

Gargrave C of E Primary School Thursday 4th September 2025



Issue 1

Curriculum and Staffing

It has been lovely to see all the new starters in school which includes the new children in Apple class, the return of a family that left one year ago and other children who are new to the village/surrounding area.

We are sending out curriculum plans and timetables via class e-mails. These will be sent from class teachers, Mrs Rigby in Apple class, Mrs Abbey in Ash class, Mrs McLean in Willow class and Mrs Dawson in Oak class.

The teachers are supported by amazing external staff; PE by Mr Mukherjee, Mr Bullock (Fire house Dance) and Mr Schindler (KANGA sports). Year 3 and Year 4 shall swim for this term, taught by Craven Pool staff and Miss Heseltine. They all provide expert tuition across the year groups in a wide range of PE curriculum.

Music lessons for Willow and Oak classes will be led by a new teacher, Mr Smith provided by the music service External peripatetic lessons are also available through the music service in piano, guitar, and violin—there is a charge for this unless in receipt of pupil premium funding. Mr Hinchcliffe also provides accordion lessons. Please ask Mrs Aldous for more details.

Teaching Assistants support learning in all the classes. We also have an amazing group of volunteer readers who listen to individuals read across the school.

Annual Data Forms

Your child has been given an envelope today which has a number of forms that need completing and returning to school as soon as possible so we have the correct information/consent on file for you and your child. Please check you have completed both sides where necessary.

The School Gateway

Payments to school must be made via The School Gateway (<https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login>). This includes dinner money for children in Y3-Y6, swimming, trips and Triangle Club. We do not accept cash unless it is fundraising.

Lunch money should **ALWAYS** be in credit to avoid the need to bring a packed lunch. The cost is £3.10 per day.

Triangle Club sessions must be booked and paid for at the time of booking via The School Gateway unless you pay by childcare vouchers (please advise Mrs Aldous if you haven't already). 24 hours cancellation notice is required to avoid being charged—please email or phone school.

There is an app you can download for The School Gateway if this works better for you. Please note that you will be notified via the app if any text messages are sent from school as opposed to your usual message app.

Inhalers & Other Medication

If your child has an inhaler at school, a new form must be completed for this academic year giving updated instructions. Please email Mrs Aldous for a new copy if you haven't yet received one. Please note that NO medication can be given in school unless it has been prescribed by a doctor, has your child's name on it and a consent form has been completed.

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@gargraveprimary

Menu

This is the main choice—there is a vegetarian option available every day.

Monday 8th September

Vegetable & Lentil Bake
Chocolate Muffin

Tuesday 9th September

Hunters Chicken
Peaches & Yoghurt

Wednesday 10th September

Roast Pork
Apple Flapjack Crumble

Thursday 11th September

Beef Stroganoff
Carrot Cake

Friday 12th September

Chicken Burger & Fries
Fruit Jelly

Monday 15th September

Vegetable Lasagne
Lemon Muffin

Tuesday 16th September

Sweet & Sour Chicken
Banana Mousse

Wednesday 17th September

Roast Chicken
Winter Berry Cobbler

Thursday 18th September

Sausage & Mash
Coconut Cake

Friday 19th September

Pizza & Wedges
Chocolate Krispie

Raving Readers 2025-2026

Research has proven that regular reading helps children to make progress in ALL areas of the curriculum.

Each class has a 'Raving Readers' chart in the classroom. Each time a child reads their school book or Whole Class Guided Reading text (at the weekend) at home they get to move their name along the chart. All reading MUST be recorded in planners (including page numbers) and signed by an adult; these are checked daily. We are awarding a maximum of one move per day. Our school expectation is that children read at home at least 5 times per week.

25 reads

Non-school uniform day

50 reads

Bookmark
Non-school uniform day

75 reads

Rubber
Non-school uniform day

100 reads

Multi-coloured pencil
Non-school uniform day

125 reads

Party (at the end of the school year)
Non-school uniform day

150 reads

Notebook
Non-school uniform day

175 reads

Bouncy Ball
Non-school uniform day

200 reads

A treat with Mrs Peel
Non-school uniform day

225 reads

Book
Non-school uniform day

250 reads

Trip out of school
Non-school uniform day

Library visits are booked for this half-term for every class. We encourage all pupils to join the library and borrow books from there. The opening times are available on their [website](#).

Dates for Diaries

Upcoming events are just being finalised and will be published on the next newsletter.

Triangle Club

Triangle Club is open in a morning from 7.30am and the cost for this session is £5.50. Evening sessions run from 3.15pm until 6pm at a cost of £13.00. This includes a snack which is usually provided about 4.15pm. Bookings must be made via The School Gateway and can be booked for the whole year ahead. There are 16 places available each session. 24 hours cancellation notice is required to avoid being charged for unwanted sessions.

