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Newsletter Friday 2nd October 2026

THE VALUE FOR OCTOBER IS KINDNESS

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Garway School,

This October, we are once again taking part in a 'Kindness Challenge', a month all about spreading kindness in our school community.

On Wednesday we launched our 'Acts of Kindness Challenge' with a whole school assembly. This is a challenge to all the children, from Preschool to Year 6, to be 'spotted' doing something kind. Whether pupils help someone with homework or play games with new friends, it all helps to create a better world for everyone.

The challenge is a fun, meaningful way for pupils to learn about empathy, teamwork, and making positive change in their world. It gives us the opportunity to make kindness the priority during our first term of the school year.

We would love to hear from you if you notice your child carrying out an act of kindness outside of school. Please share with their class teacher so we can celebrate their kindness in school.

Best wishes, Julie Jones (Headteacher)

Acts of kindness				
	Let someone go in front of you in the line	Say thank you to someone who does something kind for you	Play with someone you don't normally play with	Hold the door for someone
Ask someone how they are and listen to their response	Ask your teacher how you can help in the classroom	Do something to make our school a better place for everyone	Tell someone a joke to cheer them up	Help a friend who needs it
Say thank you to someone in school for everything they do for you	Tell someone your favourite thing about them	Give someone you love a hug	Say sorry to someone who you may need to say sorry to	Tidy or clean up without having to be asked
Offer someone the chance to join in your game	Draw a picture or make a card to make someone smile	Think of 10 things you're grateful for	Give someone a compliment	Smile and get a smile back
Smile and say good morning to someone who works in school	Help someone with something they are finding difficult	Share a toy with another child	Let someone know you're grateful for them	Be kind to yourself: Do something you love that makes YOU feel good.

We wish Neela all the very best as she embarks on the next stage of her career at University. We will miss you but wish you every success in your studies.

We welcome Tammy to the staff team and hope she enjoys happy days at Garway School.

Pre-school Adjustments

If you think you may need to alter pre-school hours, or book additional days the cut off date is 13th November for claiming extra funding. Please let us know if you think you may need to make changes before that date to make sure we get the claim in. Thank you, Chris

MATHS INFORMATION SESSION

Please note change of date:

Tuesday 20th October

All parents/carers/ grandparents welcome

At 3:00 to 3:30

Come along to hear how we teach maths across the school and how you can support your child at home.

Swimming—Years 5 and 6

Year 5/6 will have a lesson in personal survival in next week's swimming lesson (Thursday 8th October) and we would like all children to bring in a T-shirt and shorts or pyjama bottoms. If possible, a separate carrier bag for their wet clothing would be useful for the return journey. Thank you, Katharine.

Very Important information

Dear Parent/guardians

For the past year we have been using a system called Arbor for our school Management Information System (MIS). This allows us to bring all core school data and workflows into one system, including the information collected about your child on the data collection forms each year, names, addresses, consents etc. We are now inviting parents to sign into Arbor which will give you access to this information and allow you to update or amend as necessary.

***Arbor will also replace Parent Pay at half term**, so you will need to have access to the Arbor Parent Portal and/or the Arbor App to order lunches, book clubs, pay for trips etc.*

***To this end we will be sending an email to all primary guardians giving an individual log-in link for Arbor next week.** Please look out for it and sign up as soon as you can to ensure you are ready, especially for ordering lunches for next half term.*

Thank you in advance for your support in this.

Arbor also offers access to training resources These can all be found here to help with the transition.

Getting started - Log into the Parent Portal and the Parent App

HEREFORD FOODBANK

Harvest 2026 Wish list

Tinned Ham/Chicken Roll
Tinned Mince and Onion/Stewed Steak
Tinned Chicken in White Sauce
Tinned Meat Pies
Tinned Hot Dogs
Tinned Vegetables
Jars of Pasta Sauce
Tinned Fruit
Breakfast Cereals
Small Coffee
Toilet Rolls

We are always short on **Bags for Life** so would very grateful for any donations of these you can spare!

Hereford Foodbank
Charity Number 1170826

We will be collecting donations

up to Wednesday 7th October.

Pre-school News

•Garway Pre-school•

We have been learning about ourselves and our emotions this week. We've drawn faces in sand showing different emotions and have discussed why we might feel happy, sad, angry, surprised etc. Our story this week was continuing with 'Goldilocks and The Three Bears' and the children have enjoyed acting out the story with props. We have done lots of crafting and making this week, the children have been very creative and have explored lots of different textures and materials. They also had a wonderful poetry session with Deborah Bertulis on Thursday where they created their own poem with the Year R children.

