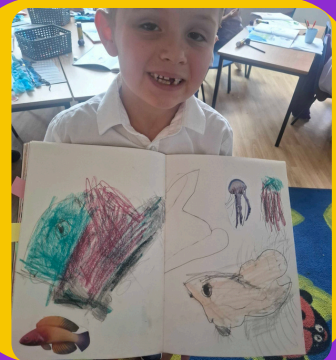
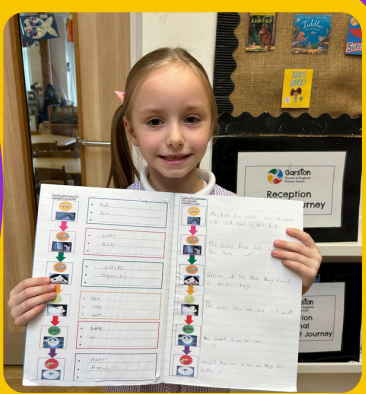
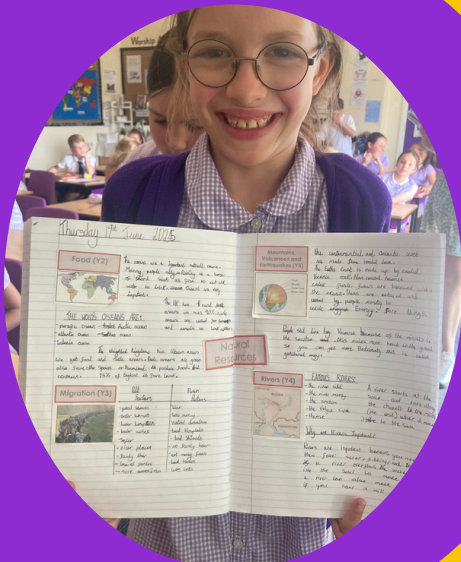
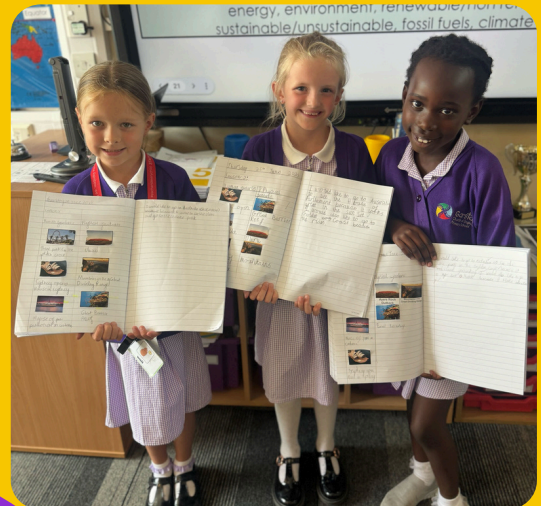
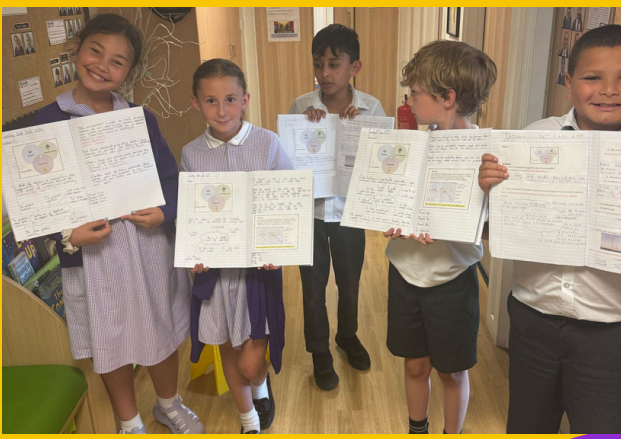




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Summer 2 Newsletter

Life in all its fullness
John 10:10



Each and Every Child

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As we come to the end of an incredible school year, we want to take a moment to celebrate the many achievements and special moments that have made it so memorable. From our outstanding statutory data – well above national averages – to the wide range of sporting opportunities, enrichment clubs, trips, and inspiring visitors, it has truly been a year to remember. Our spectacular production of Matilda was a particular highlight, showcasing the talent and confidence of our amazing pupils.

There have been so many wonderful experiences that it's impossible to list them all – but here are just a few highlights that capture the spirit of what we've achieved together. None of it would have been possible without the continued support of our dedicated staff, and of course, you – our fantastic parents and carers. Thank you for being such a vital part of our school community.

