



**GADE VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

**Issue 217
6th March 2026**

Late Arrival to school

We have noticed an increase in pupils arriving late to school, this not only disrupts the start to their day, but also to other pupils and staff members. If your child is going to be late to school due to an appointment, please inform the office in advance of the appointment either by e-mail to parents@gadevalley.herts.sch.uk or by telephone.

Should you need to collect your child before the end of the school day, you will need to contact the school office to inform them of the time and reason for early collection and be able to show documentation for any appointments.

We need to ensure that we have a written record of where our pupils are due to safeguarding requirements. Please provide a copy of an appointment letter along with your request for leave, if you do not have an appointment letter a screenshot of an appointment will suffice. Should you require any further clarification please speak to the school office.

Mrs Alexander - Crossing Patrol and Midday Supervisor

We wanted to let you know that Mandy Alexander our MSA and much-loved crossing patrol officer has sadly had to step back from her role due to ill health. She has been part of our school community, always greeting the children with kindness and ensuring their safety with such care. We know many families will join us in saying that she will be greatly missed.

As a school community, we would like to organise a collection to send her our best wishes and show our appreciation for everything she has done. If you would like to contribute, please send any donations to the school office over the coming week.

Thank you for helping us show our support and gratitude.

Night Owls



Due to the increase in pupils attending Night Owls, children must be booked onto the Arbor system in advance. Bookings can still be added on the day up until 2:15pm. If your child has not been booked, you will be contacted to arrange for them to be collected.

Crossing Patrol Campaign

Mr Barron met with Cllr. David Herring last week to discuss the campaign, he was extremely supportive and mentioned all the letters he had received from our community in support of the dangers outside of the school for all our families. We have also had communication from David Taylor MP, who informed us that he has escalated the case and has written directly to Angie Ridgewell, the chief executive of Herts County Council outlining the case, highlighting the need for urgent short term cover, and permanent, long term solutions (specifically a zebra or pelican crossing). We will of course keep you updated of any developments.

At this stage, please ensure that you are vigilant when crossing the road and be mindful if driving to ensure that you have parked in a safe space before dropping your child/ren off for school.

Easter Egg Raffle



We are once again holding the hugely popular Easter Egg Raffle, with delicious prizes to be won! Details and tickets will be sent home in your child's book next week. If you require further raffle tickets, please contact the School Office.

The last day to return tickets to school is Thursday 26th March 2026 and the draw will take place on Friday 27th March 2026.

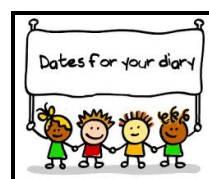
Class Assemblies



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



Monday 9th March 2026 - Year 4 and Year 5
Parent Teacher Consultations 8:00am - 10:30am

Tuesday 10th March 2026 - Year 1 and Year 2
Parent Teacher Consultations 8:00am - 10:30am

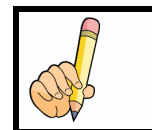
Tuesday 10th March 2026 - Parent Teacher Consultations - All Classes 4pm - 7pm

Wednesday 11th March 2026 - Reception and Year 6
Parent Teacher Consultations 8:00am - 10:30am

Thursday 12th March 2026 - Nursery and Year 3 Parent Teacher Consultations 8:00am - 10:30am

Thursday 12th March 2026 - Year 4 Speed Stacking at Longdean School

Handwriting Award



Champ of the Week



23.02.2026 - 27.02.2026 for being:
Helpful

Remi	-	Nursery
Alba	-	Reception
Miruna	-	Year 1
Freddie	-	Year 2
Seb	-	Year 3
Jamie	-	Year 4
Harry	-	Year 5
Scarlett	-	Year 6

02.03.2026 - 06.03.2026 for being:
Attentive

Reggie	-	Reception
Elsie	-	Year 1
Ethan	-	Year 2
Harper	-	Year 3
Zachary	-	Year 4
Christian	-	Year 5
Kitty	-	Year 6

23.02.2026 - 27.02.2026

Sakina	-	Reception
Sophie S	-	Year 1
Lottie	-	Year 2
Jack	-	Year 3
Brianna	-	Year 4
Aaradh	-	Year 5
Blake	-	Year 6

03.03.2026 - 06.03.2026

Molly	-	Reception
Jade	-	Year 1
Evie	-	Year 2
Aniya	-	Year 3
Olivia	-	Year 4
Wilson	-	Year 5
Evie	-	Year 6

Attendance Initiative

Whole School Attendance Figures
23.02.2026 - 27.02.2026

Reception	96.3%
Year 1	95.19%
Year 2	98.89%
Year 3	98.21%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	97.78%
Year 6	98.52%

02.03.2026 - 06.03.2026

Reception	95.93%
Year 1	98.52%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	95.7%
Year 4	97.78%
Year 5	96.67%
Year 6	98.14%

Growth Mindset Quote

Every flower blooms in its own time.