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Newsletter Friday 23rd October 2026

THE VALUE FOR OCTOBER IS KINDNESS

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,
Thank you to everyone who joined us this afternoon for our Autumn Arts Week Celebration. You will have seen the fabulous display of carved pumpkins in the school hall. Well done to everyone who took part.
It was incredibly difficult to judge, but we looked particularly for the pumpkins where the children themselves had done the best carving, so the prizes for the winning pumpkins go to:

Early Years – Albert
KS1 – Rex
KS2 - Otto
OVERALL CHAMPION – Ada
Highly Commended- KS1 Rosie; KS2 Dylan.

We continue with the autumnal theme tomorrow and look forward to seeing you at the **PSA Halloween Disco tomorrow**.
The pumpkins will be displayed outside for the Halloween Disco and then can be taken home.

Have a wonderful half term break and we will see you on Monday 2nd November.
Best wishes,
Julie Jones (Headteacher)

Stop Press

The Halloween Trail from the Common has been cancelled due to the weather forecast.

The Disco is on from 3:00- 5:00 pm in the SCHOOL HALL.
Don't Forget your Fancy Dress!

OPEN MORNING
Thursday 5th November
All prospective parents/ carers/ grandparents welcome
Tours of the school starting at 9:15 and 10:15.
Please email admin@garway.hereford.sch.uk to book a slot

ENGLISH INFORMATION SESSION
Tuesday 10th November at 3pm
All parents/ carers/ grandparents welcome

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

Volunteers Needed
We are seeking two or three people who are handy with a spade to help us to finish drainage works to prevent flooding in the school grounds.
Please let us know if you can help.

Flu Vaccination
The Flu vaccination team will be here on Monday 2nd November. If you haven't replied to their email for consent/not consent please do so as soon as possible. If you haven't received communication from them, please let us know and I can resend your information to them.

Please be assured your child will not be vaccinated unless they receive your consent.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Wednesday 4th November

Autumn reports have been sent home with the children today. These are provided for all children from the pre-school 'Butterflies' to Year 6.

Alongside your child's report, you will also have received a letter giving details of arrangements for parents' evenings. These take place after school on Wednesday 4th November and consist of a ten-minute meeting with your child's class teacher. If you would like to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss the contents of the report, please sign and return the slip to book an appointment.

However, please don't feel that you have to make an appointment. Many of you are in regular contact with your child's class teacher/ the pre-school manager and you may feel that you do not need to arrange a meeting.

Pre-school News

We've had a fantastic Autumn Arts week in Pre-school looking at the 'wonder' of fireflies and autumn leaves. The children have produced some lovely crafts that they are really proud of. Thank you to everyone who came and visited our exhibition.

They have also been making 'pumpkin' soup and witches' potions as well as lots of pumpkin themed activities and another teddy bears' picnic! Our maths song this week was 'Ten Green Bottles'.
Have a relaxing break for half term. We hope to see lots of you at the Halloween disco tomorrow.

Meg, Miriam and George

School Closure

Very occasionally it is necessary to close the school. This is usually due to adverse weather conditions (eg heavy snow), but could also occur if there was a problem with the heating or water supply.

The decision to close the school is never taken lightly. It would be made as soon as possible in the morning (after an evaluation of the situation has been made). In most cases closure would include the school and pre-school.

Once the decision is made Herefordshire Council has to be informed and they will send out automatic email notifications to the people who have subscribed to the school closures on the Herefordshire Council Website. These updates are also displayed on the Herefordshire Council school closure page. To subscribe to the Herefordshire Council school closure page, please follow this link: School closures - Herefordshire Council

We will also post a message on our school website and, if our internet is working, we will send an email to our school community.

Libby and Reuben and Amber and Ellie took part in a Pony Club Mounted Games Competition, on Sunday in pairs. They both came first in their classes (fortunately they were not competing against each other!) WELL DONE ALL OF YOU!

All money raised was for Riding for the Disabled.

YEAR 6 AND 5 GARWAY SPONSORED SWIM

The children did an amazing job on Thursday and collectively swam 184 lengths - more than the estimated total we first thought it would be! They showed great enthusiasm and support for each other and swam with grit and determination.

