



GADE VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Active and Safe Travel to and from school



We wrote to you last week asking for your help in our safe travel campaign due to our school crossing patrol being absent due to illness. During this time, it has become very clear just how difficult and dangerous the road crossing can be for our pupils without trained support in place. Many children and families have experienced first-hand how challenging it is to cross safely, particularly at busy times of the day.

In response, our pupils have been incredible. They have been learning about road safety, community responsibility, and active travel, and have taken the initiative to create posters and banners to highlight the issue and to call for safer conditions. Their message is simple but powerful: children need safe crossings.

On Thursday, our pupils took part in a fantastic campaign activity along Gadebridge Road, where they proudly displayed the banners and placards, they have been creating in school. This was a great opportunity for them to use their voices, demonstrate teamwork, and

engage with an issue that matters to them and our community.

We are delighted to share that the campaign has already received positive local support. We have shared the pupils' work with our local councillor, David Herring, and our local MP, David Taylor, both of whom have agreed to support the campaign.

We are specifically calling for:

- **Temporary school crossing patrol cover** to be put in place as soon as possible
- **A permanent pelican crossing** to provide a safe, long-term solution for pupils and families





Please see below a message of support:

"I am a mother of a child who attends another school nearby, but I simply cannot help expressing my gratitude to you and your students for the wonderful posters about road crossing safety."

"I have contacted the council more than once to raise concerns that there are no safe pedestrian crossings near the schools or along the routes leading to them."

PE Kit Reminder



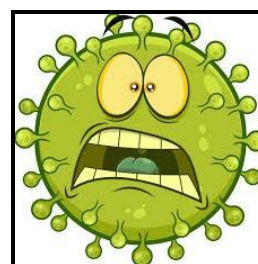
Please can you ensure that your child wears the correct PE kit on their PE day.

Navy shorts and white t-shirt (crew or collared)

Tracksuits in navy or dark colours, are useful for cold weather ie. Joggers / sweat tops / fleeces.

Your child will require trainers for PE. All footwear for PE should fit securely to provide the best support. PE kit should be worn on PE days.

Sickness and Stomach Bugs



If your child is unwell, particularly with symptoms such as vomiting or an upset stomach, they should remain at home and not return to school until at least 48 hours after their last episode.

This helps prevent the spread of illness and ensures your child has fully recovered before returning. Thank you for your cooperation.

Update on Holiday Food Vouchers



Since December 2020, families with children eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) have received holiday food vouchers funded by government support, most recently through the Household Support Fund. The government has confirmed that this fund has now ended and will be replaced by a new **Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF)** from **April 2026**.

Government guidance states that this new fund cannot be used to provide holiday vouchers to all FSM-

eligible families, and instead should focus on **targeted support for those experiencing financial hardship.** As a result, **holiday food vouchers will no longer be issued.** The final voucher was the **£30 Christmas 2025 voucher.**

The Local Authority is currently developing alternative, targeted support for families facing financial difficulties. Further details will be shared with schools once agreed. We recognise this change may affect some families and will share updates as soon as they are available.

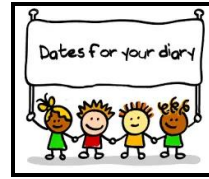
Class Assemblies



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

Dates for your Diary



- Wednesday 11th February 2026 - Year 3 and Year 4 Hazard Alley
- Friday 13th February 2026 - Year 4 Field Trip to Gadebridge Park
- Monday 16th February 2026 to Friday 20th February 2026 - Half Term
- Wednesday 25th February 2026 - Year 6 Class Assembly
- Wednesday 4th March 2026 - Year 4 Class Assembly
- Thursday 5th March 2026 - World Book Day

Champ of the Week



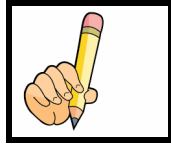
02.02.2026 - 06.02.2026 for being:
Confident

- Areyli - Nursery
- Millie - Reception
- Ben - Year 1
- Amelia - Year 2
- Connor - Year 3
- James - Year 4
- Josie - Year 5
- Lilly - Year 6

09.02.2026 - 13.02.2026 for being:
Helpful

- Summer - Nursery
- Sienna - Reception
- Alfie - Year 1
- Owen - Year 2
- Reyan - Year 3
- Jude - Year 4
- Wilson - Year 5
- Sophia - Year 6

Handwriting Award



Growth Mindset Quote

Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard.

02.02.2026 - 06.02.2026

Isla	-	Reception
Violet	-	Year 1
Aanya	-	Year 2
Gracie	-	Year 3
Olivia	-	Year 4
Manahil	-	Year 5
Tom	-	Year 6

09.02.2026 - 13.02.2026

Kalyani	-	Reception
Ziggy	-	Year 1
Teddy	-	Year 2
George	-	Year 3
Harry	-	Year 4
Nate	-	Year 5
Sam	-	Year 6

Attendance Initiative

Whole School Attendance Figures
02.02.2026 - 06.02.2026

Reception	99.0%
Year 1	95.0%
Year 2	98.0%
Year 3	94.0%
Year 4	99.0%
Year 5	96.0%
Year 6	93.0%

09.02.2026 - 13.02.2026

Reception	92.0%
Year 1	99.0%
Year 2	97.0%
Year 3	98.0%
Year 4	97.0%
Year 5	98.0%
Year 6	98.0%