Apologies to those parents that have already booked into Triangle Club as there was a discrepancy in the price. Last year's price did not update until yesterday which resulted in us manually changing those bookings already made. When you next go on to book a session, you may see a debit balance which will need paying. This is the difference of 50p per session for those session booked before yesterday

Staffing - Communication

The staff are keen to communicate with families. This can be done face-to-face, via phone call, planners and e-mail. Please be mindful that teachers have classes to teach and so are not always available instantly. If you wish a longer conversation with class teachers, please phone school.

This newsletter is sent out fortnightly on a Thursday and we try and cover a range of whole school news and messages.

Planners are the best way of communicating with class teachers as they are checked every day.

Class teachers send out a weekly e mail on a Friday and this summarises the curriculum for the last week and things coming up. You can reply to this class e mail, but be aware that it may not be checked daily. These are the class email addresses:-

appleclass@gargrave.n-yorks.sch.uk - Nursery and Reception

ash@gargrave.n-yorks.sch.uk - Y1 & Y2

willow@gargrave.n-yorks.sch.uk - Y3 & Y4

oak@gargrave.n-yorks.sch.uk - Y5 & Y6

Texts are used, but less frequently, as a reminder or in an emergency.

Mrs Peel or Mrs Dawson are in the front yard every morning and will try and help. Class teachers and staff greet the pupils in a morning and hand over at night - evenings are easier to ask a quick question.

For urgent messages please call school on 01756 749433 or email admin@gargrave.n-yorks.sch.uk to contact Mrs Aldous.

Please add all the above email addresses to your safe senders list.

Autumn Menu

Please see the new menu attached. We encourage all children on school dinners to try the menu each day for the first three weeks. Mrs Robinson will offer an alternative if they really don't like it.

A reminder that those children who have moved from Year 2 into Year 3 will no longer be entitled to universal infant free school meals and will need to pay £3.10 each day for a school dinner. This must be paid in advance of meals taken via The School Gateway (dinner money must **ALWAYS** be in credit).

There are three options available:-

School dinner every day

Packed lunch every day

Packed lunch Monday—Thursday and School dinner on Friday

Please let us know if you would like to change from the current arrangement.

Basketball—8th September

We are joining the local cluster of shared events and the first event is basketball at Sandylands. Oak class (year 5 and year 6) will be attending this next Monday in the morning. Pupils need to wear their PE kit for the day, and they might want an extra snack too. This visit is covered under the rolling consent form (sent home tonight so please return by Monday) and there is no charge to parents - costs are paid by school.

Curriculum

Teachers will send curriculum overviews to make you aware of the key vocabulary to be taught this term in which subject. Science, RE, PSHE, French and Music (in Key Stage 2) and PE are taught weekly in Ash, Willow and Oak. This year, we have adapted the way in which we teach History and Geography, Art and Design Technology. History and Geography will alternate each half term, as will Art and Design Technology. Therefore, until October half term, children will be studying Geography and Art.

	MEAT FREE MONDAY	TUESDAY	ROAST DINNER WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FUN FOOD FRIDAY
WEEK ONE	Cheese, Leek and Potato Pie Served with a vegetable med- ley and onion gravy Blueberry Muffin	Chicken Curry Served with rice, peas and naan bread Mini Waffle and Fruit	Honey Roast Gammon With all the trimmings Bananas & Custard	Spaghetti Bolognese Served with homemade garlic bread and veg Chocolate Cake	Fish & Chips Served with mushy or garden peas Rock Bun
WEEK TWO	Vegetable & Lentil Bake Served with sauté potatoes, peas & corn Chocolate Muffin	Hunters Chicken Served with baby potatoes and vegetables Peaches & yoghurt	Roast Pork With all the trimmings Apple Flapjack Crumble & Custard	Beef Stroganoff Served with rice and vegetables Carrot Cake	Chicken Burger & Fries Served with beans or sweetcorn Fruit Jelly
WEEK THREE	Vegetable Lasagne Served with garlic bread and veggie sticks Lemon Muffin	Sweet & Sour Chicken Served with noodles and stir-fry vegetable Banana Mousse	Roast Chicken With all the trimmings Winter Berry Cobbler & Ice Cream	Sausage, Mash & Gravy With mixed vegetables Coconut Cake	Pizza & Wedges Served with beans or sweetcorn Chocolate Krispie

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Nursery



Places available now.

We accept children the term after their 3rd birthday and childcare funding.



Teacher led
and dedicated
staff

Access to ex-
tensive out-
door space

Small village
school with a
community
feel.

Our door is always open so please come and visit to see our set up. If you have any further questions, please email admin@gargrave.n-yorks.sch.uk or call 01756 749433.

Online Safety Newsletter

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Coverstar

Coverstar say they are "the safe TikTok alternative." They state, "there is no specific age limitation...however, if you are under the age of 13, you must obtain parental consent." Users can post, comment and livestream.

Whilst Coverstar does not include private messaging, users can still interact via public comments. Coverstar does use moderation tools to scan all user-generated content. It is also important to be aware that Coverstar does allow in-app purchases ranging from £0.99 - £59.99.

