



GADE VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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16th January 2026

Attendance



Please see the following information from our school attendance leaflet:

Getting your child to school on time every day:

- There is a link between good school attendance and high level attainment.
- Regardless of the reason, if your child is absent from school it will impact on their learning.
- Parents/carers are legally responsible for ensuring their child attends school on time every day.

Medical Appointments:

Where possible all appointments should be booked outside of school hours. Where this is not possible, the amount of school time missed must be kept to a minimum. School may not authorise the time off school if medical evidence is not provided.

Too ill to attend school?

- Children can attend school with minor ailments (toothache, headache, stomach ache, cold, sore throat) over the counter medicines can be given before school.

School will contact you if they become too ill to remain in school. Children should though be off school for 48 hours if they have diarrhoea or vomiting.

- If you are unsure how long your child should be absent with illness please phone the school office, your doctor or your pharmacist for advice.

Punctuality:



- It is important that your child attends school every day and on time. Arriving late to school is unsettling for children.

Routines:

The easiest way to ensure your child attends school on time every day is to establish a GOOD EVENING AND MORNING ROUTINE

- If mornings are hectic in your household, prepare as much as possible the night before.



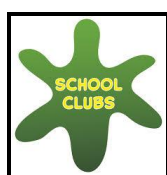
Class Assemblies



All class assemblies start at 9:00am in the school hall.

Wednesday 21 st January 2026	Year 5
Wednesday 28 th January 2026	Year 3
Wednesday 4 th February 2026	Year 4
Wednesday 25 th February 2026	Year 6
Wednesday 4 th March 2026	Year 2
Wednesday 18 th March 2026	Year 1
Tuesday 24 th March 2026	Reception

After School Clubs



Information about the after school clubs has been sent to all parents/carers. To book a space please go to the Arbor app. All clubs start on week commencing the 19th January 2026.

Monday - Creative Drawing - Year R, 1 and 2
 Monday - Football Club - Years 3 to 6
 Thursday - Board Games Club - Years 1 and 2
 Thursday - Creativity and Hobbies Club - Years 3 to 6
 Friday - Computer Club - Years 3 to 6

Crossing Patrol



Dacorum Borough Council employ over 150 paid school crossing patrols, you may know them better as lollipop men and women. They are always looking for interested candidates for this important role.

What skills or experience do I need?

- No previous experience is required
- Full training will be given with uniform provided.

How much time do I need to give?

- 35 minutes morning and afternoon 5 days a week.
- Term time only

You could get up to 4 weeks' paid holiday and half pay in school holidays.

If you're not able to work every day you could apply to be a **relief patrol** and cover people's absence.

Relief positions are available on an ad hoc basis all around the county.

How do I find out more?

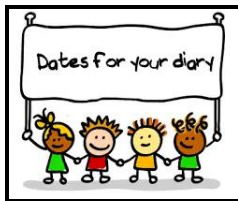
Email: scp.enquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk
 or Telephone: 01992 556803

Arbor



Please can you ensure that you log into your Arbor Account and regularly check for messages from school. It is extremely important that you update your account with any changes in your personal details and the consent area within permissions, in particular school photographs/website etc.

Dates for your Diary



Monday 19th January 2026 - After School Clubs start

Wednesday 21st January 2026 - Year 5 Class Assembly

Wednesday 28th January 2026 - Year 3 Class Assembly.

Wednesday 4th February 2026 - Year 4 Class Assembly.

Wednesday 4th February 2026 - Year 2 Sports Hall Athletics - Ashlyns School

Wednesday 4th February 2026 - Year 3 Volcano Day

Wednesday 11th February 2026 - Year 3 and Year 4 Hazard Alley

Thursday 12th February 2026 - Year 4 GOAL Day

Friday 13th February 2026 - Year 4 Field Trip to Gadebridge Park

Monday 16th February 2026 to Friday 20th February 2026 - Half Term

Champ of the Week



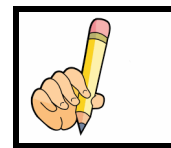
05.01.2026 - 09.01.2026 for being:
Confident

Lyla	-	Reception
Roman N	-	Year 1
Maisie C	-	Year 2
Joseph	-	Year 3
Mia	-	Year 4
Ollie	-	Year 5
Leo	-	Year 6

12.01.2026 - 16.01.2026 for being:
Helpful

Ryan	-	Nursery
Alfred	-	Reception
Audrey	-	Year 1
Meredith	-	Year 2
Casper	-	Year 3
George T	-	Year 4
Sophie Q	-	Year 5
Pippa	-	Year 6

Handwriting Award



05.01.2026 - 09.01.2026

Lexi	-	Year 1
Rex	-	Year 2
Max	-	Year 3
William	-	Year 4
Finnley	-	Year 5
Aurelia-Shae	-	Year 6

12.01.2026 - 16.01.2026

Oscar	-	Reception
Ronan	-	Year 1
Hannah	-	Year 2
Connor	-	Year 3
Reece W	-	Year 4
Sahasra	-	Year 5
Sienna	-	Year 6

Attendance Initiative

Whole School Attendance Figures 05.01.2026 - 09.01.2026

Reception	91.0 %
Year 1	91.0%
Year 2	96.0%
Year 3	91.0%
Year 4	98.0%
Year 5	98.0%
Year 6	93.0 %

12.01.2026 - 16.01.2026

Reception	88.0%
Year 1	92.0%
Year 2	95.0%
Year 3	97.0%
Year 4	98.0%
Year 5	97.0%
Year 6	92.0 %

Growth Mindset Quote

Even the strongest blizzards start with a single snow flake.