

George Washington Primary School

Friday Newsletter



8th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

SATs Week Next week, from Monday to Thursday, our Y6 children will take part in the end of key stage 2 English and maths tests. They have worked incredibly hard in preparation and are now ready to show off everything they know. We hope they have a relaxing weekend and wish them good luck for next week.

As a reminder, we have a breakfast club for our Y6 children during SATs week starting at 8:15am each day. Please speak to the school office if they haven't signed up yet – there is no charge for this club.

Year 4 and Year 5 Healthy Heads Workshop During the last 3 weeks, our year 4 and year 5 children have been enjoying their sessions with Healthy Heads, focusing on emotions, wellbeing and resilience. The children have taken part in a range of engaging activities and discussions to help develop positive strategies for managing feelings and challenges. They have now completed all 3 of their sessions; we hope this has been beneficial for them!

Peter Rabbit™: Tales on the Tyne Following the success of Great North Snowdogs in 2016, Elmer's Great North Parade in 2019, and Shaun on the Tyne in 2023, St Oswald's Hospice's fourth art trail will celebrate the charity's 40th birthday and Beatrix Potter's 160th anniversary. From **Wednesday 15th July – Monday 14th September 2026**, Newcastle and North Tyneside will be transformed by the arrival of super-sized sculptures inspired by the much-loved character created by Beatrix Potter, Peter Rabbit. George Washington has taken part again in designing our own Peter Rabbit which will be on show in the trail in the summer too. We look forward to finding out exactly where ours will be and I am sure many of you will have fun finding all the Peters on show.

Reception Outdoor Area When collecting your child from RSS classroom door, please be mindful that some areas in the EYFS outdoor area are currently taped off with red and white safety tape while they are temporarily closed. We kindly ask that these areas are not used and that everyone sticks to the pathway during collection times. Thank you for the support in helping us keep everyone safe.

David Attenborough Today, children across school learned about different aspects of David Attenborough's remarkable 100-year life. As part of this, we had a whole school assembly to celebrate his wonderful life which included a song from KS1 and a song from KS2.

Summer Fayre Remarkably we are just over a month away from our summer fayre which will begin at 2pm on Tuesday 16th June, and we are looking forward to welcoming our local businesses back into school with stalls costing £20 per business. Not only is this a great chance to give your business some exposure at our busy event, but any funds raised go directly into providing opportunities for our pupils. For more information, please see Miss Lawson or Miss Hussain. Alternatively, you can contact the school office.

VE Day To mark VE Day, some children from across school created beautiful poppy crafts to remember and honour those who served during the war. We were delighted to share these with Donwell Care Home, who proudly displayed them in their window for residents, families and the local community to enjoy.





Attendance Well done to Miss Forster's (1ZF) and Miss Allen's (6EA) classes for their outstanding attendance for this week in their respective key stages. School's overall attendance for the week was 93.3% while the year-to-date attendance dropped to 94.3%.

EYFS & KS1

RLM	RSS	1DM	1ZF	2AK	2GW
96.1%	92.1%	92.4%	96.8%	95.8%	94.8%

KS2

3BP	3CL	4AW	4RA	5JP	5KH	6EA	6AL
94.4%	95.4%	96.4%	87.5%	85.8%	91.2%	98.1	91.1%

Careers Week Following on from the huge success of last year's Careers Week focused on STEM jobs, we have organised to run a similar exciting event again this year. Over the week children across all year groups will get the opportunity to look at some of the different career opportunities and job roles available to them, including within the vast array of ever-growing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) industries that we have in our local area and further afield.

As part of Careers Week, we would like to invite any parents, carers or family members to come into school and talk to the children about their job role and where they work, whether it be within STEM or any other field. If you or any family members think you could help with this, please contact the school office with your details and availability during the week beginning 22nd June.

Once again this is an excellent opportunity for our children to learn about the wide variety of careers and job roles that they can aspire to be part of in the future.

Have a lovely weekend.

R. Knight

Mr R Knight
Head of School



Forest School Dates

On their Forest School days children must have long trousers and long sleeves. Appropriate clothing will be needed as the days get warmer as the children will be outside for the whole forest school session. Older clothes are best as they could end up getting muddy. The forest school site can get very muddy, so they should also have a change of footwear to wear on the forest school site – this could be wellies or old trainers.

Date	Class
Monday 11 th May	5KH
Tuesday 12 th May	RLM 2GW
Wednesday 13 th May	3BP
Thursday 14 th May	4RA
Friday 15 th May	1ZF 6AL

Date	Class
Monday 18 th May	5JP
Tuesday 19 th May	RSS 2AK
Wednesday 20 th May	3CL
Thursday 21 st May	4AW
Friday 22 nd May	1DM 6EA

Year 4 and 5 Swimming

Year Group	PE Day	Swimming Day
Reception	Thursday AM	
Year 1	Wednesday PM	
Year 2	Monday PM	
Year 3	Thursday PM	
Year 4	Wednesday AM	Tuesday - 4AW Friday - 4RA
Year 5	Friday PM	5KH – No swimming this week only Thursday – 5JP
Year 6	Tuesday PM	



Achievers of the Week & House Points



Year Group	Class	Achievers of the Week
Reception	RLM	Aria Mallaburn
	RSS	Muhammad
Year 1	1DM	Vinnie Nutting
	1ZF	Ivy Whitton
Year 2	2AK	Luca Finn
	2GW	Isabella Pagram
Year 3	3BP	Emily King
	3CL	Hannah Orchard
Year 4	4AW	Benjamin
	4RA	Olivia McKenna
Year 5	5KH	Fearne Ashton
	5JP	Charlie Hill
Year 6	6EA	James Douglas
	6AL	Matthew Lower

House Points



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