



Garton on the Wolds Church of England (V.C.) Primary School

Newsletter

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GREAT ATHLETES EVENT

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Great Athletes sponsored event in school last week. The children thoroughly enjoyed spending time with Sean Gaffney, who not only put them through a fun (and at times gruelling!) workout, but also inspired them with his enthusiasm and dedication.



We are absolutely over the moon to share that the total amount of sponsor money raised is over £1,000! This fantastic sum will be split between the school and the Great Athletes organisation. The portion received by the school will be used to purchase new sports equipment for the children.

Thank you once again for your incredible generosity and continued support. It truly makes a difference!

CHRISTMAS FAIR

The school have organised a Christmas Fair to take place on **Monday 8th December at 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** There will be various stalls, a tombola, raffle, refreshments and even a Santa's Grotto to name but a few!

The Christmas Fair will be a community event, so please do invite family and friends. We look forward to seeing you there!

CHRISTMAS DINNER

This year, our Christmas dinner will take place on **Tuesday 9th December 2025.**

Christmas jumpers, or Christmas colours, can be worn for the day!

We look forward to a lunchtime of Christmas festivity!

NON-UNIFORM DAY

Thank you to everyone who supported the school's recent non-uniform day. We received so many lovely prizes for the tombola stall. Your support and generosity is very much appreciated.



CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

Not long now until our school's Christmas performances!



Class 1 will perform their Nativity in the church on **Wednesday 10th December at 2:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.**

KS1 & KS2 (Class 2, 3, & 4) will perform The Fleece Force at the Rix Pavilion in Drifffield on **Monday 15th December at 1:30 & 5:30 p.m.**

Please can we ask that all pupils from Class 2, 3 and 4 bring a packed lunch. If you are entitled to a free school meal and require a packed lunch to be provided, please inform the school office before the 5th December.

Tickets for the performances are priced at £3.50 for Class 1's productions and £4.50 for the KS1 & KS2 production. Each ticket will include a mince pie and a coffee/tea/juice. Tickets for all productions can be purchased via the Parent Pay app.

For health and safety reasons we have had to place a limit of 5 tickets per family, per performance for the Class 1 production in the church.

Due to the size of the Pavilion, we do not feel it is necessary to put a restriction on the amount of tickets available for the KS1 & KS2 performances.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

PACKED LUNCH & TRANSPORT

Class 2, 3 & 4

On Monday 15th December, our Class 2, 3 & 4 pupils will spend the day rehearsing and performing at the Rix Pavilion. Parents are invited to drop the children off at the Pavilion anytime between 8:50 a.m. to 9:05 a.m. to help ease traffic congestion. **Please ensure that your child is provided with a packed lunch from home, unless one has been ordered from school. Thank you.**

If you are not attending the afternoon performance, please can parents ensure arrangements are in place to collect their child/ren from the Pavilion anytime between 3:00 to 3:30 p.m., thank you.

If these arrangements pose any problems, please contact the school office as soon as possible.



PANTOMIME VISIT

Wednesday 17th December

We are delighted to share that pupils from FS2 to Year 6 will be heading out for a festive treat to watch the pantomime *Beauty and the Beast* at Hull New Theatre on Wednesday 17th December.



Children will depart school at 12.30 p.m. and are expected to return at approximately 5.15 p.m. Please provide your child with a packed lunch, as we are unable to offer hot meals on this day due to time constraints. If your child is entitled to a Free School Meal and you wish for a packed lunch to be provided by the school, please ensure the office is made aware by **Friday 5th December 2025** at the latest.

A HUGE thank you goes to the Friends of School for their incredibly generous £1000 donation and for supplying goody bags for all pupils to enjoy during the performance. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

We are requesting a voluntary contribution of £7.50 towards the cost of the visit. Payments and parental consent can be completed via the Parent Pay App.

We are very much looking forward to this special experience for our pupils!

Please note: School will not be open to Foundation Stage 1 pupils on the afternoon of the pantomime.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Please join us for the school's Christingle Service on **Friday 12th December at 9:15 a.m.** in Garton Church. This is always a very special service and we hope to see you all there.



CHRISTMAS POST BOX

The Christmas Post Box is now in operation. Please can we ask that all Christmas card envelopes contain the name of the child, class number and that they are placed in the post box, not given out by individual children. We save that pleasure for our older children! Please remember surnames and class – it helps with distribution.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On **Thursday 11th December**, we're inviting all pupils to take part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day.

Everyone will be asked to wear their silliest, sparkliest or cosiest Christmas woollies and make a donation of £1, or whatever they can give, to help save children's lives around the world. If your child doesn't have a festive sweater already, just dig out a plain jumper and decorate it with tinsel, baubles or homemade snowflakes.



PROGRESS & ACHIEVEMENT

The Progress & Achievement awards assembly will take place on Thursday 18th December at 9:10 a.m. in the hall. All parents/carers are invited to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.



