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Garton on the Wolds
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Newsletter

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MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon last Thursday; whether by baking, buying, donating, or simply joining us for a cuppa and a chat.

We are delighted to share that, thanks to your incredible generosity, the school raised over **£150.00** for this very worthwhile cause. Every penny will go towards helping Macmillan Cancer Support continue their vital work with those affected by cancer. Your support truly makes a difference. Thank you!

INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS



You should now have received the proof copy of your child's individual and/or family photograph. The proof includes full details on how to order and purchase the photographs directly from Wrates photographers. Please note, there is no obligation to purchase the school photographs. However, we'd like to mention that the school does receive a small commission from all sales, which helps support school activities and resources.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

OPEN EVENING



We have arranged an Open Evening which will take place on Monday 5th October from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. for prospective parents of September 2027 school starters. This invitation is also open to all of our parents if you would like the opportunity to come and have a look around the classrooms and meet the staff - everyone is more than welcome to attend.

Please do spread the word, thank you.

SCHOOL CHOIR TO PERFORM IN CHURCH



We are delighted to share that our school choir has been invited to perform at the village Harvest Festival service on **Thursday 8th October**, which is taking place at the church. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to share their talents and be part of a special community tradition.

Mrs Heaton has sent home a letter with further details for the children involved. We are honoured to have been asked to take part and look forward to performing as part of the local community.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Festival will take place on **Wednesday 21st October at 9:15 a.m.** in the church.

Harvest gifts of non-perishable food, toiletries, confectionery would be most gratefully received and may be brought into school on the day of the festival.

The produce we receive this year will be donated to the Local Food Bank in Driffield, who work extremely hard to support local vulnerable families. At present their stocks are low and they are struggling to keep up with demand, therefore any donations you are able to provide will be much appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you all at the service.

LUNCH MENUS

The school lunch menu is available on the school's website under the Information>Lunch menus tab.

HALLOWEEN DISCO



The Friends of School have organised a fancy dress Halloween Disco to take place on Thursday 15th October from 5:15 until 6:30 p.m. Tickets are priced at £3.50 each and will include a hot dog and a drink. During the evening, the children will also have the opportunity to win prizes at various fun games. Prizes for the best dressed child from each class will be presented. Donations of prizes (sweets, stationery etc) would be much appreciated.

Tickets will be available from Friday 2nd October via the ParentPay App. Once a ticket has been purchased a hard copy of the ticket will be sent home from the school office. Thank you for your continued support.

HUMANIST VISIT

As part of our Religious Education curriculum, we have arranged for a Humanist to visit the school on Monday 12th October.

During the visit, pupils will have the opportunity to learn more about Humanism, including its beliefs, values and approach to questions about life. The session will provide an opportunity for pupils to explore different perspectives and develop their understanding of the range of beliefs and worldviews within our society.

The visit forms part of our RE curriculum and will be delivered in an age-appropriate and informative way. We hope the experience will encourage pupils to ask questions, listen respectfully to different viewpoints and broaden their understanding of the world around them.

PARENT/TODDLER GROUP

Our Parent/toddler group takes place each Wednesday from 1:45 p.m.– 3:00 p.m. The Parent/toddler group is open to parents with children aged 0-4 years.



Please note that there is no charge for attendance at the group.

All members of the local community are more than welcome to attend so please do spread the word. Thank you.

INDOOR SHOES



Please ensure that your child has a pair of indoor shoes with them each day at school. Thank you.

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 came into effect on the 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) 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.

FAMILY AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Family Awards Assembly continues to take place on a Friday **morning** at 9:15 a.m. in the church. We look forward to welcoming you, as we celebrate the children's work and efforts.

MUSICAL THEATRE CLUB

Mrs Rooke continues to run the Musical Theatre After School Club.

The club takes place on a Thursday from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. and is open to children in FS2 to Year 6. Please inform the school office or Mrs Rooke directly if you wish your child to attend the club.

MULTI-SPORTS CLUB

This half term, Mr Wood has organised a Multi-Sports club on a Tuesday after school from 3:30 – 4:30 pm.



The club is available to **all pupils** at a cost of £3 per session. Charges will be made via the Parent Pay application.

CHILDCARE VOUCHERS
BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We would like to remind parents that if you are working and eligible, you can use the Government Childcare Voucher Scheme to pay for our Before and After School Clubs.

This scheme is designed to help working families by subsidising the cost of childcare, making it more affordable.

If you would like to use childcare vouchers or find out more about how the scheme works, please contact the school office or check out the Government website for further details.

Thank you for your continued support.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The After School Clubs will continue to run from 3.30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. each day. The themes this half term are:

Monday	Craft Club
Tuesday	Indoor/Outdoor Games
Wednesday	Cookery Club
Thursday	Needlecraft Club
Friday	Model Making Club

WHAT'S HAPPENING W/C 5th October 2026	
Mon 5th	New starters photos – Driffield Wolds Weekly After School Club – Craft Club Open evening from 4:00 -5:00 p.m.
Tues 6th	After School Club – Outdoor/Indoor Games Mr Wood After School Multi-Sports Club
Wed 7th	After School Cookery Club
Thur 8th	After School Needlecraft Club After School Musical Theatre Club 6:30 p.m. – Village Harvest Festival
Fri 9th	9:15 a.m. - Family Awards Assembly in the church. After School Model Making Club

WHAT'S HAPPENING W/C 12th October 2026	
Mon 12th	Humanist visit After School Club – Craft Club SEND Parents' Evening from 3.45 p.m.
Tues 13th	After School Club – Outdoor/Indoor Games Mr Wood After School Multi-Sports Club.
Wed 14th	After School Cookery Club
Thur 15th	After School Needlecraft Club After School Musical Theatre Club Halloween Disco from 5.15 p.m.
Fri 16th	9:15 - Family Awards Assembly in the church After School Model Making Club

Before & After School Club Information

If your child requires breakfast, they **MUST** arrive at the club by 8.20 a.m.

Any child staying beyond 4.30 p.m. at school club will be given a light snack; allergen information is available if required.

Price List

Before School Club		After School Club	
7.45 a.m. – 8.55 a.m	£5.00 Including Breakfast	3.30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	£2.00
8.00 a.m.- 8.55 a.m.	£3.00 Including Breakfast	3.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.	£3.00
8.30 a.m. – 8.55 a.m.	£2.00	3.30 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.	£5.00 Including a snack

Before & After School Club - Autumn Term Booking Form

Child/ren's Name _____

Week 5	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						
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						
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
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