



GADE VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back



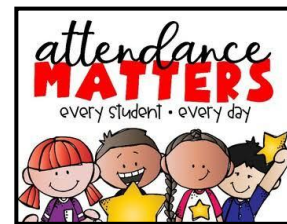
It has been such a joy to welcome everyone back to school. The Pupils have returned with big smiles, a great sense of enthusiasm, and a real eagerness to learn. Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping to make the start of the year so positive. We are looking forward to another exciting year filled with learning, growth, and memorable experiences.

Curriculum Letters



You will have received your class curriculum letter for autumn term 1, please check your email or alternatively your child's class page on www.gadevalley.herts.sch.uk.

Attendance Matters



As parents and carers, you have a legal responsibility to ensure your child attends school regularly and punctually. By working together, we can give every child the best possible chance to succeed.

How does absence add up?

Even a small number of absences can have a significant impact over the course of a school year:

% of attendance in a school year	Number of days absent	Weeks missed
98%	4	Less than 1 week
95%	9.5	Nearly 2 weeks
90%	19	Nearly 4 weeks
85%	28.5	Nearly 6 weeks

Thank you for your support in helping us ensure that every child is in school, every day, ready to learn, achieve and thrive.

Contact Information



If you need to contact the school, please call us on 01442 391324 or use the following e-mail addresses:

General enquiries and if you wish to contact Mr Barron

parents@gadevalley.herts.sch.uk

Contact for Ms Reed our School Senco

Senco@gadevalley.herts.sch.uk

Class e-mail addresses

Nursery@gadevalley.herts.sch.uk
Year1@gadevalley.herts.sch.uk
Year2@gadevalley.herts.sch.uk
Year3@gadevalley.herts.sch.uk
Year4@gadevalley.herts.sch.uk
Year5@gadevalley.herts.sch.uk
Year6@gadevalley.herts.sch.uk

Parent Teacher Consultations



Parent/teacher consultations will be held on the week beginning 19th October 2026.

During your 10-minute appointment, you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress so far this year and targets for the remainder of the year.

Further information about booking your appointment via the Arbor app we be sent out shortly. The system allows parents/carers to choose and book their own appointments.

Monday 19th October 2026

Reception and Year 5 - 8:00am to 10:30am

Tuesday 20th October 2026

Nursery - 8:00am to 10:30am

Wednesday 21st October 2026

Year 2 and Year 3 - 8:00am to 10:30am

All Years (apart from Year 6) - 4:00pm to 7:00pm

Thursday 22nd October 2026

Year 1 and Year 4 - 8:00am to 10:30am

From our Governors



I am Maureen Barton and have been a governor here for four years. I aim to spend time in school each week and am currently link governor for SEND and Pupil Premium. On behalf of the governors a big "Welcome" to all who are joining this supportive, happy community for the first time and a big "Welcome back" to all rejoining us.

As always, the school calendar is packed with exciting opportunities for the pupils. Thank you to all the adults in school for all you do. This week I had a lovely welcome from the pupils in Reception Class who have settled in well and were enjoying both the indoor and outdoor spaces.

I also helped some Year Four pupils as they practiced their times tables. It will be so rewarding to see them grow in confidence throughout the year.

We are currently looking for more governors to join us. If you know someone who might be interested, please do contact the school.

Class Assemblies



All class assemblies start at 9:00am in the school hall.

Wednesday 14 th October 2026	Year 5
Wednesday 21 st October 2026	Year 4
Wednesday 4 th November 2026	Year 3
Wednesday 11 th November 2026	Year 6
Wednesday 18 th November 2026	Year 1
Wednesday 25 th November 2026	Year 2

After School Clubs

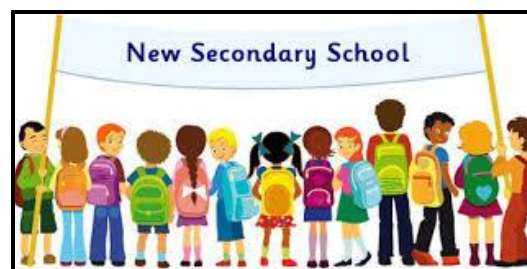


Information about the after school clubs was sent to all parents/carers last week. All clubs start on week commencing the 21st September 2026.

If you wish to register your child for a club, please e-mail parents@gadevalley.herts.sch.uk who will assist you.

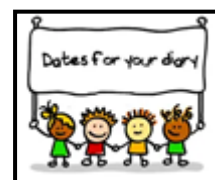
Monday - Computing Club - FULL
Monday - Construction Club - Years R, 1 and 2
Tuesday - Football Club - Years 5 and 6
Tuesday - Irish Dancing Club - Years 1 to 6
Thursday - Dodgeball Club - FULL
Friday - Table Tennis Club - Years 3,4,5 and 6

Year 6 Secondary Transfer



Reminder to Year 6 parents/carers that the application deadline for a secondary school place is Saturday 31st October 2026. Please make an application via Hertfordshire Admissions.

Dates for your Diary



Monday 21st September 2026 - Extra Curricular Clubs start.
Wednesday 23rd September 2026 - GVSA AGM - 6.00pm School Hall
Thursday 1st October 2026 - Electric Umbrella Workshop for Pupils
Thursday 1st October 2026 - Year 6 GOAL Day
Friday 2nd October 2026 - Year 1 GOAL Day
Tuesday 6th October 2026 - Year 5 Ancient Greek Day
Thursday 8th October 2026 - Year 6 Parent Teacher Consultations 8:00am to 5:00pm
Friday 9th October 2026 - INSET Day - school closed

Monday 12th October 2026 - Year 2 GOAL

Day

Tuesday 13th October 2026 - Year 1 toy

Workshop

Wednesday 14th October 2026 - Year 5 Class

Assembly

Wednesday 14th October 2026 - CHAMP for

Life afternoon

Thursday 15th October - Year 5 GOAL Day

Friday 16th October 2026 - Year 4 GOAL

Day

Monday 19th October 2026 - Year 6

Bikeability

Wednesday 21st October 2026 - Year 4 Class

Assembly

Friday 23rd October 2026 - Reception to

Year 6 Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Handwriting Award



14.09.2026 - 18.09.2026

Oliver	-	Year 1
Sophie S	-	Year 2
Amelia	-	Year 3
Dominic	-	Year 4
Scarlett	-	Year 5
Sophie Q	-	Year 6

Champ of the Week



**14.09.2026 - 18.09.2026 for being:
Confident**

Liyana	-	Nursery
Ria	-	Reception
Myles	-	Year 1
Miruna	-	Year 2
Albert	-	Year 3
Ava	-	Year 4
Pari	-	Year 5
Ryan	-	Year 6

Attendance Initiative

**Whole School Attendance Figures
14.09.2026 - 18.09.2026**

Reception	95.0%
Year 1	95.56%
Year 2	95.02%
Year 3	96.12%
Year 4	94.62%
Year 5	92.22%
Year 6	96.55%

Growth Mindset Quote

Every fire is the same size when it starts.