



Godmanchester
Community Academy

Welcome to Year 4

GODMANCHESTER COMMUNITY ACADEMY, WHERE EVERYONE

works hard and shows kindness

Meet the Team



Ash Class



Class Teacher:

Mrs Hemmins

Teaching Assistants:

Mrs Smith & Miss McGee

Beech Class



Class Teacher:

Miss Bullman

Teaching Assistant:

Mrs Sotrines & Miss Jolly

Curriculum Highlights



- Our Guided Reading texts, encompassing a great of literature, linked to our Writing sessions
- Our History topic ~ ‘The Tudors’
- A unit of work on electricity ~ building an electric toy in DT lessons, and creating an electricity dance in PE lessons
- Our learning about endangered species, and writing persuasive letters to save these animals facing extinction
- Our Geography topic focussing on ‘Africa’, and creating a piece of African Art
- Trips and visits throughout the school year, linking to our various units of work

PE/Games and Swimming



Autumn 1

- PE Day: Wednesday
- Swimming Day: Friday

- Children should wear PE/Games kit to school.
 - Kit should be non-branded and plain navy or black - pupils wearing heavily branded items will be given clean spare uniform to change into.
 - Earrings should be removed for all sport.
 - Swimming is a compulsory part of the National Curriculum and therefore involvement in swimming lessons is not optional. Spare, clean swimming kit will be provided to children who do not bring kit with them.

Home Learning



- **Daily Reading (15 minutes outside of school) ~ compulsory homework**
 - Each child is set a reading target for each half term ~ the target is based on the amount that the child reads, and their book level.
 - Reading Quizzes to be taken on AR upon completion of a book.
- **Optional Home Learning Resources:**
 - Mathletics
 - TT Rockstars
 - Spelling Shed

Why Reading?



“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” Dr Seuss

Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment everyday not only perform better in reading tests but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. Reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background.

We urge you to promote daily reading with your child and to be a positive reading role model.

We are always here to offer support and guidance should you have any questions linked to your child’s reading whether that be ability or enthusiasm.

Class Dojo



- Class Story
- Portfolios
- Messaging - please note quiet hours are set between 5.30pm and 8.30am and at weekends - you should not expect a response during these times. Class Dojo is monitored during the school day but responses may take up to 48 hours.
- Please do not use Class Dojo to message about absence - all absence should be reported to the school office (01480 375115).

E-Safety and Online Use



- Regularly access the latest guidance and advice via our school website: [Godmanchester Community Academy - Promoting Online Safety](#)
- Take note of age restrictions and recommended ages for apps and websites.

13 year olds and upwards



TikTok



Instagram



Facebook



Snapchat



Twitter

16 year olds and upwards



WhatsApp



LinkedIn



Flickr



Vimeo

- If you have a query, comment or concern about the school, please raise this directly rather than posting it on social media. We are all working together to ensure the best outcome for your children so please engage with us.

Uniform



- **Uniform and Appearance:** In preparation for a return to normality in September, we would like to remind you of the expected school uniform. Whilst we do sell logoed school polo shirts and jumpers via Price and Buckland (www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/godmanchestercommunity), there is no requirement for your child to wear logoed uniform. However, we ask that you adhere to the following in terms of colour choices. **We believe that a school uniform promotes a sense of community, belonging and pride in the school. Importantly, it also creates peer equality in terms of appearance.**
- Children should wear: school/plain navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan; grey or black skirt, trousers , knee-length shorts or pinafore; blue gingham summer dress; white or navy blue polo shirt; black, grey or white tights or socks; sensible plain black shoes/boots (for the winter) - no trainers, high heels or open toe sandals.
- Please note that children with shoulder length hair (or longer) should come to school with their hair tied back with a **simple hairband. Children should not wear large or bright bows or accessories.** If children do wear large bows or accessories, they will be asked to remove these and the class teacher will keep them until the end of the school day when they will be returned to the child. If children with shoulder length hair (or longer) arrive at school without it being tied back, they will be given a new hairband to tie their hair back.
- **Any child who arrives at school without the appropriate uniform will be offered spare uniform on arrival at school and their parent/carer will be notified by Class Dojo that they have arrived at school without the appropriate uniform.**

Uniform Headlines



- Plain or logoed polo shirts (navy or white), jumpers (navy only) and fleeces (navy only)
- Grey or black shorts or skirts of an appropriate length
- Grey or black trousers
- Blue gingham dress
- Black shoes (non-branded)
- Everything should be named clearly
- Children not wearing appropriate uniform will be given clean, spare uniform to change into

Trips and Visits



- Autumn Term: Places of Worship
- Spring Term: A Tudor Visit
- Summer Term: An Animal Park

Lunches and Snack (KS2)



- We are a nut free school.
- Packed lunches should be balanced and nutritious - whilst they need to fuel you child for the afternoon, a lunch high in sugar can make it hard for a child to focus in the afternoon.
- School lunches - 4 daily choices, selected in the morning - menu choices are e-mailed out regularly.
- Snacks - fruit is provided in EYFS/KS1. Fresh fruit/vegetables only in KS2.

Arbor



- Permissions and payment for trips and visits
- Please check login details
- Please contact the office if you have any issues

School Values



- We believe it is important to model, value and encourage kindness and hard work.

"Work hard, be
kind, and
amazing things
will happen."

Pupil Premium Eligibility



Pupil premium funding is based on the number of pupils in school in January each year from the following groups:

- Free school meals (including children who have received free school meals in the last 6 years- 'Ever 6')
- Looked-after and previously looked-after children
- Service premium (including children who have had a close relative in the armed forces in the past 6 years)

Pupil Premium funding allows us to offer extra support, enrichment and resource to individual pupils. If you believe your child falls into one of the above groups or you would like more information about eligibility for free school meals, please discuss this with a member of SLT.

Free School Meals Eligibility



All children who are at school; and were under 19 at the start of the academic year; and are claiming or have parents who are claiming:

- Income support; or
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance; or
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (this benefit was introduced from 27 October 2008); or
- Child Tax Credit, as long as you do not get Working Tax Credit and whose annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) does not exceed £16,190; or
- Support under part VI of the Immigration & asylum Act 1999; or
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

Final notes



- Check the school website - lots of information about the curriculum, parent guides, regular news updates and key dates and events.
- **Key Dates for Autumn Term:**
 - **Tuesday 4th October 2022 – all day – Individual School Photos.**
 - **Monday 17th October 2022 – all day – Flu Vaccinations.**
 - **Monday 31st October 2022 – all day – Professional Day**
 - **Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th November 2022 – 3.30-6.00pm – Parent Consultations**
 - **Sunday 13th November 2022 – morning – Remembrance Parade**
 - **Friday 18th November 2022 – all day – Children in Need**
 - **Tuesday 20th December 2022 – afterschool – PTA Movie Night**