

JUNE NEWSLETTER

NEW CLASSES AND TRANSITION FOR 2026-27



It is that time of year when we start planning for the next school year. As you will see in the Diary Dates section, we have scheduled two full transition days.

These will be full school days, including normal drop-off and pick-up arrangements. We will prepare the children beforehand so they can help guide you to the correct classroom. On these days, the current Year 2 children will be based in Teal Classroom, as this space will be returning to a Reception classroom next year. We will let the children know nearer the time which class they will be moving to.

At the end of the second transition day, parents of current Reception and Year 1 children are invited to visit their child's new classroom at 2.45pm to meet the staff and see the learning environment.

For those who may not already know, we are delighted to have received enough applications for two Reception classes next year. We are currently recruiting additional staff and finalising class arrangements including who will be in each year group. All will be revealed once everything is confirmed!

PHONICS SCREENING CHECK AND ASSESSMENTS

Y1 children will be doing their Phonics Screening Check during the week beginning June 8th- they have already had a practice check in November and another one in March so they are familiar with how it works. Their 'results' will be reported to you in their end of year report in July.

Any Y2 children who did not 'pass' the phonics check in Y1 will also be doing it again next week.



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All children will be doing internal school assessments in reading, writing and maths over the next few weeks so that we can secure our judgements as to whether children are working at the expected level for their year group, or above or towards this. You will receive an end of year report in July.

ART WEEK



Before half term, we enjoyed a whole-school Art Week, during which every year group created paintings inspired by the work of Wassily Kandinsky.

Not all of the artwork will be on display just yet, as the pieces are currently being mounted ready for

a new exhibition in the hall. Once completed, the display will showcase the wonderful creativity and hard work of the children.

Please do take a look when you are in school for the open afternoons or during the Summer Fair. The children have done a fabulous job, and we are very much looking forward to unveiling our refreshed hall gallery for everyone to enjoy.

MUSIC DAY - 1.6.25 (date changed due to Drumming workshop availability!)

To raise the profile of music across the school, we dedicated a whole day to celebrating the joy of music! This year's theme was Africa, and the children enjoyed a fantastic range of exciting musical experiences throughout the day.



A huge thank you to FOGG for funding an African drumming session for every class. The children were absolutely captivated by the experience and have no doubt already told you how much they enjoyed it!

The rest of the day was packed with creative and engaging activities. The children listened to the story *The Baobab Tree* and selected musical instruments to represent different parts of the story before performing their own musical interpretation. They also learnt the song *Jambo Bwana*, a

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welcoming song from Kenya. Meaning "Hello" in Swahili, the song gave the children the opportunity to explore rhythm, movement and singing together.

There was also time for some music appreciation, during which the children listened to the traditional South African song *Shosholozza*. They discussed their responses to the music, identified the instruments they could hear, and shared imaginative ideas about the images, places and feelings the song inspired.

The children had a wonderful day immersing themselves in African music and culture, and the impact has continued beyond Music Day itself - some children have even been greeting each other with the Swahili word *Jambo* throughout the week!

ESAFETY



Each month, alongside our eSafety newsletter, we will be sharing a video to support the topic. This month's theme is **Online Scams & Digital Footprints**. This video provides a quick overview on online scams targeting young people and the importance of digital footprints.

You can access the video by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Scammers-and-Digital-Footprints-June-2026.mp4>

FAREWELL TO STAFF

As usual at this time of year, we have to say a fond farewell to staff.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Michelle (fondly known to us all as Miss Shell!) at the end of this academic year. Michelle has made the difficult decision to leave Garrick Green as she welcomes more grandchildren into her family and looks forward to spending precious time with them.



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Michelle has been a valued member of Garrick Green for over 15 years. Her journey began as a parent before she volunteered in the classroom and then joined the staff team as a Midday Supervisor and then a 1:1 Teaching Assistant. She later became a Classroom Teaching Assistant and has spent much of her time supporting children in Reception.

Over the years, Michelle has played an important part in the lives of so many children and families. Her kindness, patience, warmth and wicked sense of humour have made a real difference, and she will be greatly missed by both staff and children alike. We have loved working alongside her and are incredibly grateful for everything she has contributed to our school community. We wish her every happiness as she embarks on this exciting new chapter and enjoys making many special memories with her grandchildren.

We will also be saying goodbye to Eleanor at the end of this academic year as she moves on to pursue a new career path. Although Eleanor has been with us for a relatively short time, she has quickly become a valued member of our team and has made a positive impact on the children and staff she has worked with.

We have thoroughly enjoyed having Eleanor as part of the Garrick Green family and would like to thank her for all her hard work and commitment. We wish her every success and happiness for the future and look forward to hearing about all she achieves in the years ahead.

SNACKS



Fruit is available daily for the children to enjoy at snack time. As the fruit is supplied through an external provider, we are unable to choose which fruits are delivered each week.

If you would prefer to send an alternative snack for your child, please ensure that it is either fruit or vegetables and is provided in a named pot, bag or container.

Thank you for your support in helping us to promote healthy snack choices for all children.

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SUMMER TERM DIARY DATES

JUNE			
8TH - 12TH	Y1 PHONICS SCREENING CHECK AND ASSESSMENT WEEK	ALL	
9TH	MISS EMERICK OLD CATTON JUNIOR SCHOOL Y2 ASSEMBLY	Y2 CHILDREN TRANSFERRING TO OCJS	2.15PM
9TH	OLD CATTON JUNIOR NEW INTAKE EVENING	PARENTS OF Y2 CHILDREN TRANSFERRING TO OCJS	7.00PM
11TH	OLD CATTON JUNIOR SPORTS AFTERNOON	Y2 CHILDREN TRANSFERRING TO OCJS	PM
15TH - 19TH	ASSESSMENTS WEEK	ALL	
18TH	Y2 RUGBY FESTIVAL TRIP	Y2	
19TH	FOGG NON UNIFORM TOP	OPTIONAL FOR ALL CLASSES	BRING A TOMBOLA PRIZE FOR SUMMER FAIR
23RD	NEW RECEPTION STORY CAFE	NEW RECEPTION	AM
23RD	OPEN AFTERNOON	14.25 - 14.45	
25TH	Y1 RUGBY FESTIVAL TRIP	Y1	

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26TH	OPEN AFTERNOON	14.25 - 14.45	
30TH	NEW RECEPTION CLASS VISIT	AM	
30TH	RECEPTION AND YEAR 1 TRANSITION DAY TO NEW CLASS	RECEPTION AND YEAR 1	ALL DAY
30TH	YEAR 2 TRANSITION VISIT TO OLD CATTON JUNIOR SCHOOL	Y2 CHILDREN TRANSFERRING TO OCJS	PM
JULY			
1ST	Y2 SHOW	Y2 PARENTS	9.00 - 10.00
2ND	RECEPTION RUGBY FESTIVAL TRIP	JADE	
3RD	SUMMER FAIR		4.30 - 6.30
6TH - 10TH	SPORTS WEEK	ALL CLASSES	
10TH	SPORTS DAY AND FAMILY PICNIC (ICE CREAM VAN FROM 12.15)	ALL CLASSES	AM AND LUNCH
10TH	OLD CATTON JUNIOR SUMMER FAIR		3.30 - 5.30
13TH	RECEPTION AND YEAR 1 TRANSITION DAY TO NEW CLASS	RECEPTION AND YEAR 1	ALL DAY
14TH	WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP	ALL CLASSES	ALL DAY

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15TH	FOGG SUMMER PARTY	ALL	3 - 4.45
17TH	END OF SCHOOL YEAR!		

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