



GADE VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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17th July 2026

Year 6 Activities Week

Year 6 had a fantastic time during Activities Week. The pupils enjoyed a trip to Go Ape, Harry Potter Studios, an overnight stay at Longridge Activity Centre, and a Camp out on the school field.

The Year 6 class enjoyed a varied range of activities during the week, from challenging themselves on the Treetop Adventure and playing Gorilla Games at Go Ape, to exploring Harry Potter's world of wizardry. They also stayed overnight in a tented village at Longridge Activity Centre with raft building, canoeing and crate staking and conquering the climbing wall.

The feedback from the pupils was very positive



Please see more pictures at the end of the Newsletter.

Year 4 Cassiobury Park

On Thursday 2nd July, Year 4 became scientists! We explored habitats and investigated a range of ecosystems, including woodlands, grassland and riverside, to discover how different living things depend on their environments. Using our observational skills, we searched for signs of wildlife. We recorded our findings like real scientists. It was a fantastic day of outdoor learning





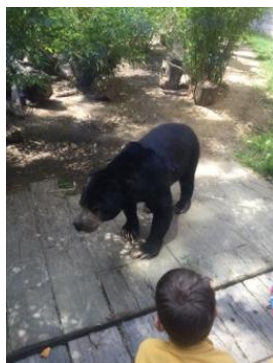
Year 1 and Year 2 Hertfordshire Zoo Trip

On, Year 1 and Year 2 went to Hertfordshire Zoo. They had a fun day seeing all the animals especially the tiger and the jaguar! In the morning we saw all the animals with some of them being fed their breakfast and waking up!

In the afternoon, we explored the dinosaur exhibit where there were models of all different dinosaurs that moved and made noises. Everyone had an amazing time.



GVSA Summer Fair



Thank you for coming along to the Fair on Friday 10th July, 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 an amazing £1,465.00.

Year 2 going into Year 3 - School Dinners



If your child is moving from Year 2 into Year 3 and wishes to have a school dinner, you will need to pay via Arbor. Please contact the school office should you require further assistance.

Increases to School Meals, Early Bird and Night Owls

Early Bird and Night Owls

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing high quality care and provision for our pupils, we will be making a small increase to the charges for Early Bird and Night Owl clubs. Early Bird will increase to £4.50 for a single pupil per session and £6.50 for siblings. Night Owls will now be £9.00 per session.

School Meals

School meals increases are controlled by Herts Catering who have informed us that they have increased their meals to £3.60 per day.

Gade Vally/Cuthbert Mayne shared car park

As previously communicated, this is to confirm that from the 1st September 2026, there will be no vehicle or pedestrian access to this car park. This will mean that we will not be opening the adjoining gates at drop off and pick up time. We know this may cause issues along Gadebridge Road in relation to safe parking so we urge you to be vigilant and

mindful when dropping off and collecting your children.

Automated Gates

To further enhance the security and safety of our school site, automatic gates will be installed at the front of the school from 1st September 2026. Vehicle access will be controlled by the school.

For parents and carers collecting pupils from Night Owls, gates will be open from 4.15pm to allow you access to the car park. Please note that access to the school site will now be via the intercom system.

We kindly ask all visitors to be patient during busy collection times and allow staff time to respond to the intercom.

Thank you for your cooperation and support as we continue to improve the security of our school environment.

School Disco



Our school disco for Reception through to Year 6 will be held on Wednesday 22nd July 2026 from the end of the school day until 4.30pm.

The cost of this event is £6.00 per pupil, the money raised goes towards enriching our pupils' school experience. This price includes refreshments and for your child to wear non-uniform to school for the day.

If you would like your child to attend, please send £6.00 in cash in to school in a clearly named envelope as soon as possible.

If your child wishes to participate in the non-uniform day but does not wish to come to the school disco, please send £1.00 in a clearly marked envelope.

There will be no Night Owls on this day.

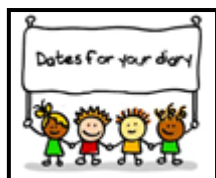
Term Dates 2026



Last School Day - Thursday 23rd July 2026
at 1:00pm - No Night Owls.

Autumn Term Begins - Wednesday 2nd
September 2026.

Dates for your Diary



Tuesday 21st July 2026 - Year 6 Leavers
Assembly

Wednesday 22nd July 2026 - School Disco

Thursday 23rd July 2026 - End of Term
1:00pm

From our Governors



I am Maureen Barton and have been a governor here at Gade Valley for nearly four years. I try to come into school for an afternoon each week and enjoy being a tiny part of this welcoming, happy community.

As we approach the end of another school year, I want to wish everyone in the School Community a safe and happy summer holiday and a big THANK YOU!! for making me so welcome and for all you do every day. I have enjoyed listening to pupils read in several classes and it has been wonderful to see their progress, increasing fluency and enjoyment of reading. Spending time with Year 4 pupils working on their times tables, it has been great to see their perseverance and increasing confidence week by week.

CHAMP afternoons are always a highlight, as was the theatre trip with Year 1 and Year 2. I am always amazed by the wide range of "extra" activities provided for pupils running right to the end of term...thank you to all involved.

Finally, very best wishes to Year 6 pupils as they make the move to Secondary School and to those staff who are leaving...thank you for all you have done for the school.

We are looking for more governors to join us, so if you, or someone you know might be interested please do contact the school.

Handwriting Award



13.07.2026 - 17.07.2026

Sienna	-	Reception
Oliver	-	Year 1
Harvey	-	Year 2
Saxon	-	Year 3
Chloe	-	Year 4
Sahasra	-	Year 5
Freya	-	Year 6

Champ of the Week



**13.07.2026 - 17.07.2026 for being:
Confident**

Lucas	-	Nursery
Lyla	-	Reception
Aida	-	Year 1
Beau	-	Year 2
Carys	-	Year 3
Scarlett	-	Year 4
Ollie	-	Year 5
Jayden	-	Year 6

Attendance Initiative

**Whole School Attendance Figures
13.07.2026 - 17.07.2026**

Reception	96.67%
Year 1	95.56%
Year 2	99.26%
Year 3	96.77%
Year 4	94.81%
Year 5	88.51%
Year 6	93.33%

Growth Mindset Quote

Whether you think you can, or think you can't you are probably right.

