July 2026. Thank you for responding to the survey which we sent during the summer term: your feedback was both helpful and useful. As a result, we have organised for your children to take part in a week-long experience in which we hope to develop both their academic and life-skills. The week will have a strong focus on enhancing your child's personal, social and emotional development.

On Monday 29th June, Year 6 will be visiting GO Ape in Wendover where they will participate in a Treetop Adventure and play Gorilla Games. Please be assured, there is excellent provision at Go Ape for pupils who are more nervous of being high up in the trees! Our previous experience of this trip is that all pupils – from the most to the least confident- really benefit from the opportunity to step out of their comfort zone.

On Tuesday 30th June, we have arranged for Year 6 to spend the day at The Harry Potter Studio Tour in Leavesden. Your children will have an opportunity to engage with the real-life sets, props and immerse themselves in the wizarding world! This trip provides a slightly different experience to the outdoor adventurous activities we will be completing, but I believe, will be equally valuable and fun for your children.

On Wednesday 1st July, we have planned for the pupils to have a residential stay-for a night-at Longridge Activity Centre, Marlow. This trip will develop life skills, character and confidence. Your children will take part in a range of activities both on land and water. For example: raft-building, crate stacking, climbing, abseiling and paddleboarding.

Having returned from Longridge in the afternoon, your children will camp out on the school field on Thursday 2nd July. The school will provide tents and all food. Year on year, Year 6 pupils have loved the experience of being at school overnight and having the opportunity to play and explore together.

On Friday 3th July, we will pack away our tents and will walk to Gadebridge Park for a picnic. By the end of school on Friday, your children will then be ready to be collected, at normal time, to return home for a well-earned rest!

The cost for Activities Week is £248. We recognise that there is currently much pressure on family budgets due to the rising cost of living and have tried to plan a fantastic experience for your children whilst taking this into account. If you would like to discuss how we can support you with the cost of the week, or if you would like to pay in instalments, please do get in touch with the school office.

Further information about all of the activities will be sent out to you nearer the time, as well a full kit list, medical forms, dietary requirements and all other pertinent information.

Please email parents@gadevalley.herts.sch.uk no later than Monday 6th October to inform us if your child will be attending these events. We have provisionally booked all venues and final numbers are required to be sent to each provider by the end of business on that day.

Kind regards

Mr van der Westhuyzen