

George Washington Primary School

Friday Newsletter

17th October 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Y5 Bikeability It was the turn of 5KH this week to complete their Level 2 cycling proficiency. Across 3 days, all the children who took part displayed brilliant listening skills and demonstrated through their cycling that they know how to keep safe when cycling on the roads.

Football Last night our Y5/Y6 football team played two league fixtures. In the first game, we played very well and through Robbie scored a goal in the second half to secure a 1-0 victory. In the second match, it was a really tight affair against Biddick. The game was evenly poised until 2 minutes from the end when we conceded, ending up with a narrow loss. Across both games, Elliot played fantastically and was the star player.

On Tuesday evening, the girls' football team took part in three fixtures — two league games and one friendly. They started the night in fantastic form, securing a 4-0 victory over Rickleton Primary School. It was a great team effort, with four different players each getting on the scoresheet. In the second match, the team faced a strong Usworth Colliery side. Despite a good performance, our girls lost 3-0. The final game was a friendly against St. Bede's. Although the girls were defeated 3-0, their performance clearly showed how much progress they've made since the last time they faced this team — a testament to their hard work and development. Well done to all the players for their effort, teamwork, and continued improvement!

Y6 Sports Hall Athletics This week, a group of 18 of our Y6 children took part in a Sports Hall athletics competition against 3 other schools. In a range of running, throwing and jumping events, our children performed brilliantly securing many wins. Once we receive the full results next week, we will find out if we have secured a place in the next round.

Secondary School Applications A reminder that the application process for a secondary school place closes on 31st October for Y6 parents. Please use the link below to access the portal. Should the application process not be completed before this deadline, you may have to make an appeal to try and secure a place at your desired school which may not be successful.

<https://www.sunderland.gov.uk/article/13001/Apply-for-a-secondary-school-place-September-2026>

Y6 Geography Expo Year 6 have been working very hard over the last half term to prepare for their expo on South America. They are excited to welcome parents, carers and loved ones into the hall this Tuesday 21st of September at 2pm to learn all about their self-researched topics.

Sunderland City Council Gritter Competition Our local authority have 12 gritters in service this winter and primary schools were invited to take part in a naming competition. They were looking for the punniest, funniest, and most original names for Sunderland's winter gritter vehicles. Schools can only enter one name so our KS2 classes spent time coming up with their class favourite which was then put to a vote to the whole school. Our winning name and entry is Ice Ice Baby with Gritney Spears a very close second place. Fingers crossed our name is picked and adorned this winter on a gritter out keeping our roads safe.



Harvest Service On Friday 24th October, our children from Y1-Y6 will attend the church for our annual Harvest service. As always, we kindly ask for donations to take to church which will subsequently be handed to St. Michael's foodbank to support with their brilliant community work. If you can provide a donation, there will be an opportunity to do so on the yard each morning or alternatively, your child can hand it in to their class teacher.

Attendance Well done to Mrs Kane (2AK) and to Miss Hussain's class (4RA) with their outstanding attendance for this week in their respective key stages. School's overall attendance for the week was 94.6% meaning the year-to-date rose slightly to 94.2%.

EYFS & KS1

RLM	RSS	1DM	1ZF	2AK	2GW
91.9%	91.3%	93.3%	92.4%	97.9%	90.7%

KS2

3BP	3CL	4AW	4RA	5JP	5KH	6EA	