



Garston

Church of England
Primary School

Autumn Term 1

Life in all its fullness
John 10:10

Newsletter



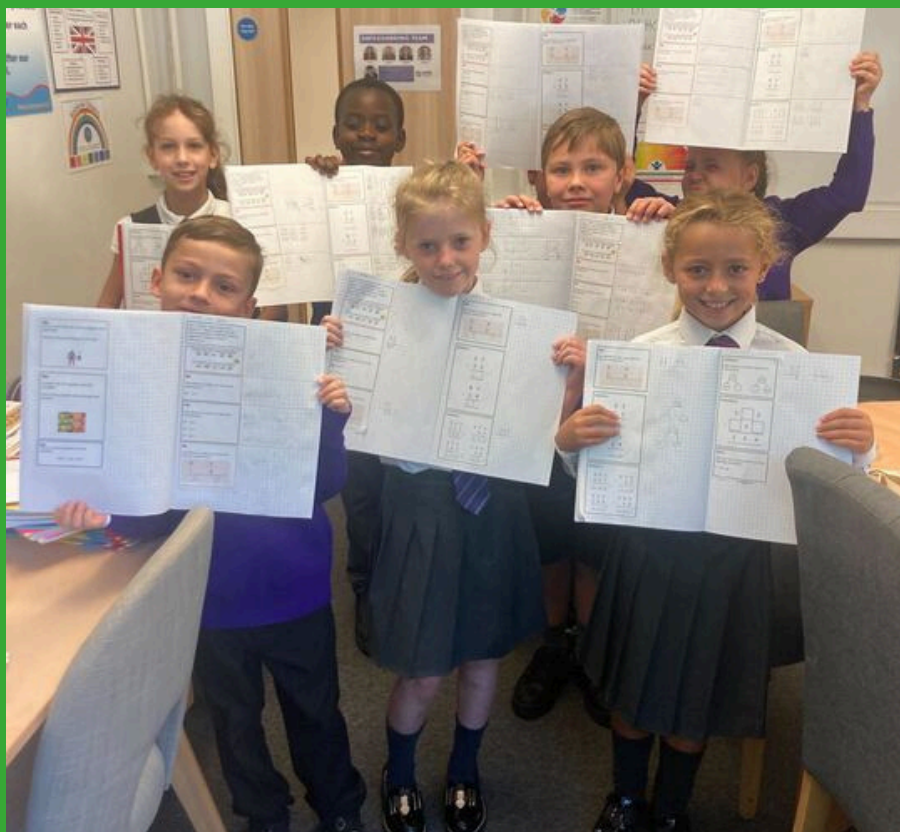
Each and Every Child

Follow us on Instagram
@GarstonCE



We've had a great first half-term back, and it's been fantastic to see the children settle in so well to the new academic year. The children have come back full of energy, and it has been a pleasure to watch them dive into their new school year and new learning. We are so proud of everything our children have achieved already and can't wait for everything that is still to come this year. As always, thank you so much for your endless support!

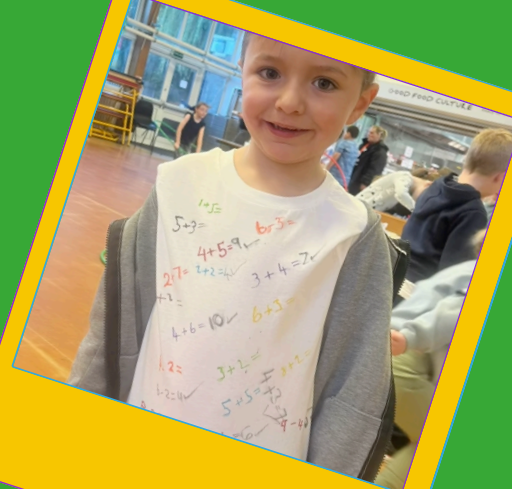
We wish you all a relaxing half-term break and look forward to seeing all our pupils return to school on Tuesday, 5th November, at 8:45 am.



We have had a very busy term...

Maths Party Day

This half-term, we celebrated Maths Party Day. We loved seeing all your creative number-themed outfits and enjoyed taking part in lots of mathematical puzzles throughout the day.



After School Enrichment Clubs

We are proud to be able to offer a wide range of enrichment clubs. Our children have enjoyed sporting clubs, creative clubs, and learning lots of new skills.



We have had a very busy term...

Representing School

Well done to our children who have made a fantastic start to the school leagues in the boys' football, girls' football, and cross-country competitions.



We have had a very busy term...



Come and See

Thank you to all our parents and carers who joined us for our first Come and See event of the year. It was lovely to have you in school. Well done to our Year 5 parents and carers who took part in a very active PE lesson.

