

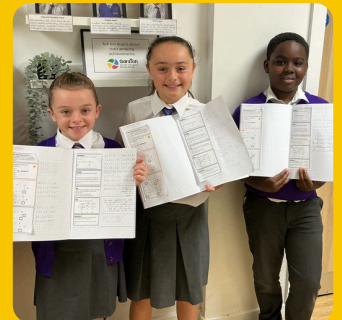
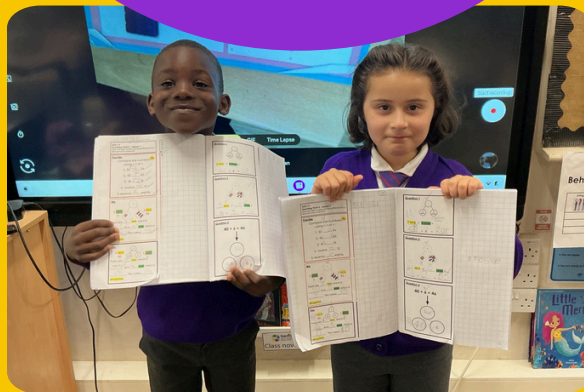
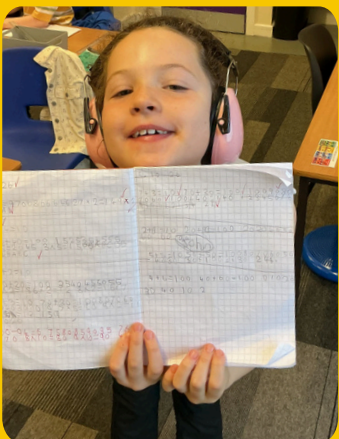


Garston
Church of England
Primary School

**Autumn
Term 1**

**Life in all its fullness
John 10:10**

2026



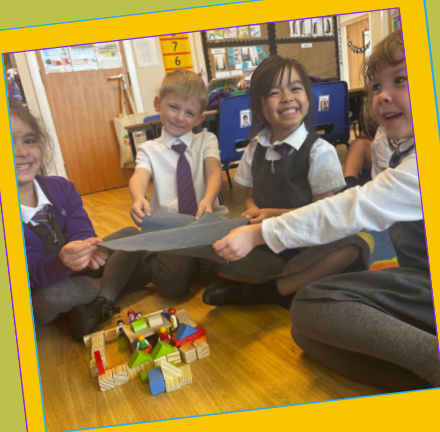
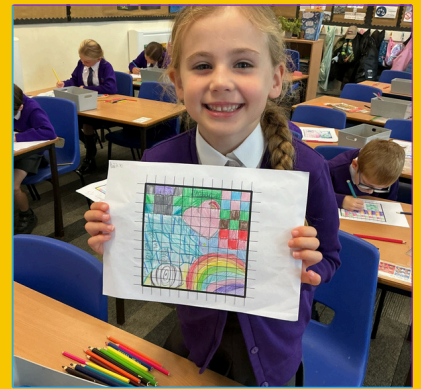
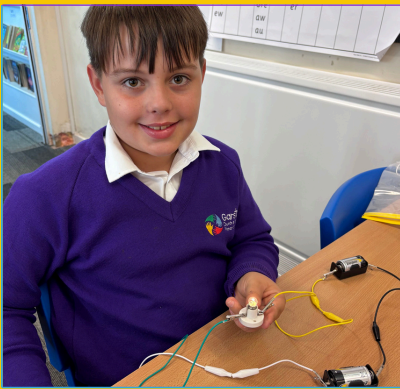
Each and Every Child

We have had a very busy term...

Strong Start to the School Year

We would like to start by expressing how proud we are of all of our children, who have had a great start to the school year. We have been blown away by the amazing achievements, all their hard work and how they have settled into their new year groups.

Here are some examples of the amazing work completed across this half term:



We have had a very busy term...

Sporting Achievements

Our amazing pupils have taken part in a variety of sport opportunities across the half term.

Here are some of the highlights:



Extra Curricular Fun

Our pupils have been accessing our extensive after school club offer across the half term. From performing arts, cricket, football, book clubs to funky fingers, our children have enjoyed learning new skills and exploring their interests!



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Mini Police

Our Mini Police took part in a road safety campaign alongside the Slow Down for Bobby initiative, raising awareness of important safety rules.



Fire Safety

Thank you to the Fire Service, who came in to work with Year 5 and Year 6 around fire safety, delivering important messages linked to bonfire night.



Celebrating Achievements

Ofsted

We were delighted to share our recent Ofsted report with you. Throughout the inspection, so many aspects of Garston CE were recognised and celebrated. One of the key highlights was the behaviour, attitudes and manners of our pupils. Inspectors were particularly impressed by how confidently and thoughtfully our children spoke about their school and how clearly they articulated themselves. We could not be prouder of our children, families and staff.

