



GOTHIC MEDE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been a wonderful week in school with so much celebration and excitement.



On Wednesday, we celebrated '10 Years of BEST'. We are thankful to be part of a multi academy trust which opens up so many opportunities for our pupils and staff alike. All BEST schools had a day of celebration which was tailored to our pupils and we talked about what it means to be part of a trust.

The children really enjoyed having a drone take a picture of the whole school in the shape of the number 10, before spending time with their year groups and teachers for next year on the field. Everyone had lots of fun participating in a range of games and there was also a little sweet treat to take home.

Today our pupils took part in step up day. There has been a buzz of excitement around the school and it has been lovely to see the different activities teachers have prepared and the creations children have made. Although it can be a bit daunting at first, the children have been so kind to each other and we are already seeing the start of new friendships emerging with them playing with new found friends over break and lunch.

Transition activities will continue over the next few weeks and the children would love to show you their new classrooms and teachers at our open evening next Wednesday, which will run 5:00 to 6:30. They have already begun making their displays for September so they can make their classes their new home. I know they are eager to come home and tell you all about their day the fantastic things they have done!

We also have a new teacher joining us this year! Her name is Mrs Grimshaw and she has a wealth of experience in teaching early years and KS1. She will be joining our year 1 team alongside Miss O'Gorman and the children have enjoyed getting to know her today - please join me in welcoming Mrs Grimshaw to the team.

Have a lovely weekend.