If your child/children have sponsorship money to collect, please bring it in as soon as you are able, but we would ask that it is no later than 6th November.
Thank you in advance for supporting Valerian Junior School.

FIREWORKS NIGHT – DON'T MISS OUT!

Sunday 1st November 2026 – Treago Farm

Don't forget! Tickets for the Garway School PSA Fireworks Night will still be available to purchase throughout the half-term holiday from Pengethley Garden Centre.

Tickets: £6 per person
Under 5s FREE (but still require a ticket)

Bring your family and friends along for a fantastic evening of fireworks, food and fun, all while raising money for Garway School!

Tickets are limited, so make sure you get yours before they're gone!

We look forward to seeing you there!
Garway School PSA

A Message from the PSA Chair

After three years as Chair of Garway School PSA, I have made the difficult decision to step down from the role following this year's Christmas play.

Being Chair of the PSA has been an incredibly rewarding experience, and it's a role I would wholeheartedly encourage others to consider.

There is a tremendous sense of satisfaction in helping to raise money that directly benefits every pupil at Garway School. Whether it's organising events, bringing families together or seeing the money we've raised turned into something the children can enjoy, it really does make all the hard work worthwhile.

Over the past few years, we've achieved some fantastic things together, from helping to purchase the school minibus to funding the trim trail and supporting many other projects and activities. None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our committee, volunteers, parents and the wider school community.

Although I feel the time is right for me to step aside, I remain extremely proud of what we've achieved and grateful to everyone who has supported the PSA during my time as Chair.
I will be continuing in the role through the fireworks event and Christmas play, after which I hope someone new will be willing to take on the position.

Being PSA Chair is a wonderful opportunity to make a real difference to the children at Garway School. You don't need any experience, just enthusiasm, a willingness to get involved and a desire to help make our children's school experience even better.

Thank you to everyone who has supported me and the PSA over the past three years. It's been a privilege.

Ben Taylor
Chair, Garway School PSA

Garway Primary School Autumn Term	
Term Ends Friday 18th December	
Monday 2nd November	KS 2 Netball/Dodgeball Club 3:30-4:30 pm Yr 1 upwards Chess Club 3:30-4:30 pm
Tuesday 3rd November	KS 1 Gymnastics Club 3:30-4:30 pm KS 2 Football/Tag Rugby Club 3:30-4:30 pm Year 4 upwards Violin and Cello Club 3:30-4:30 pm
Wednesday 4th November	**Parents' Meetings** KS 2 Arts Club
Thursday 5th November	Swimming Year 5 and 6 Multi-skills Club 3:30-4:30 pm KS 2 Engineering Club 3:30-4:30 pm
Friday 6th November	Forest School Class 3 and 4 Forest School Class R and Pre-school **Stay and Play and Jump into Music 9:15-11:00 am All welcome.** Year 1 upwards Choir Club 3:30-4:30 pm KS 2 Textiles Club 3:30-4:30 pm
Tuesday 10th November	**Information Session – English with Mrs Isko 3:00-3:30 All Welcome**

House	Points last week	Points this week	Total
Beech	599	97	696
Oak	571	79	650
Silver Birch	527	103	630
Sycamore	527	93	620

Students of the Week

Class R: Toby

Class1/2: Grace

Class 3: Phoebe

Class 4: Eva

Class 5/6: Libby

Well done!

Attendance This Week

Class R: 98.11%

Class 1/2: 96.36%

Class 3: 94.62%

Class 4: 95.55%

Class 5/6: 98.42%

Whole School this week: 96.57%

Whole School this term: 97.6%

Disclaimer: Garway Primary School enjoys sharing information in our Newsletter on events happening in the local area. However, although we try to be careful in what we include, Garway Primary school is not in any way responsible for the events/content and parents/carers attend/respond at their own risk.

Good afternoon
I'm really happy to share the Autumn edition of Raring2go! Hereford & Worcester magazine.
I have attached a cover image in case you wish to use that, and the link is here:
https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/herefordandworcester/autumn2026/
This is the final magazine of the year - how that's flown by! Wishing you all a wonderful time for the rest of 2026!