



**GADE VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

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VE Day Celebrations

On Thursday 8th May 2025 the whole school celebrated VE Day with various events including a special assembly, picnic lunch and team games on the school field. All pupils were given a model aeroplane to take home, and everyone was very engaged with the activities on such a momentous day.



Sophie: "I liked dressing up in red, white, and blue."

Violet: "I liked having the picnic. I liked playing with my brother on the field."

Miruna: "I liked playing the games on the field - it was so much fun!"

Noah: "I liked being at school with all the children and teachers. I liked making the medals and planes because I enjoyed making them."

Alexander: "I liked the skipping and doing all the other VE activities."

Hannah: "I liked completing the activities with my brother and eating lunch and playing games on the field."

Owen: "I liked the dancing, games and singing."

Sophia: "I liked making the aeroplanes because they were all different and challenging to make."

Ethan: "I liked the aeroplanes too."



Teddy- "My favourite part was making the airplane out of the construction blocks. We made a spitfire and pretended to fly it".

Layla- "I really enjoyed the picnic outside because I got to sit with all my friends and have lots of fun!"

Robyn- "My favourite part of the day was making the aeroplanes. They were fun to make and to launch them too!"

George T: "I enjoyed the army obstacle course it was so much fun!"

Ella: "I loved the art because I like being creative."

Olivia: "I enjoyed making paper airplanes."



Masline: "It was fun because I learnt about the heroes of VE day."

Sophie Q: "I liked the activities with Mr Hakner because I learnt about teamwork and what the soldiers went through in the war."

Sophie J: "I liked making Spitfires with Ms Clark and going outside to test them."





Sophia: "I really enjoyed having our VE Day picnic with our friends on the field."

Oliver: "I enjoyed building and throwing the planes that we were given."

Mukil: "I really enjoyed all of VE Day and I can't wait to do it again next year."



We would like to say thank you for all your generous donations which raised an amazing £350.00 for Help for Heroes.



Year 4 GOAL Day

Darcy: "I really enjoyed playing the games at lunchtime. It was fun to be in our houses! I also enjoyed making and flying our planes!"

Su: "I really enjoyed making the bunting because it was a calm and peaceful activity. "

Ben: "I really enjoyed the assembly where we learned about VE Day."

On Thursday 1st May, Year 4 had their GOAL Day. The pupils engaged in a variety of cross-curricular outdoor activities. In maths, they used iPads to collaborate in groups on times tables challenges and reasoning problems, promoting teamwork and digital fluency. In science, learning was linked to our PE topic of athletics (specifically running) under the theme *Animals Including Humans*. Year 4, investigated the effects of exercise on heart rate through hands-on experiments, developing their understanding of the human body in an active, engaging context. They used all their CHAMP skills and enjoyed working collaboratively throughout the day.

Noah "I loved it when I did the art course."

Beau: "I enjoyed it when we made dens."

Sophie Q: "I liked it when we used the iPads to do orienteering, it was lots of fun."



Year 1 GOAL Day

On Friday 9th May, Year 1 had their GOAL Day. They started the day by visiting the Old Town where they looked for Tudor houses, visited the walled garden, played on the play equipment, ate lunch, and then rolled down the hill. In the afternoon they used the iPads to complete a quiz linked to what they saw in the morning and then planted carrot and runner bean seeds.



Swimming Lessons



Swimming lessons will take place in our own outdoor pool from Tuesday 3rd June 2025 for all classes Reception to Year 6. You will have received the swimming rota, showing when your child will be swimming. Please note that payment should be made via Arbor for those who have not yet paid.

GVSA Summer Fair



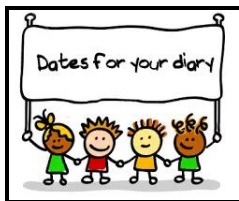
We look forward to seeing you all at the Summer Fair on Saturday 7th June 2025 12:00-2:00pm. The GVSA would be very grateful for any help with running a stall, setting up and tidying up at the end of the Fair. Many hands make light work!

Trim Trail



Please can you ensure that your children do not play on the trim trail apparatus before or after school due to Health and Safety regulations. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary



Tuesday 13th May 2025 - Year 3 GOAL Day

Monday 19th May 2025 - Year 5 GOAL Day

Wednesday 21st May 2025 - Year 3 Visit to the British Schools Museum

Wednesday 21st May 2025 - Year 2 GOAL Day

Thursday 22nd May 2025 - Class photographs

Monday 26th May 2025 - **Friday 30th May 2025** - Half Term

Tuesday 3rd June 2025 - Year 1 Pizza Express

Friday 6th June 2025 - Year 5 Phasels Wood

Saturday 7th June 2025 - Summer Fair 12pm - 2.00pm

Tuesday 10th June 2025 - Year 4 Cassiobury Farm

Champ of the Week



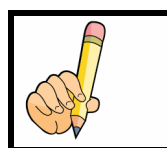
05.05.2025 - 09.05.2025 for being:
Perseverant

Audrey	-	Reception
Ella	-	Year 1
Casper	-	Year 2
Ella	-	Year 3
Wilson	-	Year 4
Leo	-	Year 5
Alfie	-	Year 6

12.05.2025 - 16.05.2025 for being:
Confident

Oliver	-	Reception
Harvey	-	Year 1
Niamh	-	Year 2
George T	-	Year 3
Mia	-	Year 4
Calvin	-	Year 5
Oscar	-	Year 6

Handwriting Award



05.05.2025 - 09.05.2025

Oliver	-	Reception
Maisy R	-	Year 1
Max	-	Year 2
Reece W	-	Year 3
Mia	-	Year 4
Mukil	-	Year 5
Harley	-	Year 6

12.05.2025 - 16.05.2025

Bobby	-	Reception
Alexander	-	Year 1
Layla	-	Year 2
Jenna	-	Year 3
Wilson	-	Year 4
Blake	-	Year 5
Darcy	-	Year 6

Golden Ticket Winners



05.05.2025 - 09.05.2025 The joint winners this week were Reception and Year 4.

28.04.2025 - 02.05.2025 The winners this week were Year 4.

Attendance Initiative

Whole School Attendance Figures

05.05.2025 - 09.05.2025

Reception	97.0%
Year 1	96.0%
Year 2	100 %
Year 3	98.0%
Year 4	98.0%
Year 5	93.0%
Year 6	97.0%

Whole School Attendance Figures

12.05.2025 - 16.05.2025

Reception	95.0%
Year 1	95.0%
Year 2	98.0%
Year 3	97.0%
Year 4	94.0%
Year 5	92.0%
Year 6	100 %

Growth Mindset Quote

It never gets easier - you just get better.