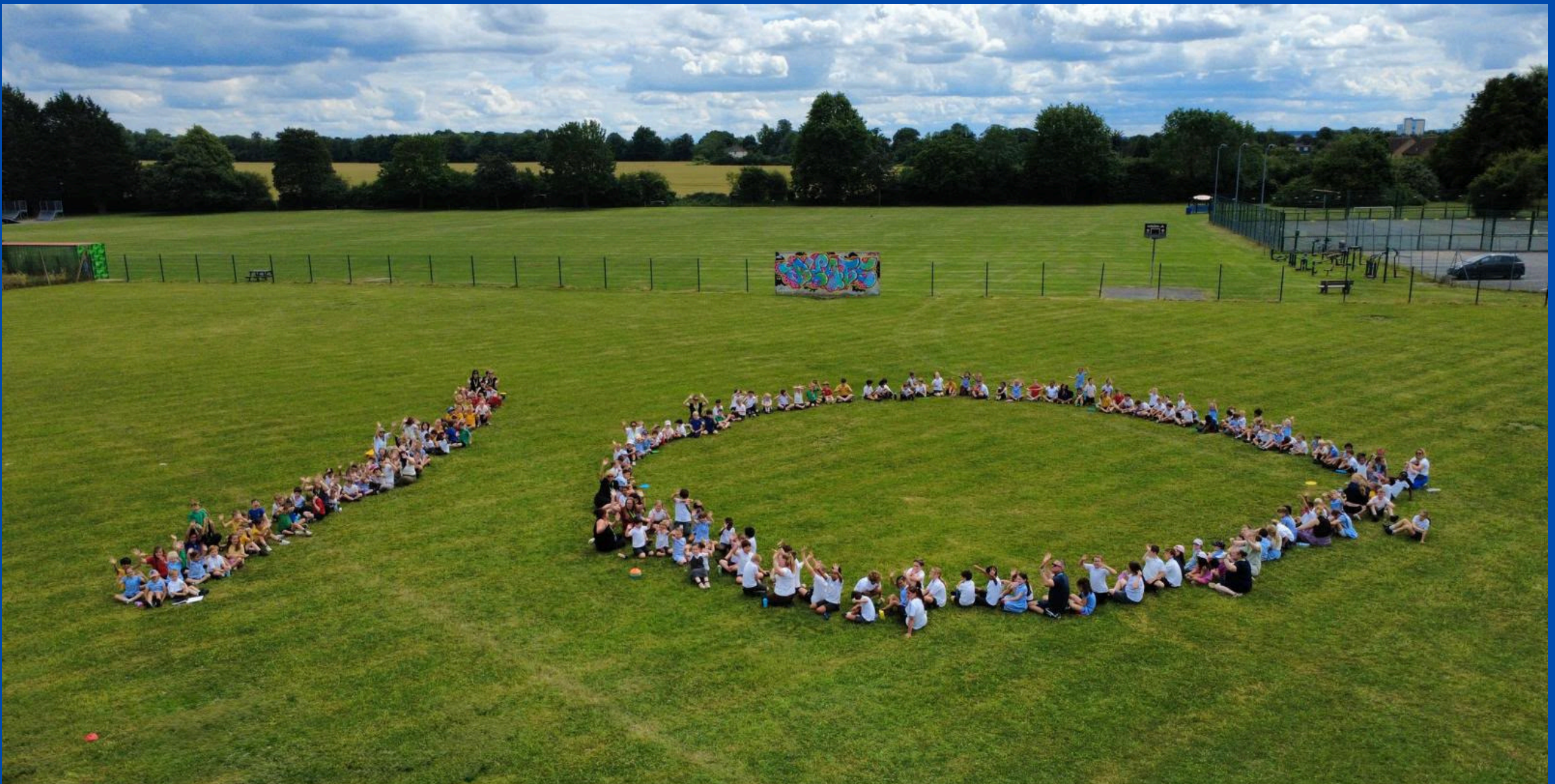
Mrs Smith

BEST 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On Wednesday, we celebrated Bedfordshire Schools Trust's 10th anniversary!

We are incredibly proud to have been part of the Trust since its formation and to celebrate a decade of working together to provide the very best education and opportunities for our pupils.

The children enjoyed spending time on the field taking part in a range of fun games before coming together to create an impressive drone photograph in the shape of the number 10 to mark this special milestone.



ROMAN DAY

On Tuesday, Year 3 had an amazing Roman Day!

The children were fully immersed in life as Roman soldiers, taking part in a range of exciting, hands-on activities. They were initiated into the daily routines of camp life, tried on authentic Roman armour, played traditional Roman games and even explored Roman engineering. In the afternoon, they were put through their paces during legionary training, learning how Roman soldiers marched and worked together as a disciplined army.

It was a fantastic day of immersive learning, bringing history to life and giving the children a memorable insight into what life was like in Roman Britain. Well done, Year 3!



