



# Garrett Hall Primary School

Dream and Believe, Learn and Achieve



## Weekly Newsletter Date 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026



### What's been going on in school this week:

This week has been a busy week in school. Year 6 have had SAT's week. Well done to all Year 6 children for trying their very best. We are extremely proud of their determination and resilience.

### Next week will be Week 2 of the lunch menu

#### Sports Days Information

Children will need to come to school in their PE kit on their Sports Day.

- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30 am – Nursery
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30 pm – Year 3 & 4
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30 pm – Year 5 & 6
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 9.30 am – Year 1 & 2
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 1.30 pm – Reception

Children in Reception have been sent their child's house colour by ParentPay.

#### House Colours

- Kirkfell – Orange
- Henfold – Red
- Chaddock – Purple
- Loughrigg – Blue
- Bodmin – Green
- Stour - Yellow



Don't forget!

**Reminder!**  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May is an Inset Day for Staff Only. Children return to School on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. Have a lovely half term holiday.



### Dates for your Diary

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| 19 <sup>th</sup> May                         | 3.30pm-4.00pm       | School Council Meeting   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> May                         | 3.30pm              | Bibby's Farm Parent/Carer Meeting<br>A letter has been sent via Parent Pay   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> May                         |                     | Year 5 Clewarth Hall Fields Visit  |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> May                         |                     | Year 5 Clewarth Hall Fields Visit  |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> May                         | Normal finish times | Children finish for Half Term  |
| Wk beg 1 <sup>st</sup> June                  |                     | Year 6 Low Bank Ground Residential<br>A letter has been sent Via Parent Pay  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> June                         |                     | Children return to school  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> June                         | 9.30am              | Nursery Sports Day<br>Communication has been sent - Parent Pay               |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> June                         | 1.30pm              | Year 3 & 4 Sports Day<br>Communication has been sent – Parent Pay            |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> June                         | 5.00 - 6.00pm       | Nursery Intake Evening<br>Invites have been sent to all Parent/Carers        |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> June                         | 6.30pm - 7.30pm     | Reception Intake Evening   |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> June     |                     | Year 2 Bibbys Farm Residential Trip<br>A letter has been sent via Parent Pay |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> June                        |                     | Year 5 Clewarth Hall Fields Visit  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> June                        | 1.30pm              | Year 5 & 6 Sports Day<br>Communication has been sent – Parent Pay            |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> June                        |                     | Year 5 Astley Green Mining Museum Visit                                      |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> June                        |                     | Class Photograph Day – Whole School  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> June                        | 9.30am              | Year 1 & 2 Sports Day<br>Communication has been sent – Parent Pay            |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> June                        | 1.30pm              | Reception Sports Day<br>Communication has been sent – Parent Pay             |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> June                        |                     | Year 5 Astley Green Mining Museum Visit                                      |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> June     |                     | Nursery Inspire Sessions<br>Parents/Carers have                              |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> June & 1 <sup>st</sup> July |                     | Reception Inspire Sessions<br>More details to follow                         |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> July                         |                     | Summer Fair  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> July                         |                     | Year 6 Leavers Service St Georges Church                                     |

### Assembly topics and themes for this half term:

- Value Link: Trust
- British Value Link: Tolerance of Others
- Life Long Learning Link: Being Resourceful





**Year 2 Parents**  
**Bibbys Farm Information Meeting**  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 3.30 pm**



A letter was emailed via ParentPay this week to advise of this meeting. Please return the slip attached to the letter to let us know whether you can attend or not.

Thank you  
 The Year 2 Team



**Advance Notice – date for your diary!**



**Nursery and Reception**  
**Intake Evenings 2026**

We have our annual Intake Evenings in June for those children who have been allocated a place in our Nursery and Reception classes:

**Nursery Intake Evening**  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 5.00pm – 6.00pm**

**Reception Intake Evening**  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm – 7.30pm**



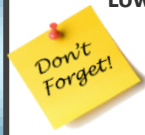
**Reminder!**



**Bibbys Farm Residential – Year 2**  
**10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

The Bibbys Farm residential is on our ParentPay system with a payment schedule. The full cost is £80.00.

The residential must be paid in full by  
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June.**



**Low Bank Ground Residential – Year 6**  
**1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Full Cost £220.00**



**Reminder!**  
 The residential must be paid in full by **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026.**

**Sporting Events & Achievements**

The Girls ATSA Football Team took part in a competition against 6 other schools from Atherton and Tyldesley.



A massive Congratulations to the Girls Team who won the competition – Champions!



**The next School Council meeting is on:**



**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Miss Gildart will bring the children to the main green gate at 4.00 pm for you to collect.



**Date for your diary!!**

**Advance Notice.....Summer Fair**  
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**



We will be holding a summer fair this year on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. We will be having a fun fair, food, stalls, and various activities for the children to enjoy! We really hope you can come along and enjoy the evening. More details to follow next half term.

# Shining The Spotlight On Attendance

At Garrett Hall, we are committed to ensuring that every child has the best possible chance to learn, achieve, and thrive. Good attendance and punctuality play a vital role in this, and we are continuing our drive to improve attendance and reduce lates across the school.

Each term, via the school newsletter, we will introduce a new section on attendance matters and each half term we will send an overall picture of the school attendance and lates to parents/carers.

## Whole School Attendance January 2026 – April 2026

- Whole School – 96.66%
- EYFS – 96.61%
- KS1 – 97.27%
- KS2 – 96.73%

### **NATIONAL AVERAGE – 96.7%**

If you have any concerns about attendance or would like support, please contact us and we will be happy to help.

## Lates

Last term we had 49 hours 57 minutes of learning time lost due to late arrivals.

Being just 10 minutes late each day adds up to 50 minutes of lost learning every week, which can have a significant impact on your child's progress. To put this into context:

- EYFS – 3 phonics lessons
- KS1 – 2 phonic lessons and English/Maths lesson
- KS2 – Equivalent to a full English/Maths lesson

Please support us by ensuring children arrive on time and ready to learn every day. Last term lates were:

EYFS – 4 hrs 44 mins  
KS1 – 8 hrs 6 mins  
KS2 – 37 hrs 7 mins

## Attendance Target

Our target is 96.7%. which is also the national expectation monitored by the Department for Education and Wigan Local Authority.

To help us achieve this, we ask all parents and carers to ensure that children attend school every day, unless they are unwell.

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to inform school by 9:00am if your child is absent. You can do this by:

- Leaving a voicemail on the school absence line
- Sending an email to school

## EPN Fines

We would also like to gently remind families that 5 days of unauthorised absence is recorded as 10 sessions, which will lead to Wigan Attendance issuing an EPN fine.

Please be assured that the school does not receive any financial benefit from these fines, all payments go directly to Wigan Council. Our priority is always to work alongside families to help avoid this situation wherever possible.

Open and honest communication with school is incredibly important, as it allows us to offer support and guidance in the best way we can.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to an amazing 301 pupils on great attendance of 96% and above!

Well done!