

George Washington Primary School

Friday Newsletter

12th December 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Carols around the Tree Please join us on the last day of term for our annual Carols around the Christmas Tree. Please come along on 19th December to see the children sing some traditional Christmas songs. This will be our final Christmas event before we finish for the school holidays. Parents and carers of children in reception and KS1 should arrive for 9am for a 9:15am start. Families of children in key stage 2 should arrive for 10am for a 10.15am start. As space in the school hall is limited, we ask that a maximum of two family members per child attend. A polite reminder that, unlike the Christmas shows, children will not come out into the audience at this event; they will return to class after they have sung their songs. The children would like you to join in with the singing so please warm up your voices before the event!

Christmas performances Thank you to everyone who came along to watch and support our children in their Christmas performances – we had a nativity in reception, a nativity in Y1 & Y2, Christmas Around the World in Y3 & Y4 and a Peter Pan pantomime in Y5 & Y6. There was a wonderful range of songs and scenes which showed what a talented bunch our George Washington children are. Well done, everyone! Some photos and songs are already on Facebook, with more to follow soon.

Christmas trips ParentPay messages have been sent out regarding Christmas trips. Please ensure that you complete the Forms survey to give permission for your child to attend, as well as request a packed lunch if appropriate. We also still require parent helpers for some of the trips so please indicate if you are able to help.

House Points Prize Our highly-anticipated house points winners will be announced in next week's newsletter. The winning house team will have a pyjama and film afternoon in the first week back after Christmas – it's still anyone's game so staff will be looking to hand out lots of house points in the coming week!

FSM Vouchers Christmas 2025 free school meal vouchers will be available for collection from the school office next week. A ParentPay message will be sent out once they are ready.



Flu Immunisations If your child has missed their flu vaccine, or you would now like them to get one, there are several clinics running in the coming weeks across the region, including at the Rainbow Centre in Concord.

To book an appointment please contact the school aged immunisation team on 03333583397, option 3.

Date	Venue	Address
17 th December	RT Ski Club Silksworth	SR3 1PD
22 nd December	Thorney Close Family Hub	SR3 4JQ
22 nd December	Rainbow Family Hub	NE37 3AE

Attendance Well done to Mrs Spencer's class (RSS) and Miss Wade's (4AW) classes for their outstanding attendance for this week in their respective key stages. School's overall attendance for the week was 94.1% meaning the year-to-date attendance is 94%.

EYFS & KS1

RLM	RSS	1DM	1ZF	2AK	2GW
96.4%	97.3%	92.4%	95.3%	96.1%	93.6%

KS2

3BP	3CL	4AW	4RA	5JP	5KH	6EA	6AL
92.8%	92.8%	96.8%	93.3%	92.9%	93.0%	95.5%	89.7%

Christmas Dates

Date	Event	Year Group(s)
15.12.25	Reception Christmas Party	Reception
15.12.25	Year 1/2 Christmas Party	Year 1 and 2
15.12.25	Y5 Christmas trip – Discovery Museum	Year 5
16.12.25	Year 3/4 Christmas Party	Year 3 and 4
16.12.25	Y1 Christmas trip – Customs House	Year 1
16.12.25	Reception LM Christmas trip – West Boldon Lodge	RLM
16.12.25	Year 5/6 Christmas Party	Year 5 and 6
17.12.25	Reception SS Christmas trip – West Boldon Lodge	RSS
17.12.25	Year 2, 3 & 4 Christmas trip – Sunderland Empire	Year 2, 3 & 4
17.12.25	Year 6 Christmas trip – Centre for Life	Year 6
18.12.25	Christmas lunch & Christmas Jumper day	Whole School
18.12.25	Christmas church service (children only)	Whole School
19.12.25	Carols Around the Tree: EYFS/KS1 at 9:15am & KS2 at 10.15am	Whole School
22.12.25	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School

R-Knight

Mr R Knight
Head of School



Forest School will return in the new year.

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	Sienna Dale
	RSS	Reuben
Year 1	1DM	Cole Baddams
	1ZF	Everlie Foster
Year 2	2AK	Sarah Arain
	2GW	Abel Baddams
Year 3	3BP	Gracie-Mae Moody
	3CL	Keanu Archer
Year 4	4AW	Nancy Garner
	4RA	Jacob Sumby
Year 5	5KH	All of year 5 for their fantastic performance!
	5JP	All of year 5 for their fantastic performance!
Year 6	6EA	All of year 6 for their fantastic performance!
	6AL	All of year 6 for their fantastic performance!

House Points



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