



Gartcosh Primary School
Learning at home 19th and 20th October 2026

Our Gartcosh Story

Discovering the Past, Celebrating the Present, Building the Future

Have you ever wondered what Gartcosh was like many years ago? We started working on this last term and Primary 4 – 7 showcased during our school show.

But did you know long before many of our houses, roads and shops were built, Gartcosh was a small village known for its steelworks, canals and railway. Families worked hard, children went to school, and the community grew together. Now Gartcosh is changing again with new homes, new facilities and plans for a new school building.

Let's become historians, reporters, authors and designers as we explore:

The History of Gartcosh

Life in Gartcosh Today

Our Feelings About a New School

Here are some activities for you to work on while at home. There are a mix if easier and harder, shorter or longer...you can choose! Perhaps you could work on things together as a family – maybe get in some family members to help (especially if you are being looked after while your parents/ carers are at work!)

History Picture Hunt

Look at photographs of old Gartcosh. These can be online, from the library or perhaps from a newspaper.

Talk About:

-  What do you notice?
-  What looks different from today?
-  What might people have done there?

Draw and Label some of your favourite places. Or why not write about what you see and what the differences are.



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Interview a Family Member

Ask an adult:

1. What was Gartcosh like when you were young?
2. What games did children play?
3. What was school like?

Write a recount of what they said – perhaps in the form of a narrative, comic strip or something of your own choice.

Become a Historian

Research the history of Gartcosh.

Find out:

- ✓ Why Gartcosh became famous
- ✓ What the steelworks were
- ✓ How the village has changed
- ✓ What remains today



Writing Task

Create an information report called:

"The History of Gartcosh"

Include:

- Introduction
- Key Dates
- Important Facts
- Conclusion



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Be a history Detective

Can you find things around the village that match each letter that you know? Can you find things beginning with all the letters of the alphabet? Which things do you think are the oldest? Which are older than your gran? Which things do you think are the youngest?

Newspaper Report

- Write a newspaper article about the opening of the Gartcosh Steelworks.

Include:

-  Headline
-  Date
-  Quotes from local people
-  Interesting facts
- Example headline:
- **"New Jobs Arrive in Growing Gartcosh!"**

Persuasive Writing

Should Communities Remember Old Buildings?

Write an argument.

Include:

- ☒ Reasons
- ☒ Evidence
- ☒ Conclusion

Sentence starters:

-  "I believe..."
-  "One reason is..."
-  "In conclusion..."





Feelings About Our New School

Reflection Writing

Thinking About the Future

A new school can bring excitement but also mixed emotions.

Complete the questions:

Looking Forward

- ★ What are you most excited about?
- ★ What facilities would you like?
- ★ How will the new building help learning?

Looking Back

- ♥ What memories will you take from the existing school?
- ♥ Which places in the school are special to you?
- ♥ What will you miss most?

Letter to My Future Self

Write a letter that includes:

-  What you love about the current school.
-  What you hope the new school will be like.
-  How you feel about moving.





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Enjoy a walk, run or cycle around the village or to the nature reserve! Gartcosh is a fantastic place to be!