NEWSLETTER

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

Autumn Term, 09.10.26

Head's View 9th October 2026

What a wonderful week we have had across the school! It has been packed full of memorable moments and high energy—from crisp autumn walks in the park to enjoying delicious, warm school dinners together in the hall.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our entire school community for showing so much appreciation for our support staff who went on strike.

Our support staff—including our teaching assistant, wrap-around care team, and office staff—are truly the heart of our school:

- In the Classroom: Their daily dedication and support in teaching and learning ensure all our children receive the guidance and encouragement they need to flourish.
- Beyond the Bell: They generously run our popular extra-curricular clubs, bringing rich new interests and skills to life after school hours.
- Wrap-Around Care: They provide a warm, safe, and nurturing environment during breakfast and after-school care, giving our children the best start and end to their school day.

We simply couldn't do it without them!

Kind regards,

Louise Aziz

15th Oct -

Yr1-Yr6 Book Look 3:20-4pm

16th Oct- Show racism the red card, wear red day.

21st Oct- PTA Halloween disco Yr1-3 @5-6pm. Yr4-6@ 6:15-7pm.

22nd Oct - parents evening 1:40-7pm

(Half day children leave @1:30pm)

25th-29th Oct Half Term

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 97% & ABOVE

Whole School Attendance for 2026-2027 so far: 97.60%

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.

Class attendance since school started:

Ducklings	97.9%
Eagles	97.2%
BUT	98.6%
LAD	98.8%
Frogs	97.3%
Lambs	97.5%
Squirrels	97.5%
Kestrels	95.5%
Owls	97.4%
Foxes	97.3%
Dragonflies	97.4%

Total- 97.60%

Weekly Attendance winners:

Butterflies & Squirrels for 100% attendance!!

BE ON TIME, AT QUARTER TO NINE!

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

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

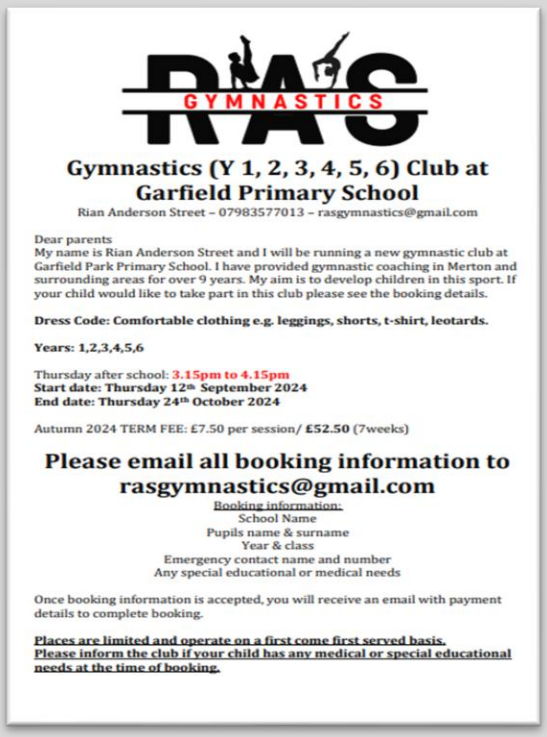
Arjun 0771 197 2754 & www.ukkarate.co.uk – Free Trial Lesson

For leave of absence requests please use this form:

https://forms.gle/iP8Vj7aj3mZ6WZRW8

Follow us on Instagram:

@Garfield_primary_Wimbledon



£148.95 raised

Little Recyclers success

Through your generous clothing donations, we helped divert 331kg of textiles from landfill and raised £148.95. Thank you for every donation!

Together, these activities have already raised £929.95

Thank you for your continued support

UPCOMING EVENTS - Available to book online

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

21 OCT

Halloween disco-

A spooktacular school disco for Years 1–6.

13 NOV

Student Makers Market -

Support student creativity and discover handmade items.

20 NOV

Christmas tree orders collections-

Beautiful Nordmann Fir Christmas Trees are on sale now!! Last orders 20/11/26

04 DEC

Christmas Fair -

Save the date for festive fun with the school community!

GARFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

PTA Newsletter

8th October 2026

THE GREAT GARFIELD BAKE-OFF

Year 2 kicked off this year's Great Garfield Bake-Off and raised an amazing £306! Thank you to everyone who baked, bought, and supported the event.

