

George Washington Primary School

Friday Newsletter

14th November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Reception Places for September 2026 If your child was born between **1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022**, it's time to start thinking about their next big adventure, starting school! We're now welcoming applications for **Reception places for September 2026**. Choosing the right school is a big decision, and we'd love for you to come and see what makes our school such a happy and exciting place to learn. To arrange a visit or have a chat about our admissions process, please contact the school office on **0191 490 6453** or email **school@gwps.org.uk**. We can't wait to meet you and your child!

Stay and Play Sessions for Local Families We are delighted to invite local families to join our Stay and Play session on **Friday 5th December at 1:30–3:00pm**, offering a friendly and welcoming environment for pre-school children to explore, play, and learn. Led by our experienced Early Years staff, the session is designed to support children in developing confidence, curiosity, and early social skills through a range of stimulating activities. Parents and carers will also have the opportunity to meet our Early Years team and learn more about our reception provision, gaining an insight into how we nurture each child's learning and development in the early years of education.

Children in Need There was a mass outbreak of spots today at GWPS but thankfully it was nothing sinister! Pudsey Bear popped along to meet the children and he wanted to say a massive thanks for all the kind donations.

Scholastics Book Fair Thank you to everyone who visited and supported our Scholastic Book Fair! We're delighted to share that we have raised **£212** towards our school funds. Your support makes a real difference - thank you!

Football Last night, the Year 5/6 football team played their first Futsal fixtures. Unfortunately, Usworth Colliery were unable to attend, which resulted in us playing just one game, against JFK. It was a fantastic game to watch. Our team were very dominant throughout and were unlucky to score only two goals. The game concluded with a 2–1 win, with JFK scoring their goal in the final seconds. A shout-out this week goes to Jacob, who made some outstanding saves last night!

Reception Bedtime Stories – Tuesday 18th November



Join us in the school hall from **4:30–5:30pm** for a cosy evening of stories, pyjamas, and hot chocolate! Come snuggle up, listen to magical tales, and share a bedtime treat together. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Reception door if you'd like to come along.

We can't wait to see our Reception families there!



Gritter Naming Ceremony Yesterday, Reagan and Gracie-Mae from Y3 went to an event at the local Council depot to name the 12 gritters keeping our roads safe this winter. As well as finding out all about the gritters, they got a photo beside George Washington's named gritter and got to see it in action. Keep an eye out on the roads over the coming winter season for our gritter, Ice Ice Baby, and others such as Spready Mercury and Ice to Meet You.



Break the Rules Day On Tuesday 18th November we will be hosting our very popular Break the Rules Day! Children will have the opportunity to break certain rules, but there's a catch! For each rule broken, children must bring in a bottle or a bar of chocolate to pay the sanction. The charges from the rulebreakers will be put to good use in our Christmas fayre bottle and chocolate tombola! Our detective teachers will be putting their sharp eyes to good use to fine any rascals with the penalties below.

Rules to be broken	Fine (per rule)
NO crazy styled hair	1 bottle/ chocolate
NO wearing non-uniform (including fancy dress!)	1 bottles/ chocolate
NO makeup or temporary tattoos	1 bottle/ chocolate
NO teddy bears	1 bottle/ chocolate
NO doing all of the above	2 bottles/ chocolates

Attendance Well done to Mrs Dodd's & Mrs Martin's class (1DM) and Mr Perry's (5JP) classes with their outstanding attendance for this week in their respective key stages. School's overall attendance for the week was 93.1% meaning the year-to-date attendance has dropped to 93.9%.

EYFS & KS1

RLM	RSS	1DM	1ZF	2AK	2GW
82.4%	88.6%	97.1%	91.7%	94.6%	93.3%

KS2

3BP	3CL	4AW	4RA	5JP	5KH	6EA	6AL
91.4%	91.7%	93.2%	95.7%	96.1%	95.4%	95.1%	91.6%



Business Opportunity Our fabulous Christmas Fayre is just around the corner, taking place on Wednesday 3rd December at 4:30pm! We're excited to once again welcome our wonderful local businesses into school to be part of this festive event. Stalls are available for £20 per business, offering a fantastic opportunity to showcase your products and services to our school community. Not only will this event give your business valuable exposure, but all funds raised by school stalls will go directly towards providing exciting opportunities for our pupils.

We're also asking for toy donations to support our popular stalls and raffles — any contributions would be greatly appreciated! For more information or to reserve a table, please contact the school office.

Baby News A massive congratulations to Mr Storey and his partner who welcomed their first child into the world during the half-term holiday. Both mam and the baby boy are doing brilliantly. Mr Storey is looking forward to returning to work next week for a well-earned break!

R. Knight

Mr R Knight
Head of School



Forest School Dates

Date	Class
Monday 17 th Nov	5KH
Tuesday 18 th Nov	RSS 2AK
Wednesday 19 th Nov	3CL
Thursday 20 th Nov	4AW
Friday 21 st Nov	1ZF 6AL

Week Starting 24th November (below) is the last week of forest school for this term.

Date	Class
Monday 24 th Nov	5JP
Tuesday 25 th Nov	RLM 2GW
Wednesday 26 th Nov	3BP
Thursday 27 th Nov	4RA
Friday 28 th Nov	1DM 6EA

PE and Swimming - A timetable for PE and swimming is listed below. On their PE days, children should come into school in PE kit for the full day. School PE kit is a white or yellow T-shirt with dark coloured shorts or trousers. Football kits or similar clothing should not be worn.

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	Wednesday – 5KH Thursday – 5JP
Year 6	Tuesday PM	



Achievers of the Week & House Points



Year Group	Class	Achievers of the Week
Reception	RLM	Owen Arnott
	RSS	Mushinga Irakoze
Year 1	1DM	Theo English-Cowper
	1ZF	Tommy-Paul Finn
Year 2	2AK	Charlie Middleton
	2GW	Jude King
Year 3	3BP	Elliot Nicholson
	3CL	Cameron Conn
Year 4	4AW	Lukas Matthews
	4RA	Connor Bennett
Year 5	5KH	Esme Armstrong
	5JP	Kate Forster
Year 6	6EA	Sean Hanson
	6AL	Matthew Morrissey

House Points



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