CHRISTMAS PARTIES

We are delighted to inform you that all of our class parties will take place on Friday 19th December. The children are permitted to come to school dressed in their party outfits.



APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL PLACE 2026 STARTERS

If your child is due to start school (Reception/FS2) in September 2026, please ensure you have completed the online application using the link below before 15th January 2026. Thank you.



[Citizen Portal - Sign in](#)

ARBOR APPLICATION

We are pleased to share that our school is further enhancing how we communicate with parents by making greater use of Arbor, our School Information Management System. Arbor offers a range of add-ons that allow us to use the platform not only for managing pupil information, but also as a communication tool and for organising parent/teacher interviews. This means we can streamline the number of apps parents need to use, bringing more school services into one convenient place.

Over the coming days, parents will receive an email containing a link to download and access the Arbor App.

Arbor will allow you to:

- Update your contact details quickly and easily
- Receive important messages and notifications directly from school
- Book parent/teacher interviews
- Keep key information about your child up to date in one central app

As part of our move to simplify communication, from January the school will no longer be using Teachers2Parents for text messaging. All communication will instead be sent via Arbor, so it is important that all parents activate their Arbor account as soon as the email invitation arrives.

Thank you for your support as we work to make communication clearer, easier, and more efficient for all families.

Aprons On!

Our School Cookbook Is Ready to Order!

Our very own school cookbook, *Apron's On!* is now on sale!



Packed with delicious recipes and wonderful artwork from our families, *Aprons On!* makes a perfect keepsake or Christmas gift for family and friends at a price of £12.50

All funds raised will go directly to support the Friends of Garton and

Barmby Moor Schools, helping to provide extra resources and opportunities for our children.

A huge thank you to everyone who submitted recipes or drawings, and to the Friends of both schools for creating such a fantastic finished product.

☞ Order your copy today via the QR code!

We Need Your Vote!

Tesco Stronger Starts School Library Project

We are delighted to announce that our school's application to Tesco Stronger Starts has been successfully selected for the customer vote in Tesco stores. Voting will take place from mid-January 2026 until the end of March 2026.



Our goal is to enhance the school library into an inspiring, inclusive space where every child can read, learn, and explore their imagination. With your support, we can make this vision a reality.

Tesco Stronger Starts supports projects that benefit children and young people. The amount awarded is based on customer votes in our region:

- 1st place: Up to £1,500
- 2nd place: Up to £1,000
- 3rd place: £500

If we finish first, we will receive the full amount we requested - £1,500.

You can support our project by placing a blue token at the Driffield Tesco store.

Remember:

- You receive one token per transaction, regardless of how much you spend.
- You do not need to purchase a carrier bag to receive a token.

Please tell your family and friends! Thank you for your continued support—together, we can enhance our library space that our pupils truly deserve!

END OF TERM

The children break up for their Christmas holidays on Friday 19th December 2025 and return to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

ATTENDANCE DATA

Government Target 96%

Garton School's current attendance for the
25/26 academic year

95.3%

Let's try to hit that 96% before the end of term!

WHAT'S HAPPENING W/C 8th December 2025

Mon 8 th	Parent/Toddler group 3:30 – 5:00 Christmas Fair No After School Club
Tues 9 th	Christmas dinner After School Club – Outdoor/Indoor Games Mr Wood After School Multi-Sports Club
Wed 10 th	EYFS Christmas production in the church – 2:00 & 5:00 p.m. After School Craft Club
Thur 11 th	Christmas Jumper Day 9:15 – Piano concert 2:45 – Guitar concert After School Needlecraft Club After School Musical Theatre Club
Fri 12 th	9:15 – Christingle Service After School Model Making Club

WHAT'S HAPPENING W/C 15th December 2025

Mon 15 th	No Before School Club KS1 & KS2 Christmas performances – 1:30 & 5:30 p.m. Parent/toddler group No After School Club
Tues 16 th	After School Club – Outdoor/Indoor Games Mr Wood After School Multi-Sports Club
Wed 17 th	Visit to the Pantomime No After School Club
Thur 18 th	9:15 – Achievement & Progress After School Needlecraft Club After School Musical Theatre Club
Fri 19 th	Christmas Parties No After School Club School finishes at 3:30 p.m. for the Christmas holidays.





Before & After School Club - Autumn Term Booking Form

Child/ren's Name _____

Week 6	Before School Club			After School Club		
	7.45am –8.55am	8.00am -8.55 am	8.30am – 8.55 am	3.30pm – 4.00 pm	3.30pm – 4.30 pm	3.30pm-5.00 pm
Monday				No After School Club		
Tuesday						
Wednesday						
Thursday						
Friday						
Week 7	Before School Club			After School Club		
	7.45am –8.55am	8.00am -8.55 am	8.30am – 8.55 am	3.30pm – 4.00 pm	3.30pm – 4.30 pm	3.30pm-5.00 pm
Monday				No After School Club		
Tuesday						
Wednesday				No After School Club		
Thursday						
Friday				No After School Club		