



Newsletter No. 12

Pride in ourselves, pride in our school, pride in our community.

Friday 4th April



YEAR 1

On Tuesday Year 1 visited St Peter's Church to explore our current RE topic 'What is God's job?' and learn about the church. We want to say a massive thank you to Revd Jenna and the church volunteers who did a fantastic job talking to the children about their faith and the church. We also want to say a big thank you to all the parent volunteers who gave up their time to help us on the trip. The trip was a great success and the children really enjoyed it!



SPRING CANVAS COMPETITION

Well Done to our Spring Canvas Winners! It was a tough decision as we had so many wonderfully creative entries, we were very impressed by the talent shown. Thank you to everyone who got involved, your beautiful canvases will now be displayed in school, for everyone to enjoy.

EY – Winner: Malachi. Runner Up: Jensen

KS1 – Winner: Grace. Runner Up: Alessandro

KS2 – Winner: Agnes. Runner Up: Harmony



DANCE SQUAD COUNTY CHAMPIONS

We are absolutely thrilled to share some amazing news - our Dance Squad has won GOLD and been crowned County Champions!

The team delivered an outstanding performance at Bedford Academy, impressing the judges with their routine inspired by the word 'Diversity'. Their dedication, hard work, and passion truly shone on stage, and we could not be prouder of them!

A huge congratulations to all the dancers and a special thank you to Bex for her guidance and support, and to Mrs Glendon for planning every detail that went into making it such a success! Also, thank you to our parents and school community for cheering them on every step of the way!

FROM THE KITCHEN

The school dinner payments will be available on ParentMail over the half term until the 21st April 8am.



PFGM AGM 2025

The PFGM (Parents and Friends of Gothic Mede) will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 24th April at 6.00pm in the school hall.

When your child joins the school, you are automatically a member of the PFGM.

Please come along to show your support for the PFGM, give your views and ideas about upcoming events and discuss how the money we raise will benefit the school. At this, you do not have to make any time or responsibility commitment.

The PFGM has a charitable status and is run by a small committee of parents, teachers and friends of the school.

The committee is always on the lookout for new active committee members, so if you've considered volunteering, then this is the perfect opportunity. You can donate as much or as little time as you like to help out at events, such as movie nights or discos, or even help us from the comfort of your own home! If you can help out in any capacity, it would be greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in joining the committee, please email the Chairperson, Kerry Beauchamp at kerry.jane.beauchamp@gmail.com, otherwise, please come along to our AGM to give your ideas and support.

We are excited about our upcoming projects and cannot wait to raise more money to benefit our wonderful school.



MEDICAL/DENTAL APPOINTMENTS

If you are taking your child for a medical or dental appointment in the school day can you either email the appointment confirmation to gma-office@bestacademies.org.uk or show a member of staff before you collect your child please.

Thank you in advance

ABSENCE IN TERM TIME

If you are taking your child out of school in term time you are required to complete a 'Request for absence during term time' form approx. 6 weeks beforehand if possible. You can find all forms via our website [here](#) or pop into the school office for a paper copy.

Thank you in advance

Values Ambassador Awards

Acorn A – Mila - Mila is a happy and friendly member of Acorn class, she is kind to all her friends. Mila is always ready to learn and is an excellent role model.

Acorn B – Lukas - Lukas always comes into Acorn class with a smile on his face. He is always ready to learn and loves to help around Acorn class.

Ash – Max - Max is such a polite young boy with exceptional manners. He is kind and compassionate and the first one to help a friend if they are hurt or upset. Max is always ready to learn and can always be seen engaged in immersive play during discovery time. He will happily welcome and include others in his play. Max will tidy away without being asked to do so, and always does an excellent job!

Oak – Millie - Millie is a responsible member of the class who takes pride in looking after the Reception classroom and playground. She is a kind, considerate friend who plays nicely with others. Millie consistently demonstrates the value of respect towards all members of the school community.

Elm – Oscar - Oscar has such a positive outlook and a 'can do' attitude towards his learning. He shows responsibility in school by listening attentively to instructions which has helped him be successful in his work. He shows compassion to others by being such a kind, considerate friend. He continues to brighten Elm class with his wonderful enthusiasm for school. Well done Oscar!