As always, we thank you for your continued support. You can read the full report by scanning the QR code.



Read our report

Inclusion Quality Mark

We are pleased to have been rewarded with the Inclusion Quality Mark this half term. We have been comended for our work in ensuring each and every child feels like they belong and are supported to thrive.

Further information from the report can be seen on our website.



You Said, We did!

Come and See

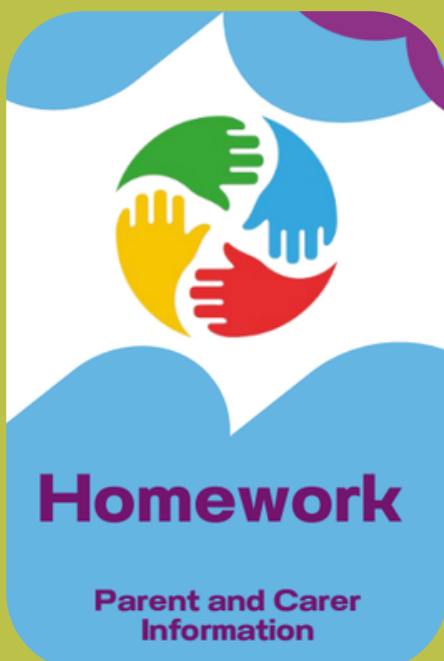
As a result of our latest parent voice survey, we were pleased to invite parents into our first afternoon Come and See session. Thank you to all of the adults who came to see some brilliant maths learning!



Homework Offer

We are pleased to have launched our updated homework offer this half term.

Further information can be found on our school Homework and class pages.



Year 3		
Autumn 1		
Check 1 (Week 2 + 3) write, wrong, wrap, wrist, wreck, accident	Check 2 (Week 4 + 5) grander, grandest, safer, safest, braves!, actually	Check 3 (Week 6 + 7) donkey, monkey, chimney, valley, alley, arive
Autumn 2		
Check 4 (Week 1 + 2) kindness, darkness, sadness, goodness, fitness, decide	Check 5 (Week 3 + 4) table, little, middle, camel, funnel, describe	Check 6 (Week 5 + 6) pedal, capital, animal, hospital, local, different
End of Autumn Review		
write grandest donkey kindness table animal accident arive decide different		

Rainbow Passport

As with previous years, we will be providing our own activity passport for each child to participate in based on their year group.

Each year group will have ten activities to try and complete in or outside of school by the end of the school year. These tasks are in the Rainbow Activity Passport booklet, which will be available on the school website.

Steps to follow:

Step 1: Choose an activity from the booklet to complete (school holidays are a great time to do this).

Step 2: Take photos of your child completing the task.

Step 3: Post the pictures of your child completing the task on Instagram, making sure that you #rainbowpassport and tag @garstonce or alternatively, email them to garstonoffice@remat.org.uk.



My Rainbow Passport

Name(s):	
School:	Garston C of E Primary School
Class:	

Year 3

Friendship	Be Statements	School	Home
- Make a friendship bracelet. - Build something with a friend.	Be creative Be aspirational	☒	☒
Endurance	Be Statements		
- Help prepare a meal. - Try Yoga.	Be Still & Thoughtful	☒	☒
Excellence	Be Statements		
- Employability Exchange. - Compose a piece of music.	Be Creative Be Aspirational	☒	
Trust	Be Statements		
- Learn a new game. - Teach someone younger a new skill.	Be Safe	☒	☒
Wisdom	Be Statements		
- Visit an art gallery. - Book Review on your favourite book.	Be Curious and Amazed	☒	☒

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. **The whole school attendance has had a great start this year!** 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 school attendance to date is 96.5%. Our target is 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

PRE-NURSERY/NURSERY: 95%

RECEPTION: 96%

YEAR 1: 93%

YEAR 2: 98%

YEAR 3: 96%

YEAR 4: 97%

YEAR 5: 97%

YEAR 6: 97%



YEAR 2



**YEAR 4
YEAR 5
YEAR 6**



**YEAR 3
RECEPTION**

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



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:

Excellence

We will be sharing the Bible story of The Creation which is a great example of the value of excellence in action.



Family Prayer for Excellence

Dear God,

Thank You for the gifts and talents You have placed within each of us.

Help us to use them with care, effort, and joy, always doing our best in everything we do.

Teach us that excellence isn't about being perfect, but about giving our hearts fully, trying again when things are hard, and encouraging others to do the same.

May our words be kind, our actions thoughtful, and our learning filled with curiosity and pride.

Guide us to shine our light brightly, so that through our efforts, we bring joy and goodness to others.

Amen.

