



GADE VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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19th December 2025

Message from Mr Barron

As we come to the end of what has been a fantastic term, I want to take a moment to express how proud I am of all our pupils. Their positive attitude to school and excellent learning behaviours have been a joy to see. I would also like to acknowledge the tremendous commitment of our staff, who continually go above and beyond to provide the best possible learning experience for every pupil. My thanks also go out to our governors who have been proactive and supportive, ensuring that the school continues to thrive. Equally, I am grateful, as always, to all our parents and carers for your ongoing support. As we approach the festive season, I wish every member of our school community a very happy Christmas and a joyful New Year.

Mr Barron

Happy Christmas and Happy New Year!



The staff would like to thank you all for the wonderful gifts they have received.

We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and happy, healthy New Year and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 6th January 2026 when school re-opens.

Rotary Santa Sleigh



On Wednesday 3rd December Father Christmas was spotted on his sleigh in the Gadebridge area, he was being helped by some wonderful volunteers from the GVSA who were collecting money for local charities including the GVSA, we received £278.95 in donations.

GVSA Christmas Fair



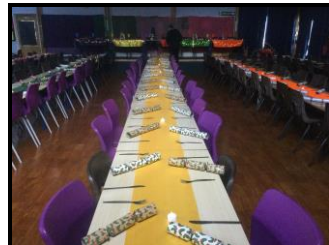
Thank you for coming along to the Fair on Friday 12th December, it was lovely to see you all. We would like to give a special thank you to all the members of the Gade Valley School Association, we couldn't do it without your dedication and time.

We raised a staggering £2,063.00, which is going towards a new Gazebo.

Christmas Dinner



On Wednesday the 17th December we had our Christmas Dinner Day. We held a 'Harry Potter' style banquet with all pupils seated in their houses in the school hall. The Heads of Houses were at the top table and presided over the festivities with games, speeches and toasts. Great fun was had by everyone.



Providing Equal Access



We are pleased to have been awarded a trophy from The Dacorum Schools Sports Network - Dacorum Girls Football Partnership for delivering equal access both within the curriculum and extra-curriculum during 2025.

A big thank you for all your support



Thank you for supporting all the fundraising events this term - we cannot express our appreciation enough - every penny counts.

From our Governors

I am Maureen Barton and having been a governor here for three years I am always astounded by the range of activities provided for the children throughout the year. These last days of term are no exception with Lantern Festivals, a disco, Christmas Performances and more.

In the last few weeks, I have enjoyed hearing pupils read and their obvious pride and enjoyment is lovely to see. Year Four pupils have shown their confidence with times tables and the perseverance of the pupils in the sewing group on the CHAMP for life Day was impressive.

The Reception pupils are always welcoming and ensure I sit "properly" on the carpet! It is great to see them enthusiastically enjoying the outside spaces.

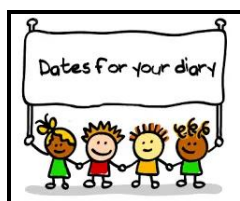
Thank you to the GVSA and all involved in the Christmas Fair. It was lovely to see some of last years' Year Six pupils back in school.

A huge "Thank You" to all the adults involved in creating this happy, safe and welcoming school community.

Best wishes to everyone for a happy and healthy festive season.

We are looking for more governors to join us, if you know someone who might be interested please do contact the school.

Dates for your Diary



Monday 5th January 2026 - Inset Day -
School closed.

Tuesday 6th January 2026 - Start of Spring
term

Champ of the Week



**01.12.2025 - 05.12.2025 for being:
Attentive**

Albert	-	Nursery
Sakina	-	Reception
Oliver	-	Year 1
Noelle	-	Year 2
Elsie-May	-	Year 3
Isaac	-	Year 4
Ollie	-	Year 5
Ayesha	-	Year 6

08.12.2025 - 12.12.2025 for being:

Motivated

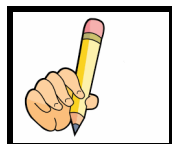
Lily	-	Nursery
Asil	-	Reception
Willson	-	Year 1
Sophia	-	Year 2
Max	-	Year 3
James	-	Year 4
Finnley	-	Year 5
Grace	-	Year 6

08.12.2025 - 12.12.2025 for being:

Perseverant

Whole Class	-	Nursery
Sophia JS	-	Reception
Kit	-	Year 1
Maria	-	Year 2
Olivia	-	Year 3
Max	-	Year 4
Manahil	-	Year 5
Ethan	-	Year 6

Handwriting Award



01.12.2025 - 05.12.2025

Jude	-	Year 1
Beau	-	Year 2
Willma	-	Year 3
Reece W	-	Year 4
Daisy	-	Year 5
Pippa	-	Year 6

08.12.2025 - 12.12.2025

Andrew	-	Year 1
Hannah	-	Year 2
Layla	-	Year 3
Ella	-	Year 4
Sophie J	-	Year 5
Freya	-	Year 6

15.12.2025 - 19.12.2025

Rayan	-	Year 1
Ethan	-	Year 2
Ronnie	-	Year 3
Jenna	-	Year 4
Wilson	-	Year 5
Anvi	-	Year 6

Attendance Initiative

Whole School Attendance Figures

01.12.2025 - 05.12.2025

Reception	89.0 %
Year 1	96.0%
Year 2	99.0%
Year 3	97.0%
Year 4	98.0%
Year 5	99.0%
Year 6	98.0 %

08.12.2025 - 12.12.2025

Reception	94.0%
Year 1	99.0%
Year 2	90.0%
Year 3	95.0%
Year 4	97.0%
Year 5	91.0%
Year 6	95.0 %

15.12.2025 - 19.12.2025

Reception	90.0%
Year 1	99.0%
Year 2	90.0%
Year 3	91.0%
Year 4	99.0%
Year 5	96.0%
Year 6	95.0 %

Growth Mindset Quote

The most precious gift we can offer others is our presence.