

Gargrave C of E Primary School Thursday 5th September 2024



Issue 1

Curriculum and Staffing

We are sending out curriculum plans and timetables via class e-mails on Fridays. These will be sent from class teachers, Mrs Rigby in Apple class, Mrs McLean in Ash class, Mrs Bowers in Willow class (Mrs Holme is off work following surgery) 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 are led by Mrs Evans. External peripatetic lessons are 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 and there is currently funding for 10 free 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. Please speak to Mrs Aldous if you, or you know of anyone else who might be interested in a volunteer role.

Raving Readers 2024-2025

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](#).

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Menu

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

Monday 9th September

Fish & Chips
Anzac Biscuit

Tuesday 10th September

Meatball Tomato Pasta
Apple Pie & Custard

Wednesday 11th September

Roast Chicken Dinner
Jelly & Fruit

Thursday 12th September

Veg Nachos with Rice
Syrup Sponge & Custard

Friday 13th September

Beef or Cheese Burger
Rice Pudding

Monday 16th September

Salmon Stars
Apple Whirligig & Custard

Tuesday 17th September

Cottage Pie
Oaty Bites

Wednesday 18th September

Pork & Apple Plait
Chocolate Crispie

Thursday 19th September

Chicken Pitta Pocket
Banana Pudding

Friday 20th September

Lasagne & Garlic Bread
Grannies Crunch

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 £2.95 per day or £14.75 per week.

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.

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 - 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.

Swimming - Year 5 & 6

We can offer additional swimming for pupils in year 5 and year 6, on a Wednesday afternoon this term. The aim would be through going extra for them to be able to:

- swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- use a range of strokes effectively [for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke]
- perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations

If you are interested in your child attending these sessions please message Mrs Dawson on oak@gargrave.n-yorks.sch.uk

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. 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.

Tennis Sessions

Tennis sessions starting next Tuesday at Gargrave Tennis Club (3.30 and 4.30pm for 5 weeks).

Cost is £25 for the block and all equipment is provided. Just clean trainers and suitable clothing for the weather needed. Contact Mr Mukherjee on 07845416301 to reserve a place or for more details.

Basketball - 19th September

We are joining the local cluster of shared events and the first event is basketball at Sandylands. Willow class (year 3 and year 4) will be attending this on Thursday 19th September 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 completed and there is no charge to parents - costs are paid by school.

Fundamental Skills- 2nd October

Ash class (year 1 and year 2) are taking part in a cluster event at Sandylands on Wednesday 2nd October. 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 completed and there is no charge to parents - costs are paid by school.

Dates for Diaries

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



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