



GOTHIC MEDE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear Parents/ Carers,



What a wonderfully busy week we have had! The end of term can often feel like if you blink you will miss everything and that certainly has been the case this week.

Wednesday evening we opened the school to our current families and prospective families to show our community what Gothic Mede Academy is all about. It was lovely to have Etonbury and Pix Brook Academies at the event, showing the strong links we have with the local schools where our pupils will continue their Primary education.

Although it was a warm evening, we had a good turn out with our pupils excited to show their grown ups their new classrooms from September and meet their new teacher. The canteen was also open providing refreshments to showcase their talents especially in making sweet treats!

A huge thank you to our staff for their efforts and also to the community for stopping by and making the most of this opportunity. There will be another Open evening in the Autumn term so look out for the date.

A special thanks to all the grown ups who attended Sports Day on Thursday and to those who generously provided gazebos for much needed shade! The children enjoyed you being there cheering them on and a little cuddle at the end. A shout out to Y9 Sports leaders at Etonbury for their support with the event. We were really impressed with their attitude and enthusiasm.

In September, all schools will be required to train staff on allergies and anaphylaxis following the introduction of Benedict's Law. All our staff have completed training this half term in preparation for this and we will be completing 'allergy drills' to further enhance this training. You can find more information on this here: <https://allergyschool.org.uk/benedicts-law-explained/>

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Smith

SPORTS DAY

We hope you all enjoyed our Sports Day on Thursday! A huge thank you to everyone who came along to support and encourage the children. Although it was a very warm morning, the children coped brilliantly, it was wonderful to see so many smiling faces enjoying the sports events. A special thank you to the families who kindly lent us their gazebos. They were invaluable in providing much-needed shade at our hydration stations and helped us keep everyone as cool as possible. Due to the high temperatures, we made the decision to postpone the relay races. These will now take place next week, after which we will be able to announce this year's winning house.

Well done to all of our pupils, we are so proud of you!



FAITH TOUR

Year 3 had a wonderful time on their Faith Tour this week.

The children visited a gurdwara, a mosque and a church in Bedford, where they learnt about different places of worship, beliefs and traditions. Throughout the trip, the children were incredibly respectful and engaged brilliantly with each visit. The teachers were especially proud of the knowledge they demonstrated and the insightful questions they asked. It was a fantastic opportunity to bring their learning to life and deepen their understanding of different faiths and cultures. Well done, Year 3!



PIANO ASSEMBLY

This week, our piano pupils performed in front of the whole school and their families, showcasing the pieces they have been working so hard to learn. We're very proud of the confidence and musical talent on display, it was wonderful to see how much progress they have made.

A special thank you to Mr Paul, our piano teacher for all the encouragement and support he gives our young musicians throughout the year. If you would like to enrol your child in piano lessons, please register via the Inspiring Music website using the link below:

[Inspiring Music Registration Portal](#)

Once your registration has been submitted, Inspiring Music will contact you with further information regarding lesson availability and arrangements.

A huge congratulations to Leon, whose picture is currently on display at The Broadway Gallery in Letchworth and will be exhibited until 25th July. We are incredibly proud of Leon's fantastic achievement and love seeing our pupils' talents celebrated beyond the classroom. If you're visiting the exhibition, be sure to look out for his wonderful artwork!



WE'RE ON INSTAGRAM!

Keep up to date with all the exciting things happening at Gothic Mede by following us on Instagram!
[@gothicmedeacademy](#)

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Children are nominated by their teachers for a Principal's Award in recognition of an exceptional achievement or for demonstrating one of our school values. Award recipients are presented with a certificate during our weekly Celebration Assembly which takes place every Monday. This is a wonderful opportunity to recognise and celebrate the hard work, positive attitudes and achievements of our pupils.



