



GOTHIC MEDE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear Parents/ Carers,



We are looking forward to welcoming you all to our Open Evening next week - we have so much to share with you!

Both current families and prospective families are welcome to come and see our school in action, to find out what we are all about. There will be examples of what we have learnt in different year groups, examples of work and an opportunity to talk to your child's class teacher.

Our SEND team, pastoral team and safeguarding lead will also be in attendance to offer support, advice or even just to have a chat.

For our Year 4 families, both Etonbury and Pix Brook schools will be attending our Open evening so if you were unable to attend their events, there is an opportunity to speak to colleagues from each school. Applications for middle school transfer are now open so do take the opportunity to speak to both schools and find out a bit more.

There have been, and continue to be, improvements and changes to our school site. Most recently, our trim trail has been installed and very finely sanded so the children can enjoy this addition to our playground.

Our fantastic PFGM have also volunteered their time this week to begin our renovation project - painting the school and giving the whole place a fresh feel. If you have a few hours spare and are able to help, we need volunteers for painting, building and decorating so please feel free to get in touch.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Smith



WE'RE ON INSTAGRAM!

Keep up to date with all the exciting things happening at Gothic Mede by following us on Instagram!
[@gothicmedeacademy](https://www.instagram.com/gothicmedeacademy)

YEAR 1

This week, Year 1 have been diving into our key text, All Aboard the London Bus. The children loved exploring famous London landmarks, especially Big Ben! During mission time, some of our Elm class pupils challenged themselves to build their own Big Ben using wooden blocks—working brilliantly as a team to bring it to life. Well done!



YEAR 3

Year 3 have been designing and creating abstract 3d sculptures using playground equipment as a stimulus. The children showed great resilience and adaptability when they needed to alter their design during the making stage.



Come visit us on Wednesday 7th October from 5pm - 6:30pm to find out what Gothic Mede Academy is all about!

Whether you are a current family or considering Gothic Mede for your child, we would love to welcome you!

Pix Brook Academy and Etonbury Academy will also be in attendance to answer any questions about our pupils' next steps in education.



GOTHIC MEDE ACADEMY

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

OPEN EVENING



7TH OCTOBER
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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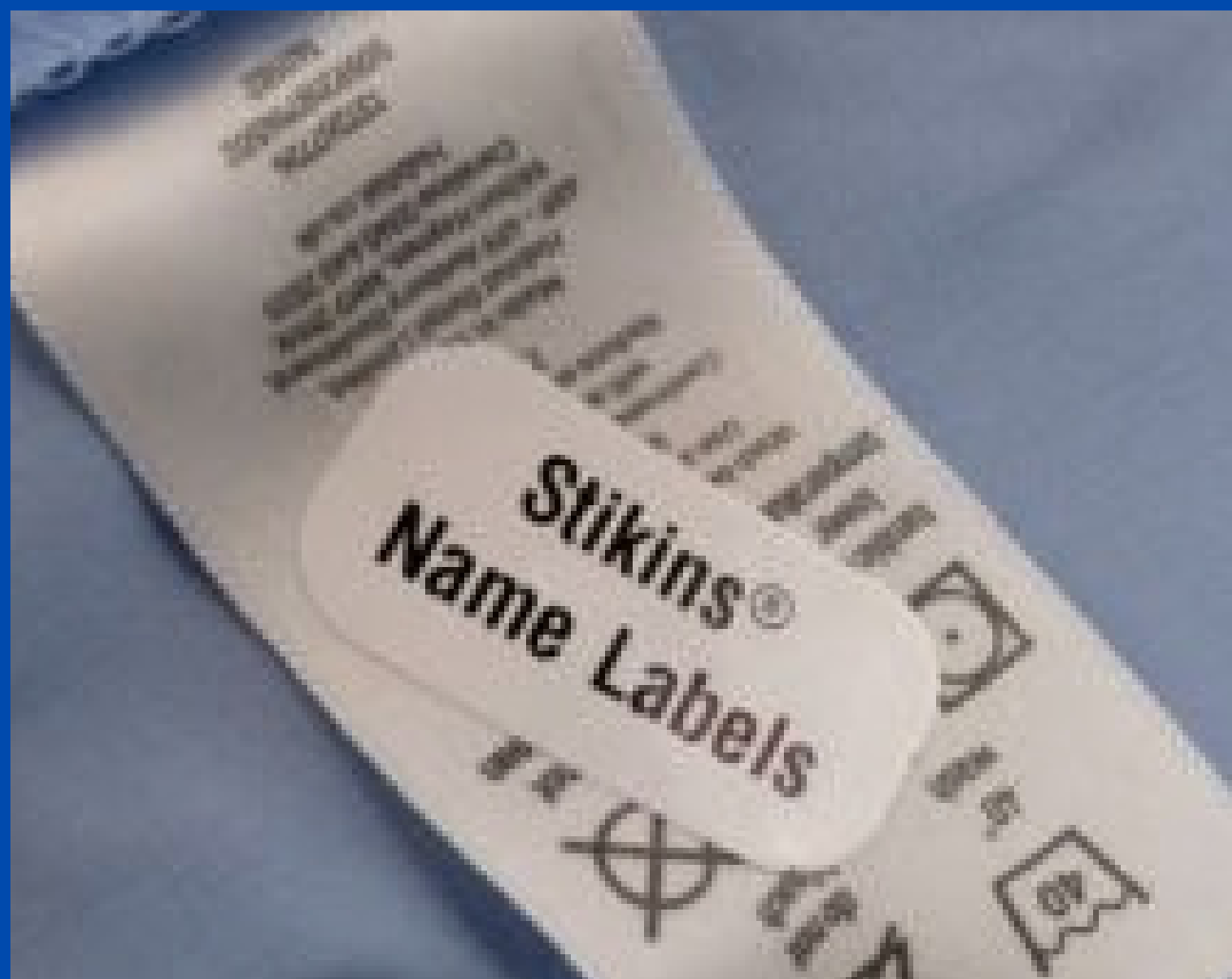


