



Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful and restful half-term break.

It has been absolutely fantastic to see so many smiling faces returning through the school gates this morning. The corridors are already buzzing with back-to-school energy, and it's a great reminder of why we love what we do!

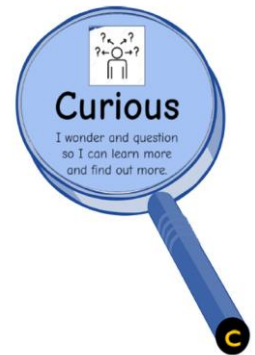
With the days finally getting a little lighter and the signs of spring just around the corner, our team is incredibly excited to dive straight into fresh projects and new learning. This part of the year is often where we see the most amazing leaps in children's confidence and progress.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. Let's make these next few weeks our best yet!

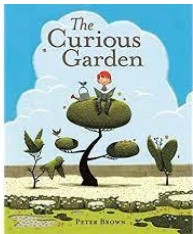
Warmly, Mr Cook and the Arden Grove Team

This half term we will be focusing on our school value of **Curious**.

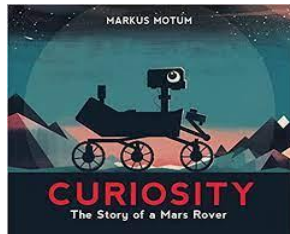
I wonder and question so I can learn more and find out more.



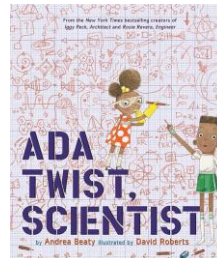
### Stories to share about being CURIOUS



[The Curious Garden by Peter Brown | READ ALOUD](#)



[Curiosity: The Story of a Mars Rover](#)



[Ada Twist, Scientist by Andrea Beaty](#)



[The Bear Who Stared | Read Aloud Stories for Children](#)

What questions can you ask about these pictures and be curious?



- Why is the bike floating?
- What do the people looking up think?
- Who is the man behind the safe?
- Why is the banana on holiday?
- Where did the hurricane come from?



- Is it a giant or troll or something else?
- What is it looking at?
- How is it feeling?
- How old is it?
- Where does it live?

# Whole School Attendance Autumn term and Spring 1 93.7 %



## **Rachael Aitken: School Family support Worker (FSW)**

We are delighted to welcome Rachael Aitken to the Arden Grove team on a Thursday. Rachael's role as FSW acts as a bridge between home and school, providing practical advice and emotional support to families to ensure children can thrive academically and socially. She already supports the teams at Garrick Green Infant and Lodge Lane Infant. Rachael is here to provide a "listening ear" for parents and carers, offering advice on parenting, managing challenging behaviour at home, and establishing daily routines. She has a great wealth of knowledge of organisations that she can signpost you to for things like: wellbeing support, parenting support, bereavement, financial support and much more.

Rachael can also offer support to families who have other agencies involved and can act as the link between them, home and school. We look forward to getting to know Rachael and her to get to know Arden.

## **SEN Support in School**

Shelley Leggett is our SENCO in school as well as supporting our other schools of Garrick Green and Lodge Lane. She is usually in school one day a week but can be contacted via email throughout the week on [senco@ardengrove.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:senco@ardengrove.norfolk.sch.uk)

Alongside the support that can be offered in school the 'Just One Norfolk'

website <https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/> Shelley has a wealth of information that can be accessed if you have concerns around your child's health, development and emotional wellbeing. Please do take a look if you have any initial concerns. If you have any concerns around your child's learning and development your first point of call is always your child's class teacher, however they liaise closely with Shelley and will discuss concerns so that Shelley can then offer further support when necessary.

As part of our commitment to working closely with families, Shelley will be available during our parents evening on Tuesday 3rd March if you would like to meet her or chat through any concerns, you are welcome to make an appointment or just pop in. Appointments will also be made available for all parents with children on our SEN list to review and talk through current support plans.

## **Attendance**

We've noticed that a small number of children continue to arrive late to school on a regular basis. We understand that mornings can sometimes be challenging, however persistent lateness can have a knock-on effect not only for the child arriving late, but also for the rest of the class, as well as our office and kitchen staff.

