



Georgian Gardens Primary School
Newsletter Friday 19th December 2025
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It has been an exciting week in school as we lead up to the holiday. The highlight was our school 'Christmas Day' on Thursday with lunch and special visitor!

In staffing news, we have said a fond farewell to Miss Emma Donovan who has worked as a TA for 9 years. Her positive, happy approach to working with children will be missed—she has had real impact on the lives of many of our pupils and we wish her well for the next adventure.

In January, we welcome Miss Katherine Martlew to teach in Year 1—she comes with many years' experience and we look forward to working with her.

May we take this opportunity to say thank you for your support this term—we value your contributions. Also, very many thanks to the team of volunteers who come in to school every week to support children with their reading—we appreciate the time you give very much.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas. See you on Tuesday 6th January.

Last day of term: **Fri 19th December (Mon 5th Jan INSET)**

Summer Fair: **New date: Fri 26th June 3:30pm—5:15pm**

Reminder:

We kindly remind you that to contact a member of staff you can:

- speak them at the classroom door at drop off (be conscious that they will not be able to talk for long as they have to start the day promptly or at pick up).
- Call into the office to request an appointment to see someone.
- Phone the office to make an appointment.
- Email via the school office (this will be passed on to the relevant member of staff).

Please do not email after 5:30pm or before 8:00am.

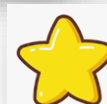
Please do not use other messaging (e.g. Facebook messenger) services to contact staff.

Key dates for 2025 - 2026

Parents' Evenings 3:30pm – 6pm	Mon 20th Oct / Wed 22nd Oct		*Wed 25th Feb/Thurs 26th Feb* Date changed to allow for book fair
Open Classrooms From 2:45pm	Mon 24th Nov	23 rd March	22 nd June
Sports Day KS1 am KS2 pm	Thursday 18 th June (back up 25 th June)		
Summer Fair 3:30 – 5:15pm	*** New Date *** Fri 26th June		
Y6 production 1:30pm / 6:30pm	Tues 14 th July pm / Thurs 16 th July pm and evening		
Y6 presentation eve 6pm – 7pm	Mon 20 th July		

STARS of the week:

1LG	Leo	1HK	Keannu
2CA	Beau	2LN	Rohan
3VW	Hannah	3HC	Luca
4TF	Theo	4KC	Lily
5RD	Bella	5CT	Zara
6BA	Lottie H	6HB	Seb



Attendance: Whole school: **95.7%** (to date)

The class with the highest attendance in the past week:

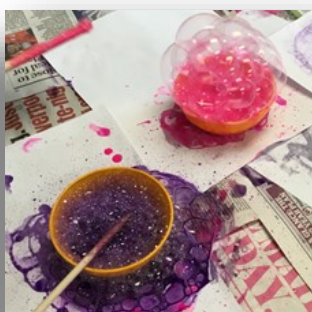
1HK 97.9% (they will have 15 minutes choice of a treat next week).

The child with 100% attendance in this last week, chosen by a random generator:

Oakleigh 2LN - he gets to choose a book from Miss Bowers' selection of prize books.

Husepoints: 1st Amberley Joint 2nd Arundel / Bramber 4th Lewes

Harry Potter day in Y4:



What a great way to finish the term's learning—a science day to put all of the new knowledge into practice.

Choir:

Recently, I had the pleasure of joining our school choir for a very special visit to The Laurels, a local day opportunity service that provides person-centred support for adults in our community. It was a truly heartwarming experience for everyone involved. Our children sang beautifully, filling the room with festive spirit. The highlight of the performance was the wonderful interaction between the students and the visitors; there were smiles all around as the visitors picked up jingle bells to provide a rhythmic accompaniment to the songs! The festivities reached a high point with a joyful, collective sing-along of *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* along with actions. Events like these are a fantastic way for our students to engage in community outreach and it was a privilege to see them bringing such genuine festive cheer to others. Well done to all our talented singers and the wonderful staff who support them!

Gemma Arkinstall *School Governor*



Y3 Best of British Day:

The children celebrated the end of their 'Tour of Britain' topic with this special day. They could either dress in red, white, blue or come dressed as a British icon. Can you tell which icons made an appearance? A great day was had by all.



