



# GADE VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Year 4 Trip - The Look out Discovery Centre

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January, Year 4 visited The Lookout Discovery Centre and had an amazing time! They explored the fascinating topic of changing states of matter, which ties in perfectly with what they have been learning in their science topic. They were thrilled by the hands-on engineering and science displays, including thermal heat projectors and the exciting space exhibit. It was a day full of fun and learning!

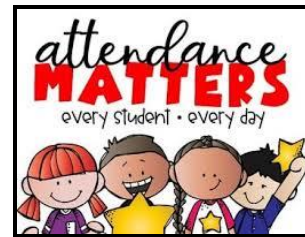


Jenson: "I enjoyed seeing how the fire changed and how we make fireworks."

Daisy: "I loved the fire tornado."

Aradh: "I liked seeing the copper liquid turn the flames green."

## Attendance



At school we embrace the saying "everyday counts. Regular school attendance is a key mechanism to support children and young people's educational, economic and social outcomes. We want to support you in ensuring that your children regularly attend school.

We have a duty of care for pupils on roll at our school and it is our legal obligation to know where they are and that they are safe.

As of this year, as part of our attendance procedures if your child is absent for 3 days or more, their class teacher will call you on their third day of absence out of courtesy to see how they are feeling.

## Curriculum Letters



You will have received your class curriculum letter for spring term 1, please check your email or alternatively your child's class page on [www.gadevalley.herts.sch.uk](http://www.gadevalley.herts.sch.uk).

## Night Owls 2025



If you would like your child to attend Night Owls, please ensure that you use the Arbor app to book their space, by 2.45pm each day, this is extremely important so that we know where your children should be at the end of the school day.

As we also provide a more substantial snack for the pupils who attend night owls of jam sandwiches along with biscuits, fruit and squash at no additional charge we can only provide these for pupils who have been booked onto night owls via the Arbor app.

## Brenda Simson

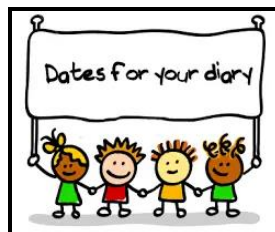


It is with great sadness that we would like to inform you that Brenda Simson passed away at the beginning of this month.

Brenda was a huge part of Gade Valley, working here for 27 years as the school business manager and as a school governor.

For those of you who knew Brenda you would have known she was an amazing person: a big personality, kind and humorous and was an integral part of the community for many years.

## Dates for your Diary



**Friday 24th January 2025 - Year 1 GOAL Day**

**Wednesday 29th January 2025 - Year 6 Class Assembly**

**Tuesday 4th February 2025 - Year 2 GOAL Day**

**Wednesday 5th February 2025 - Year 4 Class Assembly**

**Wednesday 5th February 2025 - Year 3 Attendance Reward trip - Cinema**

**Thursday 6th February 2025 - Year 5 GOAL Day**

**Friday 7th February 2025 - Year 3 GOAL Day**

**Monday 10th February 2025 - E-Safety Week**

**Wednesday 12th February - Year 4 GOAL Day**

**Wednesday 12th February 2025 - Year 3 Class Assembly**

**Thursday 13th February 2025 - Year 6 GOAL Day**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - Friday 21<sup>st</sup>  
 February 2025 - Half Term  
 Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - Inset Day  
 Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - School starts

**Class Assemblies**

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025 - Year 6  
 Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - Year 4  
 Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - Year 3  
 Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - Year 5  
 Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025 - Year 2  
 Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025 - Year 1  
 Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025 - Year R

**Champ of the Week**



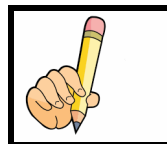
**06.01.2025 - 10.01.2025 for being:  
 Confident**

Roman N	-	Reception
Freddie	-	Year 1
Aniya	-	Year 2
Olivia	-	Year 3
Henry	-	Year 4
Lilly	-	Year 5
Jessica	-	Year 6

**13.01.2025 - 17.01.2025 for being:  
 Attentive**

Reggie	-	Nursery
Bobby	-	Reception
Sophia	-	Year 1
Harper	-	Year 2
Scarlett	-	Year 3
Henry	-	Year 4
Jessica	-	Year 5
Toby	-	Year 6

**Handwriting Award**



**06.01.2025 - 10.01.2025**

	-	Reception
Carys	-	Year 1
Nelly	-	Year 2
Jasmine	-	Year 3
Calvin	-	Year 4
Stanley	-	Year 5
Jake	-	Year 6

**13.01.2025 - 17.01.2025**

Aida	-	Reception
Maria	-	Year 1
Max	-	Year 2
Fatih	-	Year 3
Manahil	-	Year 4
Aurelia	-	Year 5
Aariff	-	Year 6

**Golden Ticket Winners**



**06.01.2025 - 10.01.2025** The winners this week were Year 5.

**08.01.2024 - 12.01.2024** The winners this week were Year 6.

**Attendance Initiative**

**Whole School Attendance Figures**

**06.01.2025 - 10.01.2025**

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

## Whole School Attendance Figures

13.01.2025 - 17.01.2025

Reception	96.0%
Year 1	99.0%
Year 2	97.0%
Year 3	98.0%
Year 4	94.0%
Year 5	93.0%
Year 6	97.0%

### Growth Mindset Quote

If you think you can't, change your mind.