If your child is using this app, ensure they know how to use the reporting tools. Bark provide a full review of Coverstar here, but they rate it as suitable for 10+:
<https://www.bark.us/app-reviews/apps/coverstar-app-review>.

Test your knowledge: Online Scams

Childnet have created a quiz for 9-13 year-olds that includes a range of potential online scams, as well as tips to help your child protect themselves online. Find out more here:
<https://www.childnet.com/blog/test-your-knowledge-about-online-scams-with-our-quiz-for-9-13-year-olds/>

Online Safety Act

What is the Online Safety Act?

The Online Safety Act 2023 is a set of laws introduced to protect children and adults online. Ofcom is the regulator for online safety in the UK, responsible for ensuring companies follow the new rules. As part of this role, Ofcom have designed the Children Codes of practice, which came into force in July

2025. The codes outline what all online services likely to be accessed by children must do to protect children online, for example:

- Enforce age limits.
- Protect children from accessing harmful or age-inappropriate content. This includes content relating to self-harm and eating disorders.
- Ensure users can easily report harmful content.

Ofcom has the power to enforce the rules as well as issue fines if companies fail to comply. You can find out more here:

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/online-safety/protecting-children/new-rules-for-a-safer-generation-of-children-online>

How will it help to protect my child?

One of the main purposes of the Act is to protect children online. Ofcom has published information on how they are helping children to be safer online. The first link is a guide for parents, which also includes a section on what you can do as a parent. You can access this information here:

- <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/online-safety/protecting-children/how-ofcom-is-helping-children-to-be-safer-online-a-guide-for-parents>
- <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/online-safety/protecting-children/how-the-online-safety-act-will-help-to-protect-children>

Further information

Online Safety Act: explainer:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/online-safety-act-explainer/online-safety-act-explainer>



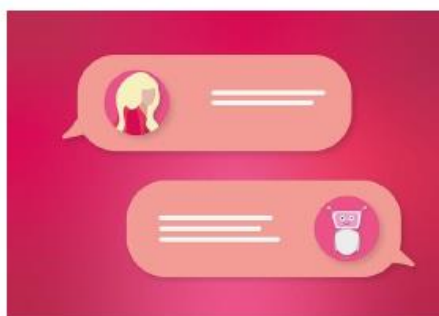
Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translate tool on our web version:
<https://www.knowsleycitylearningcentres.org.uk/sept-2025/>

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

What is AI?

AI is when a computer/machine can learn and perform tasks like a human. Its popularity continues to grow, and examples include:

- **Search engines** such as Google now include an AI-generated overview as part of their results.
- **Virtual assistants** like Alexa, Meta AI and Siri.
- **Chatbots** such as ChatGPT and My AI from Snapchat.



Opportunities

AI can be an effective tool when used correctly, for instance:

- **Homework** – children can use AI to support and assist their learning.
- **Advice** – AI can be used to provide information and suggestions on a variety of topics.

Risks and concerns

- **Misinformation** – ensure your child understands that AI can sometimes provide incorrect or misleading information.
- **Privacy issues** – read any privacy policies before using.
- **Chat apps** - a simple search of “AI Chat” within the App store highlights the number of apps already available that are not suitable for children as many are rated as 17+.
- **Image manipulation** – there are AI tools that can be used to digitally remove clothes from photos, which clearly raises serious safeguarding and privacy concerns.
- **Deepfakes** – there are also AI tools that create realistic, fake videos that can be used to spread misinformation or cause harm.

How can I protect my child?

To help keep your child safe online, it is important to:

- Check age ratings of any apps or websites that your child accesses.
- Develop your child’s digital literacy by highlighting the risks of AI and showing them how important it is to verify what they see online.
- Set up appropriate parental controls on their devices/ broadband.
- Chat to your child regularly and ensure your child knows that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if anything concerns them.

Further information

- Overview: <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/by-activity/using-artificial-intelligence/what-is-ai-artificial-intelligence/>
- Should you worry if your child has an AI friend? <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/should-you-worry-if-your-child-has-ai-friend>

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Roblox: Grow a Garden

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Grow a Garden is one of the latest games available on Roblox and is extremely popular. The game is labelled as ‘minimal’ for content maturity, which Roblox define as “may contain occasional mild violence, light unrealistic blood, and/or occasional mild fear.” Roblox believe that the game play is suitable for everyone. However, as the game is on Roblox, it is important to be aware of the following:

- **Chat** – strangers can interact with your child.
- **In-game purchases** – this game does include in-game purchases.
- **Screentime** – set limits for how long your child is playing.

A lot of the content on Roblox is user generated, which may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play. If your child is playing Roblox, it is important to monitor what your child is accessing, ensure they know how to use any reporting tools and set up appropriate parental controls.

Further information

<https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/30428310121620-Parental-Controls-Overview>

Grooming online

Grooming is when somebody seeks to build a relationship with a child to exploit them or cause harm.

It is important that we teach our children how to recognise red flags. Childline have lots of useful information on their website, including where to get further support from:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/online-grooming/>