

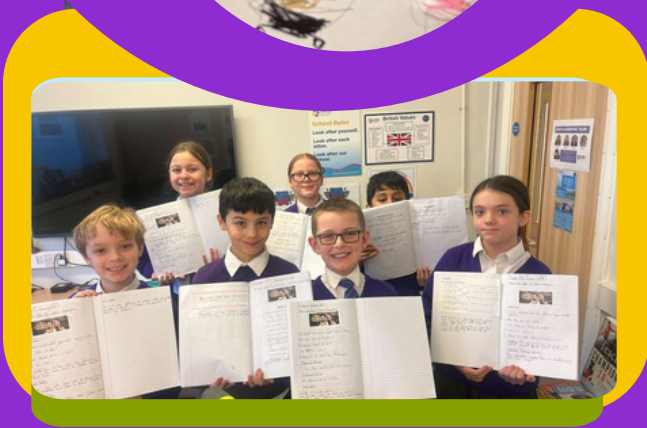
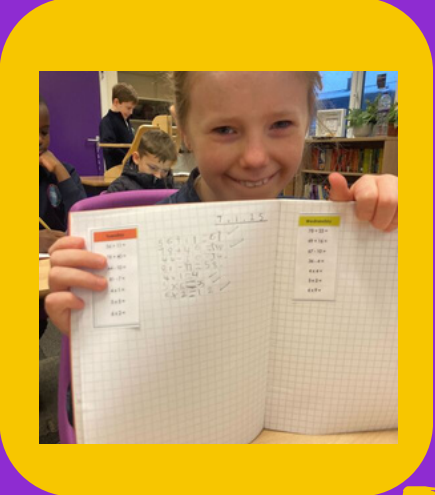


**Garston**  
Church of England  
Primary School

Spring  
Term 1

Newsletter

Life in all its fullness  
John 10:10



Each and Every Child

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As we reach the end of Spring 1 and the halfway point of the academic year, we want to take a moment to say a big thank you for all your support. It's been an incredible half term, and we're so grateful to have such a fantastic school community.

Our children have continued to be positive role models within our school and local community. It is a pleasure every day to watch them grow and take such pride in their learning and the wider opportunities available to them. Your encouragement and involvement have made such a difference, and it has been wonderful to invite you to our Come and See event and Art Showcase. We truly appreciate your support and the positive energy you bring to our school.

Wishing you all a fun-filled half-term break!

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## Come and See

Thank you to our Parent and Carers that attended our come and see we hope you enjoyed taking part in the wide variety of activities from researching The Great Fire of London to getting active in PE.



## Art Showcase

Well done to all our children whose work was presented in our art showcase we have some extremely talented artists at Garston CE.



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## Rock Kidz

We loved the opportunity to rock out with Rock Kidz this half term. This is always an extremely popular day with our children who thoroughly enjoyed it. We are honored to be part of the Rock Kidz community working to positively spread kindness across our community.

Rock Kidz taught our children to always remember  
'You're amazing so be amazing' #YASBA



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## 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.



## Museum

Year 4 and 5 had a great time exploring the Liverpool World Museum and visiting the Bee exhibition.



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## Exploring the Capital

Some members of our Y6 class had a jam packed day in London with the Rainbow Trust. From sightseeing to attending parliament to taking part in a live debate.



## Enrichment Clubs

Our new Spring enrichments clubs have got off to great start. It is great to see so many children attending enrichment clubs and learning new skills.



# 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 95%. We are just 2% away from reaching our target of 97+%.  
We are proud to be a Gold Standard School.**

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.

Pre-Nursery: 94.2%

Nursery: 90.4%

Reception: 97.2%

Year 1: 95.4%

Year 2: 94.1%

Year 3: 94.6%

Year 4: 96.2%

Year 5: 93.6%

Year 6: 94.5%



**RECEPTION**



**YEAR 4**



**YEAR 1**

# 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 Value for next half term is:

## Endurance

We will be sharing the Bible story of Noah's Ark which is a great example of the value of Endurance in action.



## Family Prayer for Endurance

*Dear Heavenly Father,*

*Thank You for being our strength when times are challenging and for walking with us through every step of our journey. Help us to embrace endurance, to keep going even when things feel difficult, and to find courage in the face of struggles.*

*Teach us, as a family and as a school, to be patient and persistent, knowing that growth comes through perseverance. May we support and encourage one another, just as You support us, and find joy in the progress we make each day.*

*Fill our hearts with hope, determination, and faith, reminding us that we are never alone. May we always trust in Your love and guidance, knowing that with You, we can overcome any obstacle.*

*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 Spring Term

Spring Term 2	
Monday 24th February	Back to school
Tuesday 25th February	3:00 - Multiplication Check Meeting for Year 4 Parents/Carers and their children
Tuesday 4th March	3:00 - Year 2 Assessment Parent/Carer Meeting for Year 2 parents and their children
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Sunday 9th March	10:50am Family Church Service at St Michael's Church- All Families Welcome
Wednesday 12th March	Progress Evening (appointments for parents/carers)
Tuesday 25th March	3:30 - Easter Family Bingo Night
Thursday 27th March	2:30-Y3 Class Assembly
Tuesday 1st April	8:45 - Easter Church Service
Thursday 3rd April	Nursery Children finish for Easter
Friday 4th April	Finish for Easter 12pm

ENJOY

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WEEK

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