



GADE VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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6th December 2024

Year 4 GOAL Day

Year 4 had an incredible time during our outdoor learning adventure! We learned valuable skills like safely building a fire, mastering orienteering, and constructing sturdy dens. We also enjoyed a fun game of hide and seek before wrapping up the day with delicious biscuits. Year 4 also creatively gathered sticks and transformed them into delightful reindeer Christmas tree decorations.

It was a day full of teamwork, laughter, and new experiences!



Sahasra: "I enjoyed building the dens because it was so much fun! I was attentive when looking for the sticks."

Aribella: "I enjoyed making the dens and playing hide and seek."

Charlotte: "I enjoyed building a fire, it was really good fun."

Questionnaire - Celebration Evening

Thank you to all of you who completed our questionnaire in relation to the Celebration Evening; it really helps us to read your comments and suggestions, we always consider your opinions.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

A reminder that all extra-curricular clubs have now finished for the term. We will let you know in early spring 2025 of the new clubs. Thank you to all staff who volunteered to run a club.

GVSA Christmas Fair



Thank you for coming along to the Fair on Friday 29th November, 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 £1734.00!

The GVSA are fund raising for new iPads and further development of our outside learning areas.

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Night Owls

Just a gentle reminder that we require you to book your child's place onto the Night Owls after school club.

Dates for your Diary



Monday 9th December - Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Christmas Performance at 9.15am

Tuesday 10th December - Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Christmas Performance at 9.15am

Tuesday 10th December - Mop up session for flu immunisation at 1.30pm.

Wednesday 11th December - Reception Class - Height & Vision checks Nursing team.

Thursday 12th December - Year 4 visit Radlett Centre.

Thursday 12th December - KS1 (Key Stage 1 - Year 1 and Year 2) Christmas Performance at 9.15am.

Thursday 12th December - Year 2 visit to Old Town Hall Pantomime.

Thursday 12th December - KS1 (Key Stage 1 - Year 1 and Year 2) Christmas Performance at 2.15pm.

Thursday 12th December - Girls and Boys Football match at home against St Pauls School at 3.15pm.

Monday 16th December - Whole School Pantomime 1.30pm.

Tuesday 17th December - Lantern Festival at 9.15am and 2.30pm - Parents Welcome - Information to follow.

Wednesday 18th December - School Christmas Dinner and Festive Jumper day, with normal school uniform.

Thursday 19th December - School disco - Reception to Year 6 Pupils - 3.15pm - 4.30pm.

Friday 20th December - School finishes at 1:00pm.

Tuesday 8th January - New term starts.

School Dinners & Milk Payments 2025

The cost of school dinners for the start of the Spring Term (7th January 2025) will remain the same - £3.25p. Payment can be made through the Arbor App.

School Milk for the start of the Spring Term will be £23.01, if your child is under 5 during the period of 06.01.2025 until 04th April 2025 milk is free.

Free School Meals Eligibility

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
All children can get a free lunch at school if they're in reception class, year 1 or year 2.

If you register, your school could get extra funding (called 'Pupil Premium') to pay for additional staff time, extra computers, books and trips.

Have your National Insurance number or Home Office number ready when you apply.

Children in year 3 or older

Your child can get a free school meal if you receive any of the following:

Income Support

Income-based Jobseekers Allowance

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than £16,190 a year)

Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Universal Credit (with annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax and not including any benefits you get).

Please follow the link or contact the school office for further information.

[Free School Meals Application](#)

Champ of the Week



**25.11.2024 - 29.11.2024 for being:
Confident**

Kit	-	Reception
Ronnie	-	Year 1
Penny	-	Year 2
Belle	-	Year 3
Ryan	-	Year 4
Mukil	-	Year 5
Kuba	-	Year 6

**03.12.2024 - 06.12.2024 for being:
Attentive**

Sophie P	-	Reception
Ronnie	-	Year 1
Saxon	-	Year 2
Eloise	-	Year 3
Beau	-	Year 4
Aurelia	-	Year 5
Autumn	-	Year 6

Attendance Initiative

Whole School Attendance Figures

25.11.2024 - 29.11.2024

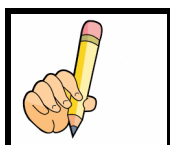
Reception	89.0%
Year 1	96.0%
Year 2	95.0%
Year 3	98.0%
Year 4	98.0%
Year 5	97.0%
Year 6	97.0%

Whole School Attendance Figures

03.12.2024 - 06.12.2024

Reception	93.0%
Year 1	76.0%
Year 2	87.0%
Year 3	97.0%
Year 4	90.0%
Year 5	84.0%
Year 6	83.0%

Handwriting Award



25.11.2024 - 29.11.2024

Evie	-	Reception
Aanya	-	Year 1
Frankey	-	Year 2
Brianna	-	Year 3
Sahasra	-	Year 4
Tom	-	Year 5
Stanley	-	Year 6

03.12.2024 - 06.12.2024

Orianna	-	Reception
Amelia	-	Year 1
Niamh	-	Year 2
Mantasha	-	Year 3
Finnley	-	Year 4
Ariyah	-	Year 5
Tony	-	Year 6

Golden Ticket Winners



25.11.2024 - 29.11.2024 The winners this week were Year 6.

03.12.2024 - 06.12.2024 The winners this week were Year 4.

Growth Mindset Quote

The expert in everything was once a beginner.

Families First Information

[Bitesize Parenting for parents in Herts | Eventbrite](#) - Supporting Links are delighted to let you know about **10 FREE online workshops** that have been commissioned by HCC for all parents and carers in Herts.

These short, single topic, interactive sessions are **universal** workshops so suitable for **anyone** with parental responsibility and will all take place during the Spring Term. We will provide insights and practical solutions for typical parenting issues.

Places can be booked directly by parents and carers by following this link and booking as many of the sessions that they would like to join: