



Georgian Gardens Primary School

Newsletter Friday 10th January 2025

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Welcome back and a very happy new year. We are all excited for what 2025 will bring for the GG family. It has been so lovely to see the children back, looking smart and eager to learn. They have certainly hit the ground running with their new topics.

Next Friday, 17th, Mr Britt and his talented group of musicians and singers are performing their self-penned musical, 'Joanna's Piano'. It is based on the true story of a close shave with a scam artist who tried to sell us a bargain baby grand piano a few years ago. The situation inspired Mr Britt to start putting together a script and music.

Dates for your diary:

Wed 5th / Thurs 6th Feb (am)	Paul Ullson (The History Man) visiting Y5
Fri 7th Feb	Y3 trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace
Fri 7th Feb 3:15pm	PTA Film Night (films to be confirmed soon)
Mon 17th—Fri 21st Feb	Half Term
Thurs 6th March	World Book Day (dress up as a book character or pjs)
Wed 19th / Thurs 20th March (am)	Y6 visit to the railway station
Fri 21st March	Comic Relief Day
Fri 21st March	School discos 4:30pm—5:30pm KS1 5:45pm—6:45pm KS2
Mon 31st March	Open Classrooms from 2:45pm (until about 3:30pm)
Fri 4th April	End of term
Tues 22nd April	INSET Day
	Wed 23rd April Summer Term starts



School Book Fair 26th Feb—3rd March

We are a 'no nut' school.

There are children in school with allergies to nuts and in particular, one with a severe, airborne allergy to peanuts.

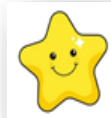
Please do not send your child to school with any food containing nuts Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Diary Dates:

Key dates for next year		
Parents' Evenings 3:30—6pm		26 th / 27 th Feb
Open Classrooms 2:45—3:30pm	31st March 2025	23 rd June 2025
Sports Day (am KS1 pm KS2)	Thursday 5 th June 2025	
Summer Fair 3:15pm	Friday 27 th June 2025 tbc	
Y6 production	w/b 14 th July 2025	
Y6 presentation eve	Monday 21 st July 2025	

This week's star of the week winners:

1LG Luca	1LN Reggie
2CA Amber	2LD Luca
3KC Henry	3VW Elsie
4RD Oliver	4TF Elijah
5HC Betsy	5CT Evelyn



Attendance: Whole school: **95.3%** (Sept to now)

The class with the highest attendance in the last week:
2LD 98% they get the chance to have 15 minutes extra choice time next week).

The child with 100% attendance this week:
Lily C 1LG chosen by a random generator: —she gets to choose a book from Miss Bowers' selection of prize books.

Snapshot of the week:



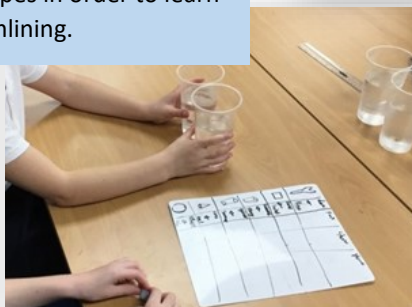
Year 1 have been working on their counting skills. They tried hard to count out an amount of objects within 20. Some of the children worked with a partner to check that they had counted their objects accurately.



Year 6 experimented with water colours to create backgrounds for their learning journal front covers. We thought about blending colours together to create a background to represent the weather.



Y5. After studying friction (and experimenting with friction caused by different surfaces), the children learnt about air and water resistance. They investigated the effect of water resistance on different shapes in order to learn about streamlining.



YR were worried Goldilocks may have broken baby bears bed so they designed and made him a new one!

The start of a new term is a good time to remind you of some of the reasons we believe good attendance is important. Here is a reminder of some of the information sent out earlier last year. Please take a moment to read.

✓ School Attendance

Every school day counts

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning. Attendance percentages can be misleading.

100% Attendance	0 days missed	Excellent
97% Attendance	5 days of Absence 1 week of learning missed	Good
95% Attendance	9 days of Absence 1 week and 4 days of learning missed	Satisfactory
90% Attendance	19 days of Absence 3 week and 4 days of learning missed	Poor
85% Attendance	28 days of Absence 5 week and 3 days of learning missed	Very Poor
80% Attendance	38 days of Absence 7 weeks and 3 days of learning missed	Unacceptable

Every day counts. We appreciate that children do get ill from time to time but there are some days when you may be unsure whether to send them in. Children often feel better once they are up and dressed and maybe had some cold/cough remedies.

For some parents, 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week, or 19 days of school during the school year – that's nearly 4 school weeks.



Gates (and classroom doors) close at **8:45am** to ensure a prompt start to the day. We need all children in by this time so that the register can be taken and learning begins.

✓ Punctuality matters

The school day is planned so that learning begins as soon as children enter the classroom each morning. Each time your child is late, they will have missed some of that learning. In fact, being just 5 minutes late each day equates to losing a whole day of learning each term. Being 10 minutes late each day means your child missing out on more than week's learning each year.

1 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/absence-and-attainment-at-key-stages-2-and-4-2013-to-2014>