£306 Raised

This Thursday Year 4 are joining the race

(Thursday 8 October 03:15pm)

Good luck to all our bakers!

£475 Raised

The Nursery and Reception disco raised a whopping £475

We hope everyone had fun! Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the event such a success.

The Scholastic Book Fair is returning to Garfield Primary next week!

This is a fantastic opportunity to buy quality books for your children at great prices while helping us stock our school library. Thanks to your generous support last year, our two book fairs raised over £2,000 in free books for our classrooms and library! We would love to beat that target this year to bring even more exciting new titles to the children.

Key Details

- **When:** Tuesday 13th – Friday 16th October
- **Times:** 8:20 am – 8:40 am **and** 3:15 pm – 3:45 pm daily
- **Where:** Studio Hall (next to Y1 Ladybirds class and opposite Breakfast Club / After School Club)

Payment

- **Online Payments Only**: Cash cannot be accepted at the Book Fair.

How to Participate

- **Browse in Advance:** Preview some of the exciting books available by checking out the Scholastic Bookcases Online.
- **Can't attend in person?** You can buy Scholastic Gift Vouchers online for your child.
- **Wish Lists:** Children can fill out a "Wish List" of books they love, for you to purchase online.

Thank you for supporting our school and inspiring a love of reading in our children.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Chloe Buck

Nursery

Class Work

Reception

What an incredible week of learning in Nursery and Reception! We explored The Three Little Pigs all week by storytelling, building safe and strong houses and others that were not that stable, learning new vocabulary, using sentences from the book during our independent learning, and on Friday we went on our first school trip to Polka Theatre to see the story brought to life. It was an incredible experience to be together and share this great moment with our lovely families. In a heroic moment, Miss Lowton bravely stepped onto the stage and joined the performance, much to the children's delight!

Year 1

Class Work

Year 1 have stepped into the shoes of real biologists as they continue exploring the incredible human body and the five senses. The children took time to reflect on what life might be like without the sense of sight. They then put their sense of smell to the ultimate test by sniffing and identifying a variety of mysterious aromatic items. The young scientists showed wonderful curiosity and impressive detective skills throughout the hands-on activity!

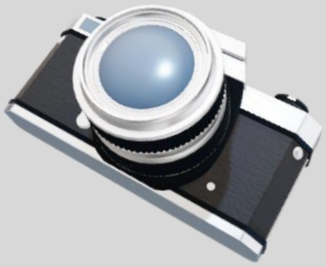
Year 2

Class Work

Year 2 have been enjoying the library! The children have enjoyed sharing books together in our lovely school library. So many book worms in Year 2! We have loved hearing about the stories they have been reading

