

JULY NEWSLETTER



As we approach the end of another busy and successful school year, it is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on all that the children have achieved.

We are incredibly proud of the progress they have made and the enthusiasm they have shown throughout the year. They have worked hard, grown in confidence and developed many new skills, and we know they are well prepared for the next step in their learning journey, whether that is moving into the next year group at Garrick Green or transitioning to Junior School.

There is still plenty to look forward to over the final few weeks of term, with details of upcoming events included in the diary dates section below.

As this has been my first year as Head of School, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our children, families and staff for the support, kindness and encouragement you have shown throughout the year. Having been part of the Garrick Green community for many years, it has been a real privilege to take on this new role and continue to work alongside such wonderful children, families and colleagues. It has been a truly fantastic year, and I feel incredibly proud to lead a school that is so caring, positive and full of opportunities. I am also very aware that what makes Garrick Green such a special place is the dedication, commitment and teamwork of every member of staff, who work tirelessly each day to provide the very best for our children. Garrick Green has always held a special place in my heart, and this year has only reinforced what an amazing place it is to learn, work and belong.

Sarah Waterfield would also like to extend her thanks to everyone for the warm welcome she has received during her first year as Executive Head. She has greatly enjoyed becoming part of the Garrick Green family and has appreciated the support, friendliness and sense of community that makes our school such a wonderful place for children to learn and thrive.

As the summer break approaches, we would like to wish all our families a happy and relaxing holiday. We look forward to welcoming our new Year 1 and Year 2 children back to school on **THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER**.

To all of our Year 2 children, and any other pupils who will be leaving Garrick Green this summer, we wish you every success and happiness in your new schools. Thank you for being such a fabulous part

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of our school community. We are sure you will continue to shine and make us proud, just as you have done during your time at Garrick Green.

REMINDER OF LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM

Our last day of the school year is **Friday 17th July** and we will be finishing at 3.00pm.

Green Dragons will be open until 6pm as normal that day.



END OF YEAR REPORTS



Your child's end of year report will be emailed to you in the coming days. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss the report in more detail after reading it, please get in touch with your child's teacher directly to arrange a suitable time for a conversation.

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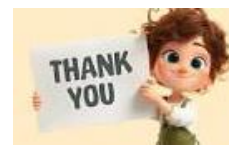
SPORTS WEEK

A separate email has been sent with details of Sports Week (6th - 10th July). Please take a few minutes to read through the information so that you are aware of the arrangements for the week.

We look forward to welcoming many of you to our Family Picnic on Friday 10th July, which will take place straight after Sports Day.



THANK YOU



A huge thank you to our fantastic PTA, the Friends of Garrick Green (FOGG), who have once again dedicated so much of their time and energy to raising valuable funds for our school.

As our Year 2 children prepare to move on to Junior School, some of their parents will also be stepping down from the committee. We would therefore like to extend our sincere thanks to those members who will be leaving FOGG this year. In particular, we would like to recognise our co-chairs, Michelle, Sophie and Ashleigh, for their outstanding commitment and leadership. Alongside their jobs, family responsibilities and countless other demands on their time, they have worked tirelessly to lead the committee and help provide enriching experiences and opportunities for our children - all with enthusiasm, positivity and a smile.

The support provided by FOGG has made a tremendous difference this year. Thanks to the events they have organised and run, they have funded a wide range of experiences and resources for the children, including Mini Monsters workshops, class Christmas presents, sun hats, library books, the Christmas Puppet Show, the summer party, transport for the whole-school circus trip and, of course, helping to secure the funding needed to install THE CASTLE. These are just some of the many ways they have supported our school community.

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Thank you also to all families who have supported FOGG events throughout the year. Your involvement helps make these opportunities possible. As we look ahead to next year, we would be delighted to welcome new committee members and volunteers. Whether you can take on a committee role or simply help at occasional events, every contribution is valued. The more people involved, the more manageable the workload becomes for everyone. With several committee members moving on this summer, recruiting new volunteers will be essential for the year ahead.

We would also like to express our gratitude to everyone who has generously volunteered their time in school this year. Whether helping children with reading, keeping our library organised, caring for the school garden, running or supporting the gardening club, or collecting and distributing the bakery items and other donated products that are shared with families on the playground, your contributions have enriched the children's experiences and supported the wider school community.