Pop along to our book sale straight after school on Wednesday 7th October, in the school playground!

We have lots of pre-loved second-hand books available to buy, with all proceeds going towards improvements and resources for our school.

Come and have a browse, find a new favourite and help support our school at the same time!

STIKINS NAME LABELS



With the school year just beginning, some of you may still need to label your belongings. Stikins are the perfect way to tag all your kids' belongings and avoid lost property! These labels are perfect for uniforms, lunchboxes, shoes and water bottles.

Gothic Mede Academy is now registered with Stikins, so when you purchase, the school earns 30% commission.

Our fundraising number is - 8208

Visit - <https://www.stikins.co.uk/>

PREMIER EDUCATION HALF TERM CLUB

Looking for something exciting to do this October half term?

Keep the children entertained with Premier Education's holiday clubs, packed with fun, energy and plenty of variety for children of all ages!

Visit the Premier Education website to find your nearest holiday club and secure your child's place.

<https://www.premier-education.com/holiday-clubs/october-half-term-clubs/>



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Loads of activities. Tonnes of fun.
For children aged 4-12.

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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	Jack	for taking such pride and care when creating his self portrait.
OAK	Rowan	for an excellent start learning phonics and for concentrating hard in inputs and working really hard on letter formation and pencil control. Rowan always tries hard. Well done.
BEECH	Marley	for continually completing tasks with enthusiasm and pride.
ELM	Dotty	for showing perseverance in English. Dotty has worked hard to write her sentences, remembering to sound out words and use finger spaces.
MAPLE	Flo	for her fantastic ideas during Design and Technology and for taking such pride when completing her moving monster design.
WILLOW	Toby	for having a brilliant week, contributing lots in Maths lessons and giving all of his learning lots of effort.
SYCAMORE	Terell	for settling in well to Sycamore class and for starting to show independence in his learning.
CHESTNUT	Martin	for a positive attitude to his learning and being helpful and kind in the classroom.
ROWAN	Oscar	for his super contributions in English and his effort in all areas of the curriculum.
HAZEL	Ato	for taking responsibility for his learning and working hard on TT Rockstars at home.

