NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term, 23/10/26

https://www.garfield.merton.sch.uk/

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for parents' evening last night. We really appreciate your patience with the School Cloud issues - unfortunately, the global website disruption caught us all by surprise! If there was anything you didn't manage to discuss, please let us know by emailing office@garfield.merton.sch.uk and we'll be happy to help.

Excitingly, this year marks Garfield's 70th anniversary! We're planning a lovely series of events over the coming months to celebrate our past, present, and future as a school community. We can't wait to share more details with you soon.

To kick things off, here are a few fun facts from 1956—the year Garfield began:

- It was a leap year.
- There were only two TV channels in the UK (BBC and ITV), both in black and white!
- Rose Heilbron was appointed as Britain's first female judge.
- The Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme was launched.
- A.A. Milne, author of *Winnie the Pooh*, passed away.
- The Clean Air Act was passed to help tackle pollution.
- The famous red Routemaster double-decker bus first hit the road.

Please remember that Monday 2nd November is an INSET day. I look forward to seeing all the children back with us on Tuesday 3rd November.

Wishing you all a wonderful half-term break!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Aziz

Important Dates

25th-29th Oct Half Term

2nd Nov- Inset day

3rd Nov - Children return to school

6th Nov- Pyjama Day

10th Nov - Individual school photos

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 97% & ABOVE

Whole School Attendance for 2026-2027 so far: 97.54%

Class attendance since school started:

Ducklings	97.7%
Eagles	97.5%
BUT	98.1%
LAD	98.6%
Frogs	97.5%
Lambs	96.8%
Squirrels	97.6%
Kestrels	96.1%
Owls	97.1%
Foxes	97.7%
Dragonflies	97.5%

Total- 97.54%

A reminder that the following reasons are not acceptable reasons for children to be absent from school:

- Shopping visits and family days out
- Celebrating their own or another family members birthday
- Parental illness or appointments
- Holidays taken in term time (including long weekends taken on Fridays and/or Mondays) - Parents/carers are reminded that pupils have regular opportunities for holidays and absence from school, for any reason, can have a negative impact on a child's education and achievement.

Weekly Attendance winners:

Frogs – 100%!!!!

BE ON TIME, AT QUARTER TO NINE!

If your child is late after the gates are closed, you must report to the school office.

Please report you child's absence by filling out this form:

https://forms.gle/F8icacvNvrW4H3gP8

We do not authorize holidays but for exceptional reason please request leave here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdZHRsBDyMEZPu02Gi8UGZR_QYPt8KURI2kjXsFc46TwGllcA/viewform?usp=header

Please label you child's clothing!! We have a lost property bin at the front of the office full with coats, jumpers and more. If these items are not reclaimed after the first week back (6th Nov) they will be donated to charity.

Parent Information

External After School Clubs for Autumn 2026

Garfield Recorder Club – Thursdays (lunchtime)

dunnfamily35@gmail.com

RAS Gymnastics: 3:15pm onwards - Thursdays

rasgymnastics@gmail.com & www.RASGYMNASTICS.CO.UK

Boss Acting: 3:15pm to 4:45pm – Monday ,Tuesdays

BossActingSchool@gmail.com / 0203 987 6074

Siegeris Dance: 3:15pm to 4:15pm & 4:15pm-5pm – Tuesdays & Wednesdays

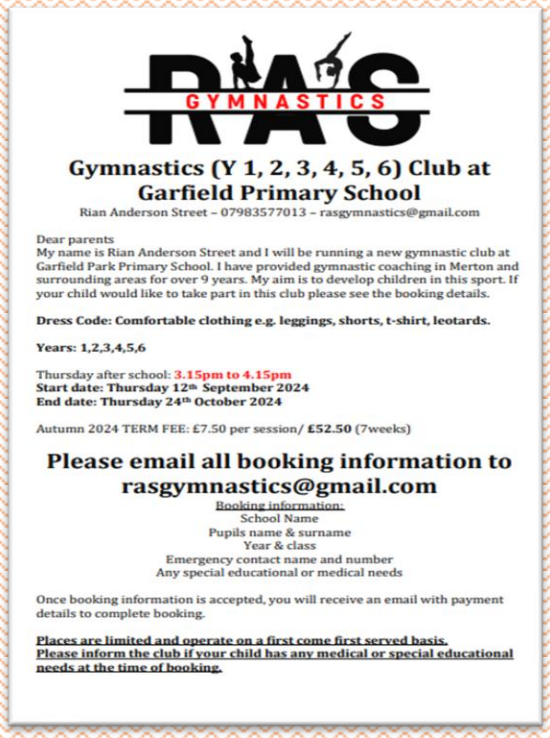
https://siegerisdance.com/rial-class/

Karate: 3:15pm to 4:15pm Fridays

Arjun 0771 197 2754 & www.ukkarate.co.uk – Free Trial Lesson

Follow us on Instagram:

@Garfield_primary_Wimbledon



GARFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

PTA Newsletter

22nd October 2026

A SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN DISCO!