In particular, we would like to thank Tenji, who regularly gives up her time to collect these donations and ensure they are available for our families. This is a role that often takes place behind the scenes, but it is greatly appreciated by both the school and our community. We are extremely grateful for her kindness, commitment and support throughout the year.

SCHOOL GARDEN VOLUNTEERS



We are delighted that Becky has kindly run Gardening Club this year and we are extremely grateful for the time, enthusiasm and expertise she brings to this popular activity. However, it has become increasingly difficult to recruit enough volunteers to support the club each week. Unfortunately, without additional help, Gardening Club will not be able to continue next year. If there are any parents, grandparents or other family members who would be willing to give up some time after school on a Tuesday to support Becky and help the club run safely, please contact the school office. Even a small amount of help can make a big difference, and we would love to hear from anyone who feels they may be able to assist.

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SCHOOL HATS

We appreciate that children grow quickly and that some hats may no longer fit, particularly by Year 2. However, if your child's school hat still fits, we kindly ask that they continue to wear it.



If your child's school hat is no longer a suitable size, please speak to their class teacher. In this situation, children may wear their own sun hat. To provide adequate protection from the sun, this should either be a legionnaire-style hat that covers the neck or a hat with a wide brim, such as a bucket hat.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep the children safe and protected during the warmer weather.

CLASS STRUCTURE 2026-27



As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we are absolutely delighted that we have enough Reception children to run two full classes next year. Thank you to everyone who helped us achieve this by delivering leaflets, displaying posters, sharing information on social media and recommending Garrick Green to friends and family. Your support really does make a difference. We will be looking for volunteers to help distribute leaflets and asking businesses to display posters again in September, so if this is something you could assist with, please get in touch with the school office.

As the school continues to grow, we have recruited some new staff members and are very pleased to welcome them to the Garrick Green team. Charlotte Wallman will be joining us as our new Year 1 Teacher. Charlotte brings a wealth of teaching experience from both the UK and overseas and was very impressed by Garrick Green when she visited. Stacey Cronin will be joining Year 1 as our new EPA. She also brings extensive experience and is very much looking forward to becoming part of our school community.

This week, we shared with the children which classroom they will be in next year and also the adults who will be supporting them. We know that transitions can feel a little daunting for some children, and a few were already expressing worries about the changes ahead. We therefore decided to share

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this information earlier than usual to help reassure them and give them more time to become familiar with what to expect.

The two transition days will follow the normal school routines, with children being dropped off and collected from their new classroom. We have prepared the children so that they can help guide you to the correct location. On these days, the current Year 2 children will be based in Teal Classroom.

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. This will be an opportunity to meet the staff and have a look around the learning environment.

This year, unless you have been spoken to individually by your child's class teacher, your child will move up to the next class with their current class rather than us mixing them up.

If you have any questions about transition arrangements, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.

CLASS	YEAR GROUP	TEACHERS	SUPPORT STAFF
JADE Remaining in the current Jade classroom	RECEPTION	HELEN PROPHET	ROSIE STEPHEN (MON) – returning following maternity leave Jacquie Flunder will continue to cover until Rosie returns JO HALL (TUES) KATE SAYER (WEDS-FRI)
LIME In current Teal classroom	RECEPTION	BECCY DEWING (MON-WEDS) LIZ BANNER (THURS am and Friday)	HANNAH MOORE (MO -WEDS) LYNNE WADE (THURS) ROSIE STEPHEN (FRI) – returning following

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		JACQUIE FLUNDER (THURS pm)	maternity leave Jacquie Flunder will continue to cover until Rosie returns
OLIVE In current Sage classroom	1	CHARLOTTE WALLMAN	STACY CRONIN LYNNE WADE (initially supporting the class to help ensure a smooth start to the year and to support new staff as they settle into Garrick Green)
SAGE In current Mint classroom	2	SAM MORGAN	SANDRA TINK (MON-WEDS) New EPA (recruitment is currently underway and we will update families as soon as the appointment is confirmed)
TEAL In current Lime classroom	2	JANINE PERKINS	CAROL CHAPMAN (MON-WEDS) JO HALL (THURS-FRI)

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DIARY DATES

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

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