Outside Achievements

We love seeing all the wonderful things our children get up to outside of school and sharing their achievements with them. This half-term, children have shared their successes in football, running, dancing, and many more activities. We look forward to seeing even more achievements this year.



We have had a very busy term...

Rainbow 10th Birthday

This half-term, we thoroughly enjoyed celebrating the Rainbow Trust's 10th Birthday. From cathedral services to magic shows and discos, we have done it all!



Outdoor Learning



Sporting Competition



Interest Day



Performing



Birthday Cake



Cathedral Service



Magic show



Discos

Attendance

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your support in helping us maintain great attendance at school. It makes such a difference to your child's learning and helps keep them connected with their friends and daily routines. We really appreciate your efforts in making sure they are here and ready to learn!

Our whole school attendance to date is 96%. We are just 1% away from reaching our target of 97+%.

If your child is absent due to illness, please telephone the school by 8:45 am to report their absence.

Please can we politely remind families that, due to new government guidelines, we are unable to authorise term-time holidays. Please see the process the school follows in such cases on the next page.

Class Attendance this half term

Well done to Year 3 and 1 who have reached the target of 97%+.

Year 3 97.51%

Year 1 97.43%

Year 5 96.5%

Year 2 96.2%

Nursery 95.82%

EYFS (Reception) 95.09%

Year 6 94.47%

Year 4 94.35%

Attendance

Attendance Updates

The Government will be implementing changes concerning unauthorised absences from school from 19th August 2024. Please read below to find out what this will mean.

What do the new rules mean?

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised.

Because your child will miss 5 days of school you will be given a penalty notice.

£160

The fine is £160

2

FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN



£160

+ £160

+ £160

+ £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

3

FOR A FAMILY OF 2 PARENTS

4 children & 2 parents =
£1280

4

Irregular Attendance

10 in 10

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised, you can receive a fine of £160

1

Day =

2

Sessions

Every Day Counts!



Values

Our Values next half term is:

Excellence

We will be sharing the Bible story of God's Creation, which is a great example of excellence in action.



Family Prayer for Excellence

Dear God,

Thank You for all the talents and gifts You have given me.

Help me to always do my best in everything I do—at home, at school, and with my friends.

Teach me to work hard, stay focused, and never give up when things get difficult.

Guide me to always choose to do what's right and to strive for excellence, Not just for my own success, but to bring joy to others and make You proud.

Please remind me that trying my best is the most important thing,

And that I can always improve with Your help.

Amen.



Wrap Around

Just a reminder that we run a daily breakfast club for all children from 7:45 am each morning. Please note that, due to our insurance policy, children are not allowed to enter the school building before 7:45 am.

Our after-school wrap-around care operates every night until 5:45 pm. Sessions must be booked beforehand by contacting the school office.

Further information can be found here [Club Information](#).



Key Dates for Autumn 2

Autumn Term 2	
Monday 4th November	Inset Day
Tuesday 5th November	Children return
Sunday 10th November	10:50am Family Church Service at St Michael's Church- All Families Welcome
Monday 11th November	10:45- Remembrance Service lead by Y6
Tuesday 12th November	Odd Sock Day
Wednesday 13th November	9:00 - RWI Phonics Come and See For Reception Parents
Thursday 14th November	9:00 - RWI Phonics Come and See For Year 1 and 2 Parents
Friday 15th November	Children in Need
Saturday 16th November	10:00 -11:30 - Messy Maths Morning - all families welcome
Wednesday 20th November	Progress Evening (appointments for parents/carers)
Thursday 28th November	2:30 Year 5 Class Assembly
Tuesday 3rd December	3:30 Christmas Family Bingo
Wednesday 4th December	Christingle Service 2:30pm led by Ethos Team
Sunday 8th December	10:50am Family Church Service at St Michael's Church- All Families Welcome
Friday 13th December	Christmas Jumper Day 2:00 - Christmas Fair (finish school at 1:30pm)
Monday 9th December	9:00- Reception Christmas Performance 2:30 - Pre Nursery, Nursery and Reception Christmas Performances
Monday 16th December	2:15 - Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity
Tuesday 17th December	8:45 - Christmas Church Service
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 19th December	9:00 - Carols and Songs in school hall Nursery Christmas Party Day - Nursery Own Clothes Nursery Children finish for Christmas
Friday 20th December	Christmas Party Day - Own Clothes 12pm - Finish for Christmas



Thank You

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support throughout this academic year. Your unwavering commitment has made our achievements possible. We are deeply grateful for everything you do for the school, and we wish you a joyful and relaxing summer break.

**School closes for all Children
Friday 25th October at 3:15pm**

**Children return to school on
Tuesday 5th November**