Beech – Max - Max always shows the value of Responsibility regarding his learning. He gets down to tasks quickly and efficiently and always does his best. If he gets stuck on something, Max now tries hard to work it out using resources around him before he asks for support. Max is a kind child and has welcomed other children into his playground games.

Willow – Ada – Ada always has such a positive attitude, she shows kindness and support to her classmates and a consistent commitment to her learning. She goes above and beyond setting a fantastic example for her peers. She is a wonderful role model for Willow class.

Maple – Nevaeh-Mae - Nevaeh-Mae is an incredibly hardworking and respectful member of the class who is always ready to learn. She takes such pride in the presentation of her work and is continuing to increase in confidence and independence. Well done Nevaeh Mae!

Chestnut – Erin - Erin is an excellent role model of kindness and compassion. She unconditionally offers support and friendship to anyone that needs it and has a positive attitude towards inclusivity. Erin brightens up the morning as she arrives happy to be at school skipping or singing her way into class, and shows a great pride to be a part of the Gothic Mede community and Chestnut class.

Sycamore – Cairo - Cairo is a very focused on his learning, taking responsibility for his own excellent progress and significant pride in the presentation of his work.

Hazel – William - William is polite, kind and friendly. He is a great role model of our values both in class and around the school. He takes responsibility for his learning and pride in his work.

Birch – Oliver - Oliver always puts in incredible effort in all his work, taking responsibility for his own learning. He shows kindness to all around him, supporting friends and talk partners when they need it. He is a great example to the whole class.



Golden Book

Children are nominated by Teaching Assistants and Teachers for a Principal's award which is entered in the Golden Book. The award can be for living one of our Values or special achievement. Sporting awards/achievements gained through a regular commitment to a club or group are also celebrated.

Ash	Mila for her continued enthusiasm towards learning maths, both during lessons and during discovery time!
Oak	Toby for his increased confidence when writing. We are so proud of Toby's positive attitude to complete writing activities.
Beech	Isaac for explaining his reasoning in maths clearly both when speaking in class and when writing explanations in his workbook.
Elm	Rosie for applying knowledge from our DT unit on windmills at home. Rosie made a fantastic windmill at home and proudly showed it to her class.
Willow	Lara for her hard work on our art unit this half term. Lara has carefully designed a clay house tile with lots of detail and thought.
Maple	Oscar for his hard work and concentration when writing instructions for how to make a bird feeder.
Chestnut	Leon for his focused effort in English lessons and his recent poetry writing. Leon is always trying to think of creative phrases and ways to use new vocabulary.
Sycamore	Emily for her confidence and commitment in the dance competition.
Birch	Brooke-May for her hard work and focus during her independent write in English
Hazel	Max for his continuous determination and focus modelled in class.



CELEBRATIONS

- **Maths Trophy awarded to Esme (Elm) – Esme has worked hard to build her number bond knowledge through actively participating in maths fluency sessions. She has shown dedication to improve her maths skills by showing lots of enthusiasm for counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.**
- **Alice (Willow) - Star of the Week trophy from Sarah's Dance Club**
- **Jacob (Elm) - Received a Duckling 3 badge in swimming.**
- **Well done to the following children for taking part, winning GOLD and becoming Dance County Champions:**
Hazel - Delilah, Paige, Olexa and Agnes
Sycamore - Emily
Chestnut - Isla Grace
Willow - Darcey, Karina and Grace
Maple - Yasmin, Esme and Roseanna

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 22nd April

Children Return to School

Web Site: www.gothicmede.org.uk

Email: GMA-Office@bestacademies.org.uk

Facebook: [@gothicmede](https://www.facebook.com/gothicmede)

Twitter: [@GothicMede](https://twitter.com/GothicMede)



Experience Easter!

Friday 18 April 2025

10.00 am – 11.30 am

An interactive Easter experience for children and families taking you through the Easter story.

Stay for refreshments afterwards.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.



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