Y3/4 Basketball:

On Tuesday some children from Years 3 and 4 took part in the area finals at The Angmering School. They had qualified at our locality event a few weeks ago. They played really well against teams who have a lot of coaching and training. Our team placed 6th out of 8 which is a fabulous result for such a new team of players. We are extremely proud of them.



KS1 Nativity:

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the KS1 nativity was a roaring success. The children could all be heard clearly and the singing was wonderful. You may have seen these photos of Y2 in the local paper.



GG Christmas Day!

Grateful thanks to so many people for making Thursday a real success once again. The Chartwells team served over 200 hot meals, the PTA helped Father Christmas with his gifts, Father Christmas took time out of his busy schedule to visit and the staff all pulled together to make it a great day for the children. The children looked fabulous in their Christmas jumpers.



Year 4 DT Day:

The DT work for this term involved baking and eating! The finished biscuits were delicious!

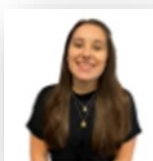


Governor Focus:

In last week's newsletter there was an overview of the role of the governing body. This week, more information about who is who.

The size of a governing board depends on the school and vary in size but ours is made up of the headteacher, a staff governor, two parent governors, a local authority governor and twelve co-opted governors.

Our staff governor is Miss Hollie Clarkson



Hollie has been a teacher at Georgian Gardens since 2023. She grew up in Epsom, Surrey and spent 3 years working as a teacher there before moving down to the seaside. Hollie leads Art at Georgian Gardens as well as running her Musical Theatre Dance club after school. Hollie is very passionate about teaching Art and Dance in school, providing children with the opportunity to be creative and express themselves through the arts. Hollie loves being a primary teacher, it is all she has ever wanted to do.

We currently have one parent governor, Sophie Bisset.



Sophie has two children at Georgian Gardens, both of whom have thrived in the school's nurturing and inclusive learning environment. As a parent governor, Sophie is looking forward to being an active member of the school community and supporting the school's leadership team. Sophie also has experience teaching and/or volunteering at all stages of education from primary through to higher education alongside a professional background in research.

If you would be interested in becoming a governor, do contact our clerk, Faye Smith via email clerk@georgiangardens.co.uk

Important note : Reach More Parents

Should you require any help using our new Reach More Parents app, please can you kindly contact our school office and ask for Mrs Smith who will be able to assist you.

If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and you would like to register your interest for the 2 clubs on offer, you can find these forms by clicking on the 3 lines on the bottom right of the app and selecting 'available forms'.

The deadline for Chatterbooks and Miss Clarkson's Dance Club is the end of the day on Monday 8th December.

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Important:



Please ensure that you have booked a hot meal for our next census day, 15th January. Funding is calculated on the number of children who eat a hot meal.

Chartwells
Schools

Thursday 15th January

School Lunch - Census Day

MAINS
Beef Burger
Veggie Nuggets

SIDES
Chips, Sweetcorn, Salad

DESSERT
Jam Sponge and Custard

Order on ParentPay.com by
Thursday 1st January
www.ParentPay.com

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Meet Father Christmas!

Weekends 12 noon - 3pm.
No booking needed. £5 per
child, gift included.



With thanks to The Kings Arms and Manteaux for sponsoring this event.

**The Museum will be also open on Sunday 28
December 10am-4pm.**

Enjoy visiting the Museum and Exhibition.

Find us next to the Mill Road Car Park,

BN18 9PA Open 10am-4pm 01903 885866.



**LITTLEHAMPTON MUSICAL COMEDY SOCIETY
PRESENTS...**

Script by Alan P Frayn

**MOTHER
GOOSE**

15th - 18th January 2026 at The Windmill Theatre

Evening Performances Thurs - Sat at 7:30pm, Sat Matinee 2:30pm
Sun performances 12:30pm and 5:30pm
Tickets £17, Concessions £14 (party rates available)
To book please visit
www.ticketsource.co.uk/littlehampton-musical-comedy-society
or call 01903 730775