



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

FRIENDS OF GARRICK GREEN

The AGM of the Friends of Garrick Green (FOGG) will be on Wednesday 14th October 7:30pm in the school hall. It would be great to see as many people as possible there.

If you are unable to make it in person - please use the Teams meeting link to join - [click here](#)



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

FOGG POSTBOX

If you have anything that you need to get to the Friends of Garrick Green (FOGG) there is a black metal postbox on the school front wall just along from the main gate onto the playground.

OPEN DOOR POLICY



At Garrick Green, our door is always open, and we encourage you to come and speak to us if you have any worries, questions or concerns. We'd much rather you share them with us so that we can listen and offer support as soon as possible.

If you'd like to speak to someone at the end of the school day, a member of your child's class team will be happy to chat with you. If they're not able to talk at that time, they can arrange a convenient time to catch up with you.

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CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2027

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. I would love to get two classes again so please spread the word far and wide!



INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR PARENTS



These sessions are taking place over the next couple of weeks, and lots of you have already signed up to join us. We look forward to seeing you, so please remember to come along!

Don't worry if you haven't received the Google Form yet – it will be sent out nearer the event.

There are still spaces available if you haven't signed up yet, so please do book a place if you would like to attend.

A big thank you to all the parents who joined us for the Teal and Sage class session. It was lovely to see so many of you there!

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. Don't forget the calendar on the website has the parents events on too and the diary dates will be at the end of the newsletter.



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

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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.



UNIFORM



We wanted to give you a little advance notice about a small change to our school uniform. Following feedback from parents and some discussion in school, we have decided to simplify our uniform from September 2027.

From then, we will move to jade polo shirts as the only polo shirt option, including on PE days. This means that white and blue polo shirts will no longer be part of our uniform options. These are widely available in most shops.

There is no need to replace any uniform you already have and we will continue to accept the current uniform until September 2027. However, if you are buying new polo shirts before then, you are very welcome to choose the jade option so that you are already making the change ahead of time.

We just wanted to give you plenty of notice so you can plan ahead!

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ABSENCE REQUESTS

We know that there are times when children may need to be absent from school, and we understand that some circumstances are unavoidable. However, regular attendance is important and we would always encourage children to be in school as much as possible.

Please be aware that we are unable to authorise absence for holidays or other circumstances where the absence does not meet the criteria for authorisation.



If you need to request an absence for your child, please complete the absence request form here - [absence request form](#)

This is also available on the website in the Parents and Carers section in Attendance.

You will receive an email response once your request has been considered.

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS



You will receive a sign-up form by email with the opportunity to book a 10-minute meeting with your child's teacher after half term. Meetings will take place in the Teal and Sage classrooms.

These meetings are a chance to chat with your child's teacher about how they have settled into the school year and how they are getting on with their learning.

Due to Beccy and Charlotte being on a course on Monday 9th November, their parent-teacher meetings will now take place on Tuesday 10th November. Thank you for your understanding.

On the day, I will be in Lime class supervising the children, and parents can wait in Olive class until it is time for their meeting.

Shelley, our SENDCo, will also be available on Tuesday 17th November to chat with parents about any questions or concerns they may have.

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BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

Before school, please do not allow children to play on the grass. This is really important as it helps us to keep our classrooms and corridors clean and mud-free for everyone.

At the end of the day, children are welcome to play on the school field until the bell rings. Please do not allow children to play around the back of the school on the Reception play equipment, as this area needs to remain out of bounds and there is a risk that you could get locked in!



BREAKFAST CLUB DROP OFF



If you are dropping your child off at Breakfast Club, please could you avoid parking in the school car park. Our staff are arriving at this time and need to be able to access the car park and find a space.

Thank you for your help with this - it makes the start of the day much easier for everyone!

8.30 WHEN THE BELL RINGS

Just a little reminder about our morning drop-off routine, which helps everyone arrive safely and keeps things moving smoothly.

Children can arrive at school anytime between 8.30am and 8.40am. When you arrive, please wait with your child on the main playground until the bell rings. Once the bell has rung, you can then make your way around to your child's classroom door. This helps to avoid congestion around the classroom doors and gives everyone a little more space.



The gates will be locked at 8.40am. If you arrive after this time, please use the screen at the front entrance to sign your child in.

If the gates are locked and you are still on the playground and haven't managed to leave, please make your way through the hall and exit through the front of school.

Thank you for helping us to keep our mornings calm, safe and smooth for everyone.

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COATS AND WELLIES



Although the weather is still warm, we have had some wetter days recently. We aim to get the children outside as much as possible for playtimes and lunchtimes, even when it is raining, so please make sure your child has a **waterproof coat and a pair of wellies in school every day.**

Please label both clearly with your child's name so they can easily be returned to the right place!

BIKES AND SCOOTERS

We love seeing so many children biking and scooting to school - it's a great way to start the day! As more children are choosing to bike and scoot, we are getting some additional bike racks to make sure we have enough space for everyone.



Please remember that children must get off their bikes and scooters at the pedestrian school gate and walk them onto the playground. Bikes and scooters should then be placed in the racks provided. This helps to keep everyone safe and prevents bikes and scooters from being ridden near the cars parked in the car park, helping to avoid any accidental scratches or damage.



School closes for Half Term on THURSDAY 22nd OCTOBER and the children come back on MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER.

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DIARY DATES FOR THIS TERM

OCTOBER			
5th	JADE AND LIME CLASS CURRICULUM INFORMATION SESSION – SCHOOL HALL	JADE AND LIME CLASS	1.45PM
7TH	FLU VACCINATION CATCH UP		
12TH	OLIVE CLASS CURRICULUM INFORMATION SESSION – SCHOOL HALL	OLIVE CLASS	2.00PM
14TH	FOGG AGM – SCHOOL HALL	ALL	7.30PM
16TH	FOOG HALLOWEEN SHOP - ON PLAYGROUND WEATHER PERMITTING AND IF NOT THEN IN THE HALL	ALL	3PM
22nd	SAGE AND TEAL CLASS AND PARENTS- READING EVENT	SAGE AND TEAL CLASS AND PARENTS	2PM
22nd	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM	ALL	3PM
NOVEMBER			
2ND	SCHOOL STARTS		
4TH	SCHOOL PHOTOS		
5TH	OLIVE CLASS AND PARENTS READING EVENT	OLIVE CLASS AND PARENTS	2PM
6TH	WEAR A DIFFERENT TOP DAY AND BRING A TOMBOLA PRIZE FOR FOGG		

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9TH	PARENT/TEACHER MTGS	SAGE, JADE AND TEAL PARENTS	3.15-6.15
10TH	PARENT/TEACHER MTGS	OLIVE AND LIME PARENTS	3.15-6.15
12TH	SCHOOL NURSING TEAM - RECEPTION HEIGHT AND WEIGHT CHECKS	LIME AND JADE	AM
17TH	OCJS HOS ASSEMBLY Y2	TEAL AND SAGE	2.15PM
17TH	PARENT/TEACHER MTGS	ALL	3.15-6.15
20TH	OPTIONAL CHILDREN IN NEED NON UNIFORM – WEAR OWN TOP/SOMETHING SPOTTY/PUDSEY ACCESSORY AND PAY £1		
20TH	FOGG CHILDREN IN NEED BAKE SALE		3PM
20TH	OLD CATTON JUNIOR SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR		3.30PM
25TH	TRIP TO THE THEATRE TO SEE THE HUNGRY CATERPILLAR - MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW		PM
DECEMBER			
1ST	Y2 CHILDREN TO OLD CATTON JUNIOR CHRISTMAS PLAY		1.30-2.30
4TH	FOGG CHRISTMAS FAIR		3.30PM
8TH	LIME CLASS NATIVITY	LIME CLASS PARENTS	9.15 - 9.45

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9TH	JADE CLASS NATIVITY	JAD CLASS PARENTS	9.15 - 9.45
11TH	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY		
16TH	CHRISTMAS DINNER		
18TH	END OF TERM		

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