Year 3

Class Work

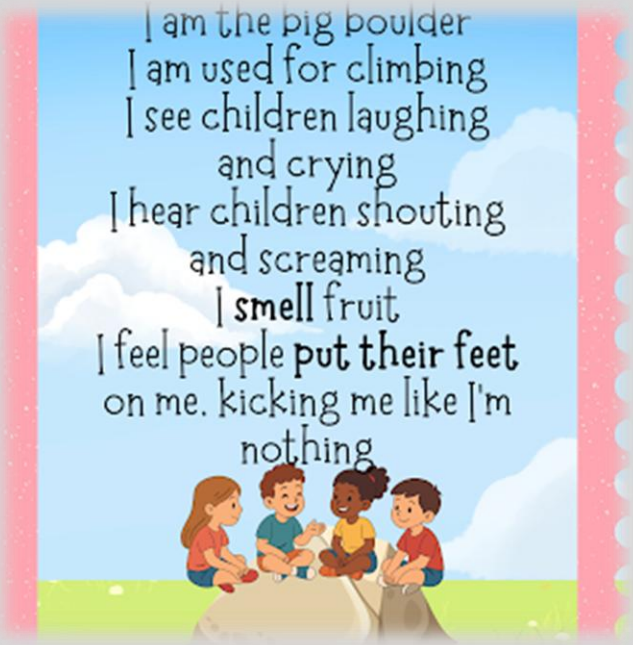


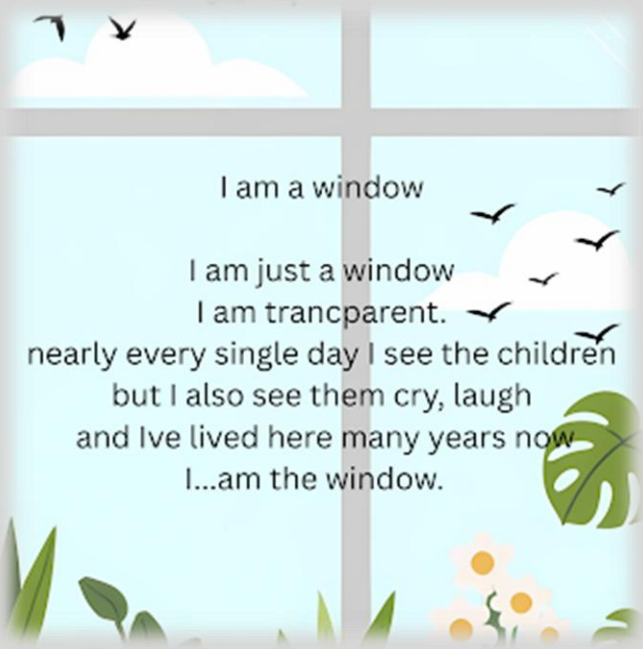
Year 3 had a brilliant time on World Poetry Day. We spent time looking for wonder in the everyday. We went on a walk around school trying to find things that are often overlooked and then use them in some beautiful poetry. Here we are looking for inspiration and jotting down some ideas.

Year 4

Class Work

To celebrate National Poetry Day, Year 4 considered the experiences of humble objects around our playgrounds. From drains and fences to climbing frames and footballs, we thought about all of the things they may have seen, felt, heard and event smelt. Then, using Canva, we turned our poems into works of art!

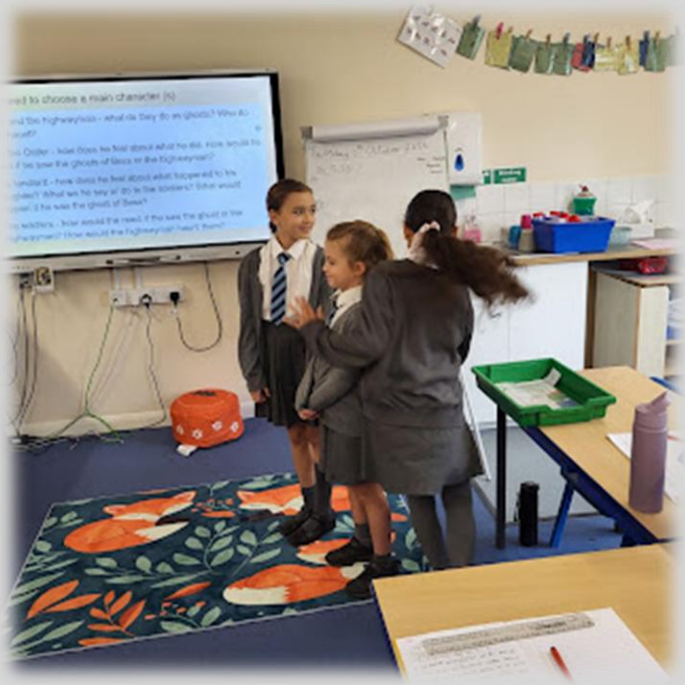




Year 5

Class Work

Year 5 are busy writing a sequel to The Highwayman, choosing what might happen once the main characters became ghosts. This week they enjoyed acting out their plans in mime and challenging the rest of the class to guess what was happening. They also enjoyed using their new Foxes rug bought with a grant from the PTA. Thanks PTA!



Year 6

Class Work

Year 6 have been enjoying their music lessons this term! The children have been learning about textures in a musical piece, exploring what a conductor does and discovering the effects of layering different sounds. They all showed great confidence, teamwork and enthusiasm when performing their pieces. It has been fantastic to see their musical skills developing!

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

What To Expect From Doorstep Library

- The sessions will always be free!
- Children must be aged between 5-11 years old.
- We are able to offer sessions once weekly, during term time, for up to one year.

ONLINE SESSIONS

- Two trained volunteers meet you online for 20 minutes every week during term time between 4.30pm - 6.30pm.
- Sessions take place on either Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursday.
- We provide free online books for children to choose from, and post books to keep.

"Very beneficial to the whole community! My kids have benefitted from this service and love reading now, and have access to range of books every week. Thanks for bringing this service to us, highly appreciated"

- Doorstep Library Parent

HOME READING SESSIONS

We also run home reading sessions for children aged 0-11. Get in touch to find out if we have volunteers in your area!

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