

Garton on the Wolds

Church of England (V.C.) Primary School

Newsletter

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END OF TERM

This is our final newsletter of the academic year, with only one more week to go until the end of term! As we are nearing the end of another busy and successful school year, we would like to take a moment to reflect and share our thanks.



A special farewell goes to our wonderful Year 6 pupils, who are preparing to move on to the next exciting chapter of their educational journey. They have each been valued members of our school community and will be greatly missed by both pupils and staff. We hope they will stay in touch, come back to visit us, and let us know how they are getting on in their new schools.

To all our families, thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We wish you a relaxing and enjoyable summer break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Tuesday 8th September**.

Thank You!

THANK YOU TO FRIENDS

We would like to say a huge thank you to our Friends of Garton School for all of their support across the school year. FOGS have continued to work tirelessly in support of our school, leading many initiatives to raise extra funds for all of the children. Thank you!



WHOLE SCHOOL - VISIT TO BRIDLINGTON

On **Monday 13th July** we have organised a whole school visit to Bridlington beach. A letter providing further information has been distributed to parents.



STAFFING UPDATE FOR SEPTEMBER

We are delighted to be extending our staffing team for the new academic year.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Miss Hudson, who will be joining us as the new class teacher for our Year 3 pupils, each morning. Miss Hudson is looking forward to becoming part of our school community and will be in school on Tuesday 14th July to meet the children before the summer holidays.

We are also excited to share that Miss Hudson is getting married during the summer holidays, and from September she will be known as Mrs Shanks.

In addition, we are thrilled to welcome back Mrs Copeland, who clearly couldn't keep away! Mrs Copeland has recently been re-appointed as a Teaching Assistant and we are delighted that she is returning to our team.

We are sure that both Mrs Copeland and Miss Hudson (Mrs Shanks from September!) will be wonderful additions to our staff and we look forward to welcoming them officially in September.



YEAR 5 & 6 RESIDENTIAL VISIT

Our Class 4 pupils had a fantastic time on their residential visit to Marrick Priory. They embraced every challenge with enthusiasm and represented our school brilliantly throughout the trip. We are incredibly proud of them! If you'd like to see what they got up to, photos from the visit are available on the Class 4 ClassDojo page.



FAMILY PICNIC

We would like to invite all parents/carers to join us for a **Family School Picnic at 12:30 on Friday 17th July** on the school field. Please could parents arrive at **12:15 p.m.**



Please bring along your blankets and chairs, and enjoy a picnic lunch together before our End of Year Awards Presentation.

It's a wonderful opportunity to come together as a school community and celebrate the end of another fantastic academic year with the children.

We look forward to seeing you there!

SPORTS DAY

A huge thank you to all the parents, carers and family members who came along to support our



Sports Day on Monday. We were delighted to see such a fantastic turnout and your encouragement helped make the afternoon extra special for the children.

We are incredibly proud of all our pupils, who demonstrated fantastic determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the event. They all gave their very best and it was wonderful to see everyone taking part with such enthusiasm and encouragement for one another.

A special thank you to our fantastic Friends of Garton School (FOGs) for providing and selling the delicious strawberries and cream, which were enjoyed by so many families during the afternoon. We would also like to extend a huge thank you to Tesco for their very generous donation of ice lollies, which were a welcome treat for the children during the break and helped everyone stay cool in the warm weather.

Thank you all for helping to make our Sports Day such a memorable and successful event!

SUMMER CLUB

We still have places available at the Summer Club. If you would like to book a place, please contact Mr Harrison/Mrs Rooke or the school office.



END-OF-YEAR SERVICE & AWARDS PRESENTATION

Following our Family Picnic on Friday 17th July, we will be celebrating our pupils' achievements with our special End of Year Awards Assembly.



During the assembly, we will recognise the many successes and accomplishments of our children throughout the year, as well as present our half-termly Achievement and Progress Awards.

We are delighted to invite all family members and governors to join us for this special celebration. It promises to be a wonderful opportunity to recognise the hard work, effort and achievements of our pupils and a lovely way to bring the school year to a close.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

SPONSORED WALK SUCCESS!

On Tuesday 7th July, our whole school took part in a sponsored walk to help raise funds towards a new trim trail for the school.



The children demonstrated excellent determination, resilience and teamwork throughout the walk, encouraging one another every step of the way to ensure everyone successfully completed the challenge. We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm and positive attitude.

A huge thank you goes to all of our children, staff and families for helping to make the event such a success. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Elmswell Farm for kindly accommodating our KS2 pupils and providing a lovely location for their picnic lunch at the halfway point.

If you have not already done so, please could we ask that all sponsor money is returned to school by the end of term.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Every contribution brings us one step closer to providing our children with an exciting new trim trail to enjoy.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS VOUCHERS

We are delighted to inform parents and carers who are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) that a voucher will be issued by email on Friday 17th July.



Please note that this applies to families who qualify for Free School Meals based on eligibility criteria and does not include Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM).

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



Please note, there will be **NO After School Club running on Friday 17th July**, the last day of term. All children must be collected by 3:30 p.m. Apologies if this causes any inconvenience.

CHANGES TO FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY FROM SEPTEMBER 2026

We would like to make families aware of important changes to Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility which will come into effect from 1 September 2026. Under the new Government guidance, all children from households receiving Universal Credit will be eligible for Free School Meals, regardless of household income. This change is expected to allow many more children and families to benefit from free school meals. ([GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk))



At the same time, the transitional protections that have been in place since 2018 will come to an end. This means that eligibility will be reassessed under the new criteria from September 2026.

We encourage all families who receive Universal Credit and who may not previously have qualified to check their eligibility and submit an application.

In addition to providing a free, nutritious meal each day, registering for Free School Meals may help schools access additional funding to support children's learning and wellbeing.

For further information about how to apply please click on the link below.

[Free School Meals](#)

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

SCHOOL LUNCHES – PRICE INCREASE

From the beginning of the new academic year in September 2026, the cost of a school lunch will increase to £2.95 per meal.

- NOTIFICATION -
PRICE INCREASE

Unfortunately, our catering provider has increased the cost of supplying school meals by 20p per meal. As a result, we have no alternative but to pass this increase on to parents and carers.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support.

Please note: Children in Foundation Stage 2, Year 1 and Year 2 remain entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM), so there will be no charge for school lunches taken by pupils in these year groups.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

If you require any school uniform items for the new academic year, these can be purchased from H & K Embroidery in Driffield.



Please see links below to the Pre-school and the main school uniform.

[Garton On The Wolds School – H & K Embroidery \(handkembroidery.co.uk\)](https://www.handkembroidery.co.uk)

[Garton Pre-School – H & K Embroidery \(handkembroidery.co.uk\)](https://www.handkembroidery.co.uk)

Packed Lunch Reminder – Tuesday 8th September

Please note that on **Tuesday 8th September**, the school kitchen will be closed. As a result, all children will need to bring a packed lunch from home on this day.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your understanding and continued support.

WARM WEATHER

During warm weather, please could you ensure that your child has a sun hat/cap in school and suncream has been applied at home, prior to arriving at school. Thank you.



THE BIG FUTURE

We have been requested by the Children's Commissioner, to share the link below to gain our families views on 'The Big Future'.

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

It is crucial that they hear from children, across the country. Without hearing from our children, their experiences, views and aspirations risk being missing from the national picture that will help shape future policy.

At a time of significant change for children and young people, it is more important than ever that their views are reflected in policy making. Through this survey, their voices can be sent directly to the centre of government. Thank you for your support.

END OF TERM

The children break up for the summer holidays on **Friday 17th July** and return to school on **Tuesday 8th September**.



WHAT'S HAPPENING W/C 13 th July 2026	
Mon 13 th	Whole School Visit to Bridlington beach After School Club – Non-cook Cookery Club
Tues 14 th	End of Year reports to be sent out After School Club – Outdoor/Indoor Games Mr Wood After School Multi-Sports Club
Wed 15 th	After School Craft Club
Thur 16 th	After School Needlecraft Club After School Musical Theatre Club
Fri 17 th	12:30 – Family picnic End of year awards Asesembly at 1.30p.m. NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB Last day of Term





Before & After School Club – Summer Term Booking Form

Child/ren's Name _____

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						
Tuesday						
Wednesday						
Thursday						
Friday						