The school doors open at **8:30am**, and this time is used for early morning activities that help children practise and build on skills they are currently learning. For some children, arriving late means they regularly miss out on these activities. The register is taken at **8:50am**, and children then move straight into Literacy. Arriving on time means children can settle in calmly and fully access this important learning.

When children arrive after teaching has begun, it can be disruptive for everyone, including the child themselves. For this reason, we kindly ask for your support in ensuring children arrive at school on time whenever possible.

The school gates will be locked at 8:55am as teacher's close classroom doors ready for the register. If you arrive after this time and the gate is closed (even if an adult is still nearby), please go to the school office to sign your child in on the screen. Please also remember to select a lunch option for your child to avoid any upset or confusion later in the day.



## PARKING REMINDER

We'd like to kindly remind everyone to be respectful and considerate when parking on the roads around school at drop-off and pick-up times.



Please avoid parking in or turning around in residents' driveways, and be mindful not to block driveways or other parked cars. These small actions can cause inconvenience for local residents and other families.

By parking thoughtfully and allowing a little extra time, we can help keep everyone safe and maintain positive relationships with our neighbours. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

## Trim Trail Reminder

A polite reminder that there should be no one playing on the trim trail equipment before or after school! The children have been spoken to in school about this.

## Parents Evening



Please sign up for one of these - next week on Tuesday or Thursday - it is important for teachers to give you an update on how your child is doing both socially and academically, now that we are just over half way through the school year. **Key Stage 1 Meetings will be in the hall again and Reception and Nursery in classrooms.**



## COMIC RELIEF

We will be raising money for Comic Relief on Friday 21st March.

We will be having an optional non-uniform top day where children can wear as much red as they wish on their top with normal school trousers and shoes. We suggest a minimum donation of £1.

If children want to have a red nose or have face paints or a sticker nose etc this is encouraged too.

A £20 donation, this could provide a week of accommodation for a young person experiencing homelessness in the UK

A £50 donation from your fabulous fundraising challenge could help feed 10 children for a day at a community hub during school holidays, preventing hunger

If your hilariously funny fundraiser raises £100, this could provide two water filters for learning centres in Uganda, ensuring safe drinking water for hundreds of children each day

## ONLINE SAFETY

Alongside the monthly online safety newsletter, we'd like to share a helpful new website from the UK Government that offers practical advice for parents on keeping children safe online.

It includes useful tips and guidance to help you support your child's online safety at home. You can find out more here:

<https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk/>

<b>March</b>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents invited in to read 8:30-8:45 am
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day & World Book Day Lunch- See previous email for details
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents invited in to read 2:45-3:00
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	HSA Bingo
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	HSA Mothers Day Shop
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Photos- Bittern, Kingfisher and Heron to come in school uniform with trainers in a bag for PE
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	HSA Disco 4-6pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day- Wear Red and bring a cash donation
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Art Afternoon- parents invited in from 2:30pm
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March - Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
<b>April</b>	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET day- No children in school today
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer 1 Term Begins
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	HSA Preloved Toy Sale
<b>May</b>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Aspirational Day- Come dressed as what you hope to be when you grow up
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	High School Work Experience Students in
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 Phonics Workshop- 2:40pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Sports Day (Back up date Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	KS1 Rugby Workshop
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term Break
<b>June</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Summer 2 Term Begins
Date TBC depending on tides	Reception Beach trip
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	KS1 Rugby Workshop
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception New parents talk (4pm-5pm)
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery and Reception Rugby workshop
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery New parents talk (4pm-5pm)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Arden Grove 50 <sup>th</sup> Celebrations- more information to follow
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	HSA Fathers Day Shop
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery and Reception Rugby workshop
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Rugby festival
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> -Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 How Hill Residential
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Rugby Festival
<b>July</b>	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Reception Rugby Festival
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 1 London Trip – More details to follow
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Evening, 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
8 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Wensum Trust Transition Days
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Leavers Show 2:30pm show
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Leavers event (children only in the afternoon)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery Graduation 4:30pm-5:30pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	LAST DAY OF TERM