



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

FRIENDS OF GARRICK GREEN

The AGM of the Friends of Garrick Green (FOGG) will be on Wednesday 8 October at 7:30pm in the school hall. It would be great to see as many people as possible there.

If any of our parents work for one of the companies listed below, we'd love to hear from you! Many of these companies offer **matched funding**, which means FOGG can apply for an extra bonus to help us raise even more money for the children at school.



Aviva, Busseys, British Gas, BDO, Lloyd's Bank, PWC, Vodafone, Natwest, Nationwide, BMW, Sky, Adobe, Spar, AXA, Knight Frank, Royal Mail, Santander, DHL, Morrisons, Halifax or Premier Inn.

If this applies to you, please drop us an email at office@garrickgreen.norfolk.sch.uk

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

Our revised policies for safeguarding and attendance are available to read on our website:

<https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/garrickgreen/information/school-policies>

INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR JADE AND LIME PARENTS



These sessions are coming up over the next couple of weeks - lots of you have signed up to attend so please remember to come!

There are still places available if you haven't yet signed up.

Thank you to all the parents who came to the Teal and Sage class session - it was great to see so many faces.

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CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2026

If you know anyone whose child is due to start school next September, please encourage them to come and have a look round by phoning the school office 01603 409078 and booking onto a tour.



OPEN DOOR POLICY



At Garrick Green, we have an open-door policy and encourage you to come and talk to us about any worries or concerns you may have. We'd much rather you share these with us so we can support you straight away. If you wait at the end of the day, a member of staff from your child's class will be happy to speak with you. If they are unable to do so immediately, they can arrange a convenient time to meet with you.

CLASS BLOGS

Please click on the class blogs on our website each week to see what your child has been learning and what you can do to support this at home. There is an issue with the website linking up to the blog at the moment so we know that the blogs are not coming through the app. We are trying to get this sorted out. Also there is an issue with the calendar on the website too but the diary dates



will be at the end of the newsletter and hopefully the calendar will be working again soon. Sorry for any inconvenience.

<https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/garrickgreen/learning/class-blogs-1>

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FOGG NON-UNIFORM DAY

FOGG will be holding a wear a different top day on Friday 24th October with a suggested donation of £1.



HEAD BUMPS



When your child experiences a head bump at school, we automatically send a text message to keep you informed. For more significant head injuries, we will usually call you to discuss the incident and ask whether you would like to collect your child.

BIRTHDAYS

We love celebrating your child's birthday with the class. Please remember that we are a **nut-free school**, so we ask that no products containing nuts are sent in. If you'd like to send something to share, we recommend a simple packet of sweets. This way, parents can easily check the ingredients, and we can make sure that all children, including those with allergies, are kept safe.



PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS



You will receive a sign up form by email to attend a meeting with your child's teacher after half term. These will take place in the school hall and will last 10 minutes. It is an opportunity for you to find out how your child has settled this year and how they are getting on with their learning.

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BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

We'd be really grateful if children could avoid going on the grass before school, as this helps us keep classrooms and corridors mud-free for everyone. At the end of the day your children are welcome to continue playing on the school field until the bell rings but please do not play around the back of the school on the Reception play equipment as you might get locked in!



At home time, it's a big help if parents and carers come a little closer to the classroom door. This makes it easier for teachers to ensure a smooth and safe handover. There's no need to form a line - standing in a gentle arch around the door makes it much easier for staff to spot you and for children to find their grown-ups quickly.

BIKES AND SCOOTERS



We love seeing so many children biking and scooting to school - it's a great way to start the day! To help keep everyone safe, and to protect cars in the car park, we ask that children hop off their bikes and scooters at the school gate and walk them onto the playground, where they can be placed in the racks provided.

COATS AND WELLIES

Now that the weather has turned a bit colder and wetter, please ensure your child has a pair of wellies that they can leave at school and a coat that is suitable for them to go outside at playtime and lunchtime even if it is raining.



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FIRE DRILL

Every term we have a fire drill to ensure that the children know what to do when they hear the fire alarm. We explain to them that it is a practice just in case we ever need to get out of the building quickly. The practice was this week and although the fire bell is really loud, the children all know what to do and did a great job getting out of the building safely and know what to do in the case of a real emergency.



BRITISH LEGION REMEMBRANCE TRAIL



We are delighted to be participating in the Old Catton Remembrance Trail once again which is being organised by the local branch of the Royal British Legion.

The trail will run from Saturday 25th October until Tuesday 11th November.

A trail map will be available on Parish Council notice boards, Morrison's community notice board and on local Facebook pages such as Old Catton Life.

We will teach the children about Remembrance Day and the significance of poppies so that they know what they are doing and why and we hope that lots of them will want to go on the trail and look at other displays as well as ours.

STAFFING

We'll be sad to say goodbye to Jacquie as the Monday–Wednesday teacher in Lime Class. She's done a fantastic job giving the children such a strong and positive start to Year 2, and we're very grateful for all her hard work.



We're delighted that Jacquie will continue to be part of our school community by returning as a volunteer after half term.

After the break, we're pleased to welcome back Beccy Dewing, who will be teaching in Lime Class from Monday to Wednesday. After her travels in Australia and a little break, she's really looking forward to returning to Garrick Green as a teacher - and we're delighted to have her back.

At the end of this half term, Rosie will be starting her maternity leave. We're so excited for her and

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wish her all the very best as she gets ready for this new chapter. We'll keep you updated about who will be covering while Rosie is away.

HALF TERM

School closes for Half Term on FRIDAY 24th OCTOBER and the children come back on MONDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

DIARY DATES FOR THIS TERM

OCTOBER			
6th	JADE CLASS CURRICULUM INFORMATION SESSION – SCHOOL HALL	JADE CLASS	1.45
8TH	TEAL AND SAGE PARENTS READING EVENT	TEAL AND SAGE	8.45 – 9.45
8TH	FOGG AGM – SCHOOL HALL	ALL	7.30
10TH	FOGG FILM CLUB	Y1 AND 2	3.00 – 4.45
13TH	LIME CLASS CURRICULUM INFORMATION SESSION – SCHOOL HALL	LIME CLASS	2.00
17TH	CHRISTMAS JUMPER FILMING DAY - MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW	ALL	
24TH	WEAR A DIFFERENT TOP TO SCHOOL DAY (NOT A SCHOOL UNIFORM TOP) and pay £1	ALL	

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24TH	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM	ALL	3PM
NOVEMBER			
3RD	SCHOOL STARTS		
5TH	SCHOOL PHOTOS		
7TH	WEAR A DIFFERENT TOP DAY AND BRING A TOMBOLA PRIZE FOR FOGG		
10TH	PARENT/TEACHER MTGS		3.15-6.15
18TH	PARENT/TEACHER MTGS		3.15-6.15
14TH	CHILDREN IN NEED NON UNIFORM – WEAR SOMETHING SPOTTY AND PAY £1		
17TH	OLD CATTON JUNIOR SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL TOURS FOR Y2 PARENTS		
18TH	MISS EMRICK (OLD CATTON JUNIOR) Y2 ASSEMBLY		2.15
DECEMBER			
2ND	Y2 CHILDREN TO OLD CATTON JUNIOR CHRISTMAS PLAY		1.30-2.30
5TH	FOGG CHRISTMAS FAIR		AFTER SCHOOL

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10TH	JADE CLASS NATIVITY	JADE CLASS PARENTS	9.10 -9.40
12TH	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY		
17TH	CHRISTMAS DINNER		
19TH	END OF TERM		

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