End of Term & Start of New School Year

- School closes for summer on Tuesday 22nd July at 12:00pm.
- School reopens on Tuesday 2nd September at 8:45am for Years 1-6 (Breakfast Club opens at 7:45am).
- School reopens for Early Years on Wednesday 3rd September.



We have had a very busy term...

Goodbye and Good Luck Year 6

As we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6, we want to wish each and every one of them the very best of luck on their next adventure. We know they will go on to do amazing things and make us all proud. It has been a joy to celebrate this final term with them – from Alton Towers, to leaving services to prom, they've made lasting memories and finished their time with us in style. We'll miss them dearly but know they are ready for all that lies ahead.



We have had a very busy term...

Year 5 AYLA

Congratulations to Year 5, who have completed the Archbishop Young Leader Award! Year 5 have worked hard with our local councillor to help improve the environment in Garston Park. They are committed to ensuring Garston Park stays litter-free.



Athletics Fun

Year 4 had a great day at Wavertree athletics centre taking part in lots of activities.



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Down on the Farm

Our Early Years and KS1 children had a fantastic time when our local farm came to visit. From feeding sheep to walking alpacas, it was a fun and memorable day for everyone!



Year 2 trip to the Palm House

Year 2 had a lovely day exploring the wide variety of plants in the beautiful Palm House. After their adventure in the Palm House, they had a relaxing picnic lunch in Sefton Park.



We have had a very busy term...



Reception Visit the Beach

Reception had a fantastic day at the beach, filled with fun, exploration, and plenty of sand! The children loved building sandcastles and collecting shells along the shoreline. They also had great fun at the adventure play at Bubbles.



We have had a very busy term...



Garston Does Broadway

Well done to all our children who took part in our extravaganza this year! It was wonderful to hear the full collection of songs from the musicals, performed with such enthusiasm and joy.

Garstonbury

Thanks to all our parents and carers who supported our summer fair this year. We raised over £1,000 for school funds.



We have had a very busy term...

Matilda

We were incredibly proud to put on our production of Matilda – the first school production at Garston in many years. It was a truly special moment for our school, and we couldn't be prouder of all the children who performed with such confidence, energy, and talent. There is no doubt we have some stars of the future among us!

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Davies and Mrs Barrow for their time, effort, and dedication in bringing the show together. It was a joyful celebration of creativity, teamwork, and the amazing spirit of our school community.



Goodbye and Good Luck

We would like to say a huge goodbye and good luck to Miss Ware and Mrs Reilly, who are leaving us to take on new teaching roles within the Rainbow Trust. We'd like to thank them for all they have done during their time at Garston. Although they are leaving our school, we're delighted that they will still be part of our Rainbow family.

We would also like to wish good luck to Mr Foley as he begins his one-year secondment with the Rainbow Teaching School Hub. We know Mr Foley will be absolutely incredible in his new role, and we'll still get to see him when he pops in to support our student teachers.

Finally, we'd like to say a huge congratulations to Mr Patten, who is following his dream and, from September, will be taking up a new pastoral role in a local secondary school. While we are very sad to see Mr Patten go, we are incredibly proud of him for securing this role and know he will go on to do amazing things. We'd like to thank Mr Patten for all the support, guidance, and care he has given to our children and families during his time with us.

Good luck, Mr Patten – we know you're ready for this next step and that you'll be truly amazing!

A graphic featuring the words "GOOD LUCK!" in a bold, sans-serif font. Each letter is formed by a cluster of shiny, golden balloons, giving the text a festive and celebratory appearance. The balloons have a metallic sheen and are arranged in two rows: "GOOD" on top and "LUCK!" on the bottom.

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 95.2%. We have made huge improvements with our attendance this year and are so much closer to achieving 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 the year.

Pre-Nursery: 90%

Nursery: 94%

Reception: 95%

Year 1: 95%

Year 2: 95%

Year 3: 96%

Year 4: 96%

Year 5: 94%



YEAR 3



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!





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](#).



HAPPY

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

A special thank you to all our parents and carers for your endless support this year.

It has truly meant a lot, and we couldn't do it without you. We wish you all a happy and peaceful summer break and hope you make lots of wonderful memories.

We'll see you all in September — ready to do it all again!

School re-opens on Tuesday, 2nd September for Years 1-6 at 8:45am (Breakfast club open from 7:45am).

School re-opens for early years on Wednesday 2nd September.