

Georgian Gardens Primary School

Newsletter Friday 5th September 2025

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Clubs begin w/b Mon
15th Sept (the week
after next).

Welcome back to you all. We hope that you were able to have an enjoyable break. Weather-wise, summer has come to an abrupt end with the (much needed) rain this week which serves as a timely reminder that children do need to have a coat in school as they may be out to play in drizzle.

We have welcome Miss Lisa Rowland to our TA team. She will be working in Y2 and Y3 this year.

Dates for the year are included in this newsletter and the first to take note of are the 'meet the teacher' sessions which are next week. They are held in the year group classrooms from 3:15pm and we look forward to seeing you there.

The children have come back to school looking really smart. Just a few reminders, however:

- *Skirts should be 'just above the knee'. We have noticed some which are too short for school.
- *Children should not be bringing toys to school. This includes Labubus. There is a real risk of toys being lost or broken.
- * PE kits can be kept in school for the half term. PE days can change (depending on weather, staffing, resources) and it is very inconvenient when children have no kit. You will receive a phone call if your child repeatedly has no kit in school.

OPAL: For our INSET training on Wednesday the staff looked at OPAL—Outdoor Play and Learning. We shall be transforming how play happens in school and our journey starts here. From their website...'The OPAL Primary Programme is a series of meetings and resources provided by a specialist mentor who will work with your child's school to transform playtimes so they provide the most active, fun and sociable play opportunity possible for your child. Our motto is 'Every child should have an amazing playtime every day, without exceptions'. '

We thought about ways we could improve provision for play ranging from objects to have available, spaces to transform and how to keep playing even when it's wet! We would really appreciate some input from parents so if you would be interested in joining a working party on this project, please do contact the school.

More details will come out in due course but should you wish to find out more about the programme, look at https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/opal-programme/faq-for-parents/

Diary Dates:

Key dates for 2025 - 2026					
Meet the teacher	Y1 and 2 Mon 8 th Sept - Y3 and 4 Tues 9 th Sept - Y5 and 6 Thurs 11 th Sept				
Open Evening for 2026 cohort	Tuesday 11 th November 6pm – 7pm				
Parents' Evenings	Mon 7 th Oct / Wed 9 th Oct M		Mon 2nd I	Mon 2nd March / Tues 3 rd March	
Open Classrooms	Mon 24 th Nov	23 rd March		22 nd June	
Nativity	YR parents - 8 th , Y1 parents - 9 th , Y2 parents - 10 th December				
Sports Day	Thursday 18 th June (back up 25 th June)				
Summer Fair	Fri 5 th June				
Y6 production	Tues 14 th July pm / Thurs 16 th July pm and evening				
Y6 presentation eve	Mon 20 th July				

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Star of the week:

1LG Olive 1HK Victoria

2CA Theo K

2LN Ella-Rose

3VW Riley 3HC Aeron

5CT Fliss

5RD Stanley

6BA Henley 6HB Betsy

Y4 will have double stars next week. Today they have been enjoying Harry Potter day!

PTA: We are extremely fortunate to have such a strong PTA in school and the funds they raise really do benefit our children enormously. We welcome any new parents who would like to be part of the team who run the events along with our super group of parents who are keen to help at events without being on the actual committee. Every little bit of support makes a huge difference. Whether you are new to our school or not, all are welcome to the AGM as advertised below.



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Summer Music School (page 1):



Music Summer School - What a Hit!

This summer, Georgian Gardens was again alive with the sound of music! Over 50 enthusiastic children joined us for eight fun-filled days packed with creativity, laughter, and—of



From the very first note, the energy was incredible. Our young musicians explored the sounds of legendary classical composers like JS Bach and Beethoven, jazz from Duke Ellington, and contemporary musicians Myles Smith and Jacob Collier. Each day started with an exploration of a piece of world music on drums and percussion. Each morning, students chose their own musical adventure—working closely with our specialists (our fantastic student helpers Elliot and Ellisha, alongside Mr Britt) to master their favourite instruments.

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Summer Music School (page 2):

The afternoons were full of musical games, collaborative projects, and mini-performances for parents and grown-ups. We were lucky to have the support of a wonderful GG Teaching Assistant every day, and even had a special 'Meakins Day' with Mrs Meakins joining in the fun!

It was an unforgettable week of learning, laughter, and live music, and it was wonderful to see beginners taking their first steps and more experienced players growing in confidence and ability.

We can't wait to do it all again next year—don't miss out! Keep an eye out for dates later in the year. The Music Summer School is £20 per day and runs from 8.30am - 3.30pm on selected days in August.



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It costs you nothing but raises money for the school:



Important reminder about attendance:

Taken from our attendance policy (available on our website) 'Any absence taken immediately before and/or after an unauthorised absence, such as an unauthorised holiday, needs to be supported by medical evidence; otherwise this will be included with the known unauthorised absence and a fixed-penalty notice will be issued.'

Please note the above information as it may affect whether or not you are issued with a fixed penalty notice. These are issued by the local authority and no money comes to the school.

Healthy selfie:

Summer may well have been the perfect chance for many photos and some may have been whilst doing something active. If you have any such photos (and you are happy for them to be added to our display board) please do email them in to: Healthyselfie@georgiangardens.co.uk

Steel Pan Taster Day:

Follow this link for more details and how to book (also available on the GG Parents Facebook group):

https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/angmering/the-angmering-school/youth-and-minis-steelpan-taster-session/2025-09-13/10:00/t-rpeggpv



INSET days for next year 2025/2026:

(Wed 3rd Sept) Mon 3rd November, Monday 5th January, Friday 22nd May, Wednesday 22nd July

School timings from September: 8:45am—3:15pm all year groups. (Gates open 8:35—8:45am and 3:10pm)







AT GEORGIAN GARDENS SCHOOL IN THE FAMILY ROOM

If you are a parent of a child at Georgian Gardens School and are <u>struggling</u> <u>financially</u>, join others in topping up your food cupboard, FREE of charge.

No questions asked, no strings attached, and you can choose your own items of food, up to 10 items per household.

We are a friendly team of volunteers, Alex, Ann, Jane, Ray, Sue, Barbara and Gill.

We are here every Thursday during term time. Open from 8.30 - 9.30am.

Don't struggle alone, come in and receive a warm welcome.

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