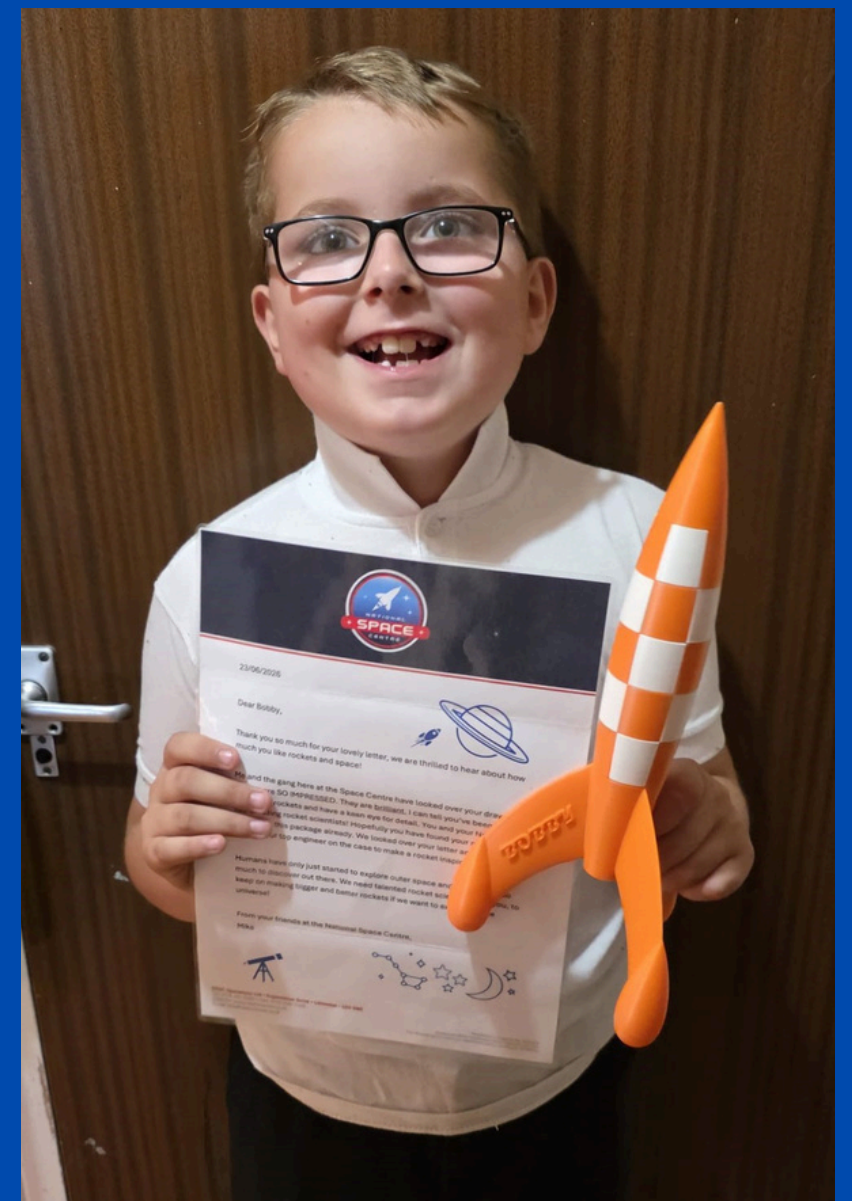
ROCK STEADY CONCERT

A huge well done to all of our pupils who took part in this week's Rock Steady concert! We were so impressed by the confidence you all showed during your performances. It has been wonderful to see how much you have all progressed since starting your musical journey. Thank you for entertaining us with such fantastic performances!





We are very proud of Bobby for his fantastic creativity and enthusiasm for space! Bobby designed and drew a detailed space rocket and wrote a letter to the National Space Centre in Leicester. To his delight, Bobby received a reply from the National Space Centre, along with a personalised rocket based on his very own design! Well done, Bobby!



After the success of our World Book Day sale, we are delighted to bring you another second hand book sale on the playground after school on **Monday 6th July.**

Come and browse our range of books and many any donation you wish! We will be accepting cash or card on the day!

Happy School Bag is a scheme which allows schools to easily raise funds through collecting unwanted, sellable/reusable clothing. If you are planning a declutter in your home over the next few weeks, the PFGM (Parents and Friends of Gothic Mede) could use your clothing to raise much needed funds for Gothic Mede Academy.

Happy School Bag accept donations of:

Adults and children's clothing (not school uniform)

- Paired shoes
- Console Games and souvenirs
- Handbags, belts, hats and accessories
- Jewellery, toiletries and perfumes.

The more donations we collect, the more the PFGM will receive. Our next donation/collection date is Friday 10th July. Any collection bags are accepted, but we ask that they are not overfilled. Donation bags were handed out in school last week, so please check your child's book bag for these. If you require more donation bags, these can be picked up from the front office. Donations cannot be accepted before 10th July 2026. The collection drop off point will be signposted on the day and is by the schools kitchens. Please drop off your donations by 9am.



EVENTS

We are excited to welcome both our current and prospective families into school on Wednesday 8th July for our Open Evening.

For current families, this is a wonderful opportunity for children to meet their teacher for the next academic year and spend some time in their new classroom.

We will also be hosting staff members from both Etonbury and Pix Brook Academy. Both schools are part of the BEST trust and where our pupils go on to continue their education.



GMA SPORTS DAY



THURSDAY 9TH JULY
9:30AM - 11:30AM



GOTHIC MEDE ACADEMY
Pride in ourselves, pride in our school, pride in our community

OPEN EVENING



8TH JULY 2026
5PM - 6:30PM

Choosing the right school for your child is an important decision. Join us at our Open Evening to explore our vibrant learning environment, meet our dedicated staff, and find out what makes Gothic Mede such a special place to learn and grow.