ASH	Harrison	for his fantastic engagement in phonics and for remembering all of the new sounds we have recently learnt.
OAK	Marcello	for his consistent hard work in phonics and for working so hard on his handwriting.
BEECH	Alyvia	for her fantastic effort in maths this week when learning to tell the time.
ELM	Maya	for working hard to develop her writing. Maya has been writing longer pieces which include ambitious adjectives.
MAPLE	Anmoldeep	for showing kindness and thoughtfulness helping his talking partner.
WILLOW	Seth	for his effort in English, he came up with lots of lovely ideas for our letter writing and took pride in sharing his work.
SYCAMORE	Keeley	for checking her work carefully during her independent write about a Roman legionary. Keeley has worked hard this year to be able to punctuate her work correctly.
CHESTNUT	Luke	for fantastic progress in our school swimming lessons.
ROWAN	Yumi	for being an amazing influence and role model in the classroom. Yumi consistently works hard and shows pride in all she does.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 15 th July	Acorn Summer Party - Safari Stu 1:30pm - 3:20pm
Wednesday 15 th July	Year 4 Leavers Party 3:30pm - 5:00pm
Friday 17 th July	Year 4 Leavers Assembly 9:15am
Friday 17 th July	Last day of term
Monday 7 th September	Children return to school

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



Children's Holiday Activities 2026

We are offering 4 different activities both in the Mill and the Nature Reserve.

For children from aged 6 to 11 years.	£5 per child. (Pond Dipping £4) Sessions must be pre-booked.	Children must be accompanied by an adult.
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We offer a morning or an afternoon session for each activity:

Morning:

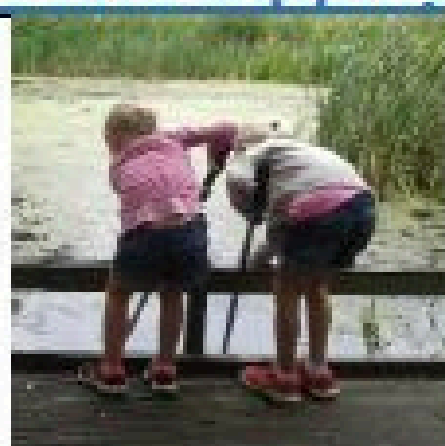
10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon

Afternoon:

1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.

Pond Dipping

Tuesday 28th July



Marvel at the fantastic life which lurks in and around the different ponds in the Nature Reserve.
All equipment provided.

Kitchen Science

Tuesday 4th August



Experiment! Explore! Explode! Discover what can be done using everyday objects and materials.
See how high a water rocket will go!

Skull Island Adventure

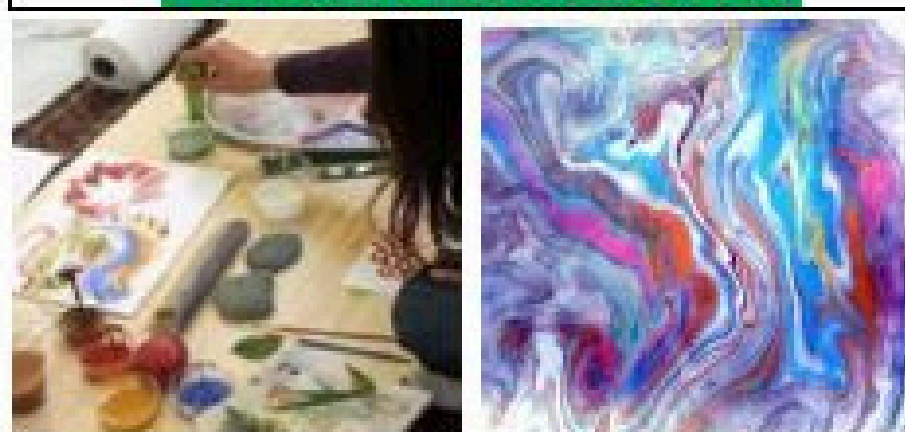
Tuesday 11th August



Be an explorer using mapping symbols. Work out the pirates' code. Find where they have hidden their treasure!

Printing Workshop

Tuesday 18th August



Be creative and learn some great printing skills. Be as "messy" as you like using a variety of materials!
Create unique patterns.

For further details please go to: www.stotfoldmill.com **Events – Children's Activities**