Have a lovely weekend

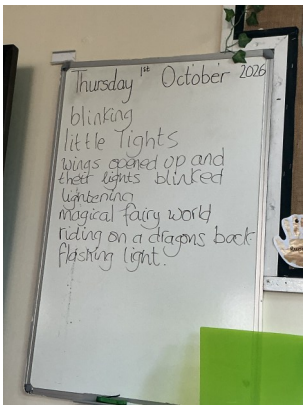
Meg, Miriam and George

National Poetry Day

We were joined by local poet Debra Bertulis on Thursday this week. She began with an **introductory poetry reading** for the whole school, and then led a series of **poetry workshops** throughout the day for all children, from pre-school to Year R.

At lunchtime there was a **'Poetry Club Drop in'** where children joined Debra in reading/ reciting a favourite poem - thank you for supporting your child(ren) with this.

Debra was so impressed with the children and the school that she wants to come back again in Autumn Arts week. Hopefully she will bring some of her books again, so those who were wanting to purchase one but missed her on Thursday can do so.



Year R and Pre-school were very busy today, collecting and creating this beautiful Autum Colour Chart.

Garway Primary School

Garway Preschool

PSA HALLOWEEN TRAIL AND DISCO

Saturday 24th October
3-5pm

£2

TRAIL

Trail starts at Garway Common and finishes at Garway school for the disco.

Children & their families welcome
All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Refreshments:
hot dogs, cakes and drinks on sale

BOO

Competition for best fancy dress costume.

Garway Primary School Autumn 2026	
Half Term Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October	
Monday 5th October	KS2 Netball/Dodgeball Club—3:30-4:30 pm Yr 1 upwards Chess Club—3:30-4:30 pm
Tuesday 6th October	KS1 Gymnastics Club—3:30-4:30 pm KS2 Football/Tag Rugby Club—3:30-4:30 pm Year 4 upwards Violin and Cello Club—3:30-4:30 pm
Wednesday 7th October	KS2 Art Club—3:30-5:00 pm
Thursday 8th October	1st Swimming Lesson years 5 and 6 KS1 Multi-skills Club—3:30-4:30 pm KS2 Engineering Club—3:30-4:30 pm
Friday 9th October	Forest Schools Yr R and PS AM Forest Schools Yrs 3 and 4 PM **Stay and Play/Jump Into Music 9:15-11:00 All welcome** Year 1 upwards, Choir Club—3:30-4:30 pm KS2 Textiles Club—3:30-4:30 pm
Monday 19th October	Autumn Arts Week
Tuesday 20th October	**Information Session—Maths 3:00-3:30 All Welcome**
Friday 23rd October	**Autumn Celebration—All Welcome—details to follow**

House points	Last Week	This Week	Total To Date
Beech	247	110	357
Oak	252	79	331
Silver Birch	243	81	324
Sycamore	262	87	349

Students of the Week

Class R: Ella

Class 1/2: Rex

Class 3: Ottilie E

Class 4: Oliver

Class 5/6: Gloria

Well done!

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK:

Class R: 96.23%

Class 1/2: 96.36%

Class 3: 98.46%

Class 4: 98.5%

Class 5/6: 98.42%

Whole School this week: 97.64%

Whole School this term: 97.8%

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Story Telling

Hi Everyone

By now you may have realised and may have enjoyed, the Storytelling Festival going on in Monmouth this Weekend. It's very exciting to have this going on, literally on our doorstep and there is talk of it happening next year and it becoming a regular event. Our regular meeting is happening a week later, so I'm hoping that some of you, fired up by what you've experienced in Monmouth will feel inclined to come to Garway Village Hall on Saturday 10th October, 2-4pm, where the kettle will be boiling, there will be goodies to nibble and stories to tell and listen to. I'll be telling at least one Russian story and I hope I'll hear something from the Monmouth Festival too. But don't worry if you've got nothing prepared--we need listeners too--you're all very welcome!

There's no entry fee but there's a bowl handy for donations and that usually covers the Hall rental.

I look forward to welcoming you here on Saturday 10th October,

All the Best

Austin

Herefordshire Council

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Reception admissions for 2027-2028

Do you have a child born between
1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023

If so you will need to apply for a school place
by 15 January 2027
(to commence September 2027)

Applications can be completed from
14 September 2026 online
(scan QR code) or visit:

www.herefordshire.gov.uk/schools-education/primary-school-admissions

Please note: a place at a nursery does not guarantee a place at the associated primary school, therefore you must still apply.

For further information please contact the school admissions team on 01432 260926 / 261574 or **schooladmissions@herefordshire.gov.uk**