Our Halloween Disco was a fantastic success! The children had a brilliant time dancing, showing off their faBOOlous costumes and enjoying an evening of spooky fun. A big thank you, your continued support helps us create memorable experiences for the children whilst raising valuable funds for the school.

£1,140 raised

A huge thank you to our amazing DJ, Mr Jones for keeping the party going

Thank you for making it a frightfully fun evening!

Vist this link to see how you can show your support (and make us even more spook-tacular)...

BOOK YOUR TABLE

£5 PER STALL

Bring your ideas to life with the MAKERS MARKET

Students are invited to make and sell their own handmade items at the market.
Book via the PTA website, each student will have half an art table to display and sell their fabulous creations. Get your thinking caps on, half term is the perfect time to get crafting.

CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE

🎄 Make your home merry and bright with a beautiful Nordmann Fir! Our fabulous Christmas trees are back for the festive season, at prices up to 25% less than the usual retail price. Let it be the perfect centerpiece for your family celebrations. ✨

🎅 Order by Friday 20 November(Bookable via the website) to secure your tree! 🎅

🚚 **Tree collection:** Saturday 28 November, between 10am and 12pm. Can't collect? Let our cheerful Elf Express deliver your tree within 1km of the school for just £5 — Christmas magic delivered straight to your door! 🧝

UPCOMING EVENTS - Available to book online

(https://www.pta-events.co.uk/garfieldprimaryschoolsw19)

06 NOV	**Pyjama Day** — Wear your PJs in exchange for a donation towards the Christmas tombola, such as a bottle of wine, biscuits or a new unwanted toy.
16 NOV	**Garfield's Makers Market** — 3.15pm- 4.15pm
20 NOV	**Christmas tree order deadline** — Last day to order your Christmas Tree!
27 NOV	**Year 6 Great Garfield Bake-Off**
28 NOV	**Christmas tree collection** — Collection or delivery day.
04 DEC	**THE CHRISTMAS FAIR!** — 3.15–4.45pm. Save the date for festive fun with the school community!

For information on how you can show your support
Please visit the link below
https://linktr.ee/garfieldschool

Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

NHS
South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust

Understanding and Supporting Your Child's Sleep

The topic of sleep comes up a lot during our discussions with parents and carers and it's something that can impact the whole family.

During this webinar we'll look at why sleep is so important for our children, how to create the right environment and routine to aid high quality sleep, the importance of independent settling, and some common sleep challenges for families.

DATE / TIME

Tuesday 10th November
12.30-1.30pm

Scan the QR code or click here

LOCATION

Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to either event for free on Eventbrite by scanning the QR Code.

You can also check out our other events by clicking here

wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk

DATE / TIME

Tuesday 10th November
7.00-8.00pm

Scan the QR code or click here

The topic of sleep is a very common difficulty for many parents/carers and it can impact the whole family. This group will be for parents and carers of children ages 3-8 focusing on the following topics:

- **The Science of Sleep.**
- **Common Sleep Difficulties.**
- **Creating the right environment and routines.**
- **Supporting your child with sleeping independently.**
- **Practical tools and skills to support your child.**

Join our 4-session online group to connect with other parents/carers and learn new ways to support your child's sleep.

Dates and Times:

Groups will be delivered online on the following Fridays Nov 13, Nov 20, Dec 7 between 12:30-1:30PM. with a follow up session on Jan 8th. Please click here to sign up.

Further groups will be offered throughout the year.

If you are interested but cannot attend these dates/times please sign up and we will be in touch.

Education Wellbeing Service

KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) OCTOBER HALF TERM 2026

BELLA ITALIA

One child aged 2 to 11 gets a free three-course meal and a drink with every adult main

ASK ITALIAN

One adult main unlocks up to two free kids' meals

ZIZZI

A free three-course Bambini meal with an adult main.