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We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Sports Day next week. Due to the warm weather forecast, we have decided to move Sports Day to the morning to help ensure the children remain as comfortable as possible. Please join us on the school field at 9:30am to cheer on the children as they take part in the day's events.

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	Erik	for taking responsibility for helping to tidy up and keep Ash class neat and tidy.
OAK	Emilia	for taking great care and making thoughtful choices in order to create her portrait in the style of Freida Kahlo.
BEECH	Elijah	for his detailed instructions. Elijah worked hard to use a range of verbs and to improve his writing even further by using some adverbs as well.
ELM	Charlotte	for showing kindness and respect to all the adults in school. Charlotte is a wonderful role-model.
MAPLE	Oscar	for his perseverance and great sense of humour that puts a smile on everyone's face.
WILLOW	Yigithan	for his brilliant effort in writing. He has been working so hard to use his sounds to write sentences.
SYCAMORE	Vincent	for his sensible and respectful behaviour during the Science workshop at PixBrook. Vincent listened carefully to instructions and carried out the experiments accurately and responsibly.
CHESTNUT	Bailey	for his excellent representation of Gothic Mede when visiting PixBrook. Bailey worked responsibly and scientifically asking and answering questions like a true scientist.
ROWAN	Neil	for his confident contributions to our science lessons

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 7 th July	Year 3 Faith Tour
Wednesday 8 th July	Piano Performance Assembly 9:00am
Wednesday 8 th July	Open Evening 5:00pm - 6:30pm
Thursday 9 th July	Sports Day - 9:30am - 11:30am
Wednesday 15 th July	Acorn Summer Party - Safari Stu
Wednesday 15 th July	Year 4 Leavers Party
Friday 17 th July	Year 4 Leavers Assembly 9:15am
Friday 17 th July	Last day of term

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:

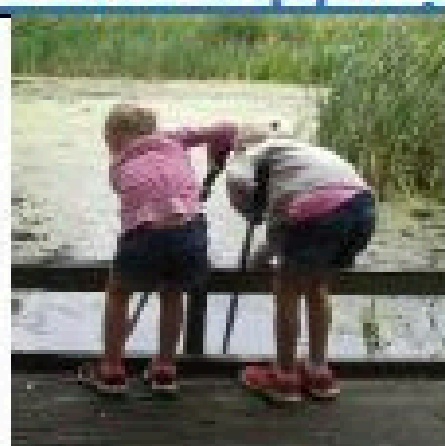
10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon

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

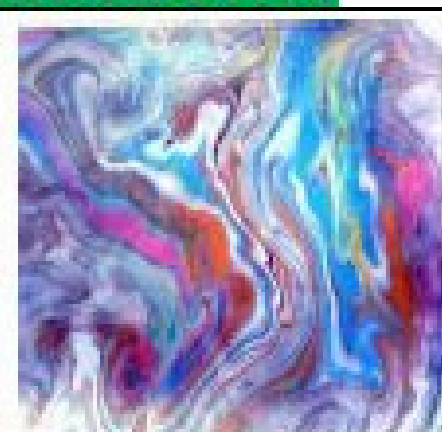
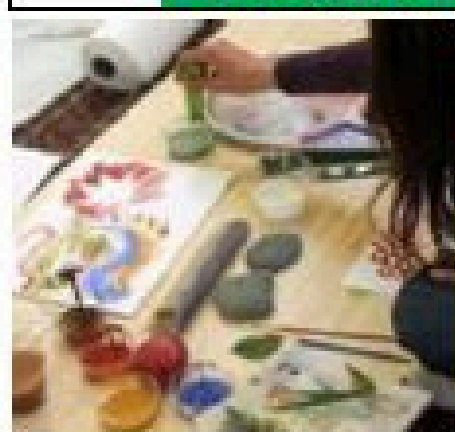
Tuesday 11th August



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**