No Screen November



We are pleased to be launching our Unplug with teddy: no screen november initiative. it aims to shine a spotlight on play, bringing children away from their screens one day at a time.

We will be sharing daily play tasks across novmeber to help busy families find 10 minutes of screen free fun in each day.

Follow along on our school instagram account or join in through following Unplug_With_Teddy.



SCREEN TIME GUIDANCE FOR UNDER 5s



A GUIDE FOR PARENTS
DfE BASED ON DfE PRINCIPLES & GOV.UK ADVICE



1 UNDER 2 YEARS: BUILD FOUNDATIONS



- ▶ **AVOID SCREEN TIME:** Focus on interaction, talk, and play. 
- ▶ **EXCEPTIONS:** Use video calls with family, ensuring active participation.

2 2 TO 5 YEARS: BALANCED USE



- ▶ **LIMIT TIME:** Up to around 1 hour a day.
- ▶ **CHOOSE QUALITY:** Opt for slow-paced, educational content.
- ▶ **AVOID:** Mealtime screens and high-intensity, addictive content. 

3 SIMPLE DAILY HABITS

1 HOUR BEFORE BED: NO SCREENS



Prioritise quiet activities & stories.

MAKE MEALTIMES CHAT-TIME



Turn screens off to enjoy conversation.

WATCH TOGETHER



Talk about what you see, ask questions, make it interactive.

4 WHY IT MATTERS



90% of brain growth happens before age 5.



HEALTHY SLEEP



LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT



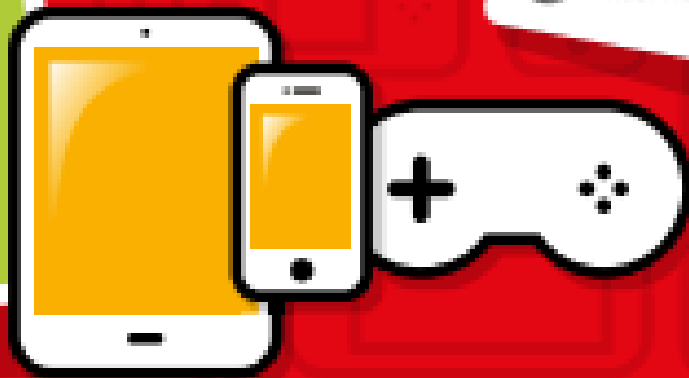
SOCIAL SKILLS

Excessive use can affect sleep, concentration, and learning.

FIND OUT MORE: Search "GOV.UK Screen Time Under 5s"

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A HEALTHY START

BE SMART ONLINE



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SAFE

Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.



M

MEET

Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on www.thinkuknow.co.uk.

THINK
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KNOW

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ACCEPTING

Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.



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RELIABLE

You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.



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TELL

Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline - 0800 11 11 or www.childline.org.uk



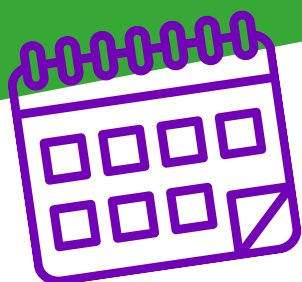
BE SMART WITH A HEART

Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.



Key Dates

Autumn Term 2	
Monday 2nd November	INSET DAY
Tuesday 3rd November	All children return to school
Tuesday 10th November and Wednesday 11th November	3:30pm-6pm Progress Evening (appointments for parents/carers) ** Parents/ Carers Attend one night
Wednesday 11th November	10:45- Remembrance Service lead by Y6
Wednesday 18th November	9:00 - RWI Phonics Come and See For Year 1 and 2 Parents
Thursday 19th November	9:00 - RWI Phonics Come and See For Reception Parents
Thursday 19th November	2:30 Year 5 Class Assembly
Friday 20th November	Children in Need
Monday 30th November	3:30 Christmas Family Bingo *No enrichment clubs on this day.
Friday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day 2:00 - Christmas Fair (finish school at 1:30pm) Wrap Around closed
Sunday 13th December	10:50am Family Church Service at St Michael's Church- All Families Welcome
Monday 14th December	2:30 - Pre Nursery and Nursery, Reception Christmas Performances (morning children can join with parents)
Tuesday 15th December	9am Christingle Service at St Michael's Church
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Party Lunch 2:15 - Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity
Thursday 17th December	9:00 - Sons Around the Tree- all families welcome Nursery Christmas Party Day - Nursery Own Clothes Nursery Children finish for Christmas
Friday 18th December	Christmas Party Day - Own Clothes 12pm - Finish for Christmas



School will close for the half term break on Friday 23rd October 2026.

School re-opens on Tuesday 3rd November

Monday 2nd November is a school INSET day, therefore closed for pupils.