BANANA TREE

A free kids' main, drink and dessert with every full-price adult main.

LAS IGUANAS

Under 12s get a free main, two sides and a dessert with every adult à la carte main, seven days a week, all year.

FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Children aged 11 and under get a free kids' main with sides and a dessert when an adult buys a main.

CAFÉ ROUGE

A free kids' meal every day between midday and 4pm with any adult main.

YO! SUSHI

One child aged 12 and under eats free for every £10 an adult spends on food, all day Monday to Friday during school holidays, dining in only.

GORDON RAMSAY RESTAURANTS

Children aged 10 and under get a free main from the Ramsay Kids' menu when an adult orders two courses from the à la carte menu, one of them a main.

THE REAL GREEK

Sundays only: a free kids' meal with a drink and ice cream or sorbet for every £15 an adult spends, for under 12s.

TGI FRIDAYS

An ongoing every-day offer: kids aged 12 and under eat free with an adult main.

PRETO (LONDON)

An ongoing every-day offer: kids aged 12 and under eat free with an adult main.

TOBY CARVERY

Children under 12 get a carvery, kids' main or breakfast for £1 with an adult main or unlimited breakfast.

HARVESTER

Under 12s get a kids' main or breakfast for £1 with each full-price adult main, with unlimited salad included.

SIZZLING PUBS

A £1 kids' main with every adult main, Monday to Friday.

PREMIER INN

Up to two children under 16 eat breakfast free when an adult orders a full breakfast or a meal deal.

TESCO CAFÉ

A free kids' hot meal, breakfast or Pick 'n' Mix deal with any adult item, when you scan your Clubcard or the app and the child is with you.

MORRISONS CAFÉ

A free kids' meal and drink for under 16s when an adult buys a main costing £5 or more from The Breakfasts or The Classics menu.

ASDA CAFÉ

Kids eat for £1 with no adult spend, all year, at participating cafés.

DUNELM PAUSA

One free kids' meal for every £5 an adult spends: a children's main, a drink and two snacks. It's an ongoing offer rather than a half-term special.

IKEA

Kids' meals from 95p, with no adult purchase needed

BURGER KING

A free King Jr. Meal through the Burger King app when an adult buys a qualifying burger meal.

FOR FULL DETAILS AND T&C'S, VISIT: HTTPS://WWW.THINKMONEY.CO.UK/BLOG/KIDS-EAT-FREE-OCTOBER-HALF-TERM-2026-WHERE-CHILDREN-EAT-FREE-OR-FOR-POUND1/

Nursery

Class Work

What a wonderful first half term in Nursery! New feelings can be difficult to navigate, but with a loving, supportive group, anything is possible. Our classroom has become a warm place where friendships are blossoming. We've spent our days learning through play, laughing, and sharing heartwarming hugs. We're proud of the children's daily kindness and look forward to watching their special bonds grow in the months ahead.