Autumn Term Diary Dates	
07.10.2026	School Open Evening 5:00 - 6:30pm
07.10.2026	Harvest Festival (staff and children only) - Children can bring in donations for the <u>Need Project</u>
07.10.2026	PFGM Book Sale
16.10.2026	PFGM Halloween Movie Night
19.10.2026	Acorn A Let's Read Together Parents session
22.10.2026	Acorn B Let's Read Together Parents session
23.10.2026	Parent coffee morning - all welcome
23.10.2026	PFGM Make the Rules Day
26.10.26 - 30.10.26 Half Term Break	
06.11.2026	Year 3 Swimming commences (6 weeks - last session 11 th Dec)
17.11.2026	Parent Consultations 4:30 - 7:00pm
18.11.2026	Reception - Year 4 Flu Vaccinations
19.11.2026	Parent Consultations 4:00 - 6:30pm
20.11.2026	Mastering Numbers Workshop for Reception parents 9:00 - 10:00am
25.11.2026	Acorn Parent Consultations 11:30 - 12:30pm & 4:00 - 6:00pm
25.11.2026	Supporting your child with reading (EYFS/KS1) parent session
03.12.2026	Flu Catch Up session
10.12.2026	Rock Steady Christmas Concert
18.11.26 End of Term	



LOOKING FORWARD TO THE YEAR AHEAD

Firstly, we just wanted to say a big welcome to all the new families who have joined our school community this September. All parents and carers with children at Gothic Mede Academy are members of PFGM (Parents & Friends of Gothic Mede), led by our committee.

The new committee for this year was elected at our recent AGM and the named positions were filled as follows:

Chair: Kerry Beauchamp
Vice Chair: Tracy Johnson
Treasurer: Jennifer Cartwright
Secretary: Becky Mostyn

A big thank you from us to everyone who came to the AGM and shared their ideas. We also want to say a huge thank you for your continued support over the last year.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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Book Sale

Good quality pre-loved books at great prices.



FRI

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Halloween Movie Night

A fun evening for the children.



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Make The Rules Day

A chance for children to help shape school life.



GET IN TOUCH

Facebook: @PFGM



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Speak to a PFGM committee member at school

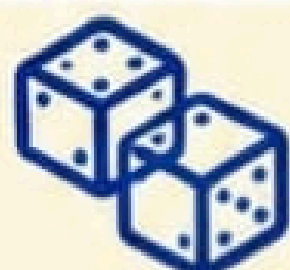
WHAT WILL THE FUNDS RAISED BY PFGM BE SPENT ON THIS YEAR?

As you may be aware, our hard work last year was able to fund the trim trail on the playground, which the children are enjoying immensely. We have also funded the pantomime at Christmas, a sensory summer house, which is coming soon, coaches for school trips and Year 4 leavers books. This year, our fundraising efforts will go towards further improvements around the school, including:



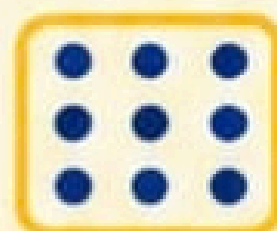
Further playground equipment

Helping to enhance play opportunities for all year groups.



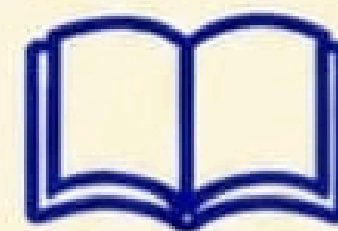
Wet play games

A range of indoor games for wetter days.



A possible interactive play wall

An engaging feature to support active play and learning.



Year 4 leavers books

Providing a special leavers book for Year 4 pupils.



Keep an eye on our socials and our notice board in the playground for upcoming events. We hold meetings a few times a year to discuss ideas, and everyone is welcome to attend.

WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT PFGM WITHOUT GIVING UP ANY OF YOUR TIME

We realise that as busy parents and carers it is not always possible or practical to commit time to organising or running events. For this reason we wanted to make you aware of some easy ways you can support the fundraising efforts of PFGM from home, or while you shop online.



EASYFUNDRAISING

Earn cashback for PFGM when you shop online.

Visit easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pfgm/ to start raising free donations for Gothic Mede Academy.



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THE PARENTS LOTTERY

Visit theparentslottery.org, search 'Gothic Mede Academy' and play.

Support the school with every £1 ticket and you could win £25,000 every Friday!

DON'T WANT TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE – WHAT ELSE CAN I DO TO HELP?

There are lots of ways to get involved, even if you don't have time to join the committee:

- Attend and support our events
- Spread the word to family and friends
- Donate good quality items for events (e.g. books, toys)
- Help on the day at events when you can
- Share your ideas and feedback



GET IN TOUCH

If you have any questions, ideas or would like to get involved, please do get in touch. Everyone is welcome.



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