Reception

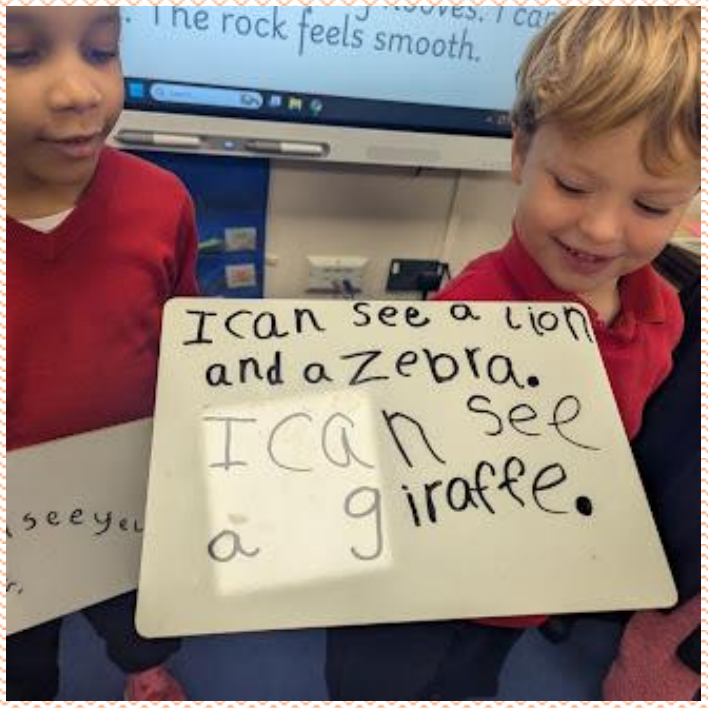
Class Work

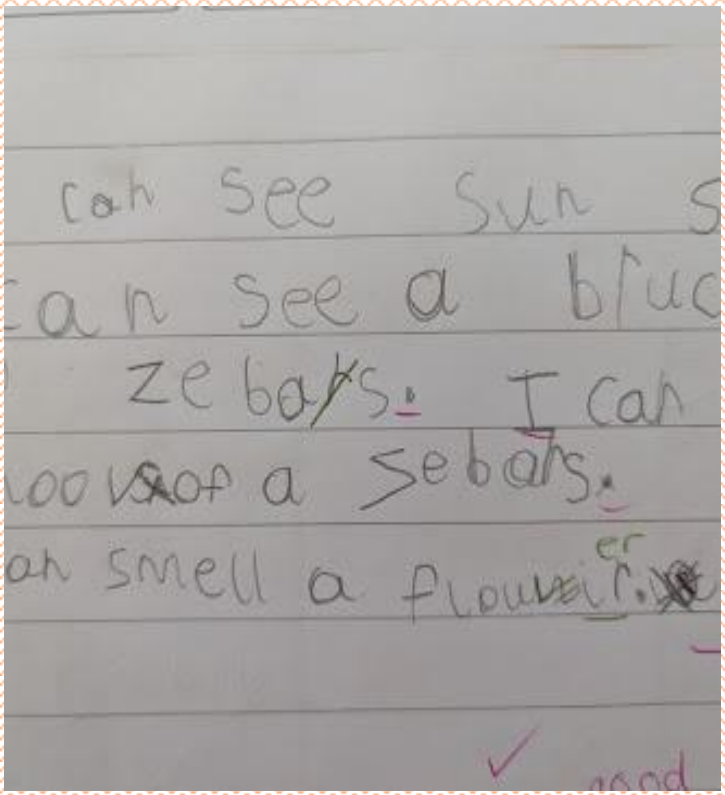
Our Reception children have had a spooktacular week exploring Julia Donaldson's Room on the Broom! They brewed bubbling potions, crafted magic wands, and hammered golf tees into pumpkins to strengthen their fine motor skills. To top it off, they created stunning, dot-patterned pumpkin art inspired by artist Yayoi Kusama!

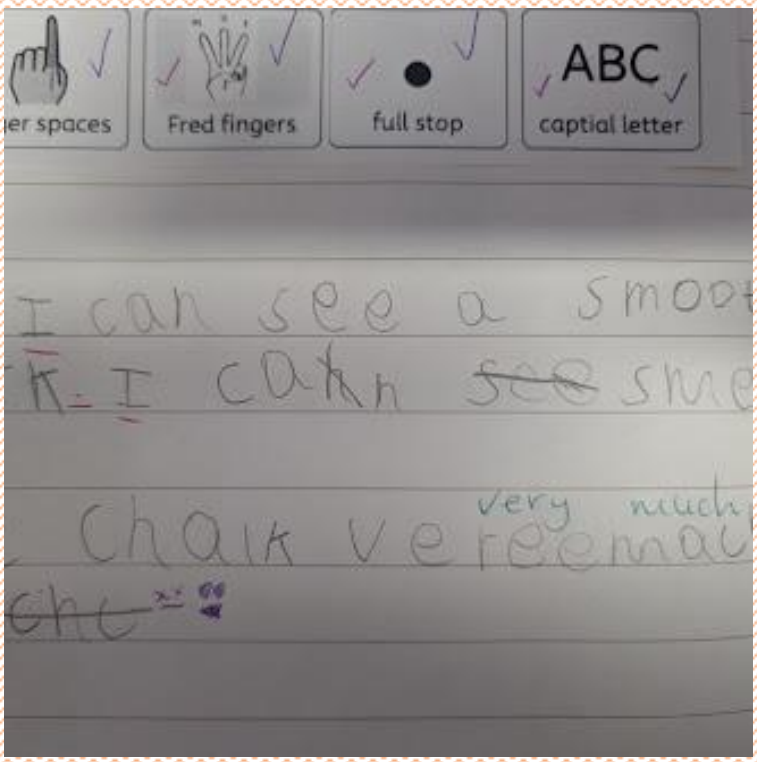
Year 1

Class Work

Year 1 are such brilliant writers! After reading, "The Lion Inside" the children wrote their own description of the story's setting. They used their new science knowledge of the senses to inspire them and applied their writing skills when creating their settings.







Year 2

Class Work

Year 2 have made ferris wheels for their local area. They thought carefully about how to make the wheel turn and to use axles to ensure customers in the pods don't end up upside down on their ride! They then decorated their wheels with colours and patterns from the local area including Wimbledon tennis, the northern line and our school colours.

Year 3

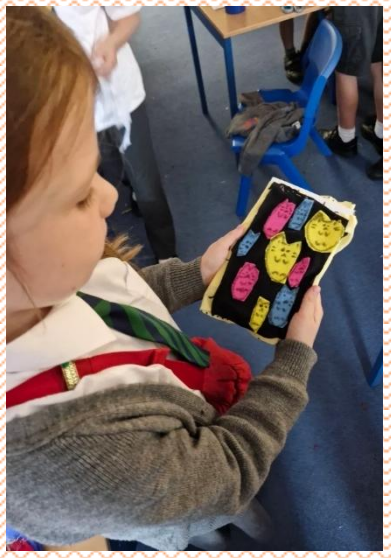
Class Work

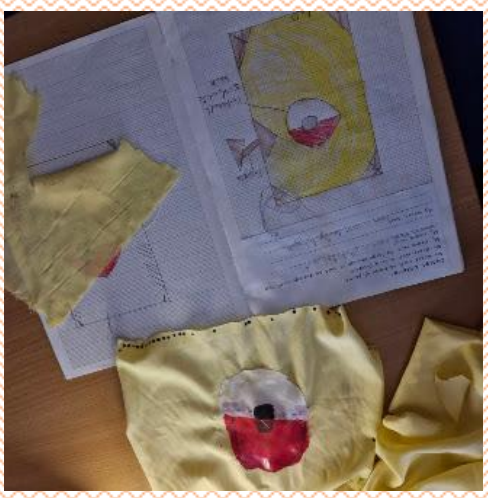
Year 3 Squirrels have continued as budding biologists studying the human body and nutrition. Over the last two weeks, we have been learning about how bones and muscles work together to create movement. Additionally, we have looked at the seven different nutrient groups and how they can help us to grow and be healthy. What a great bunch of scientists! Here are some of our hand models to show how movement works.

Year 4

Class Work

In year 4, we have been winding down our book sleeve project. Our brief was simple: to create a book cover out of fabric. Throughout the project, we used templates, sewed appliques, and even tried out some new methods of starting and finishing stitches without knots!





Year 5

Class Work

Year 5 have been experimenting with mixtures, learning how to use sieves to separate larger solids from medium and small ones, and then building filters to clean muddy water by separating soil particles from the liquid. They learned how important it was to separate the larger solids first or the filters took ages to work. But after leaving the filters overnight they all saw how they'd made the water look (almost) good enough to drink…

Year 6

Class Work

What an incredible week at PGL for Year 6! From paddle boarding, the giant swing, and zip-lining to Jacob's Ladder, aero ball, and the trapeze, they pushed their limits and cheered each other on. Evenings brought forest ambush games, campfire marshmallows, and a disco hosted by our very own DJ Mr Jones. We could not be prouder of their exemplary behaviour and bravery!

CALENDAR DATES

2026-2027

Mon 26th Oct 26 to Fri 30th Oct 26	Half Term
Monday 2nd NOV 26	Inset Day - School closed
Friday 18th DEC 26	Last day of Autumn Term 1:30pm finish
Monday 4th JAN 27	Inset day - School closed
Tuesday 5th JAN 27	First day of Spring Term
Mon 15th Feb 27 to Fri 19th Feb 27	Half Term
Wednesday 24th MAR 27	Last day of Spring Term 1:30pm finish
Thursday 25th MAR 27	Inset day - School closed

2027-2028

First day: Wednesday 3rd September 2027

Half term: Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October 2027

Last day Friday 17 December 2027

First day: Tuesday 4 January 2028

Half term: Monday 14 February to Friday 18 February 2028

Last day: Friday 31 March 2028

First day: Tuesday 18 April 2028

Half term: Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2028

Last day: Friday 21 July 2028

Inset days 1 & 2 Sept, 4 January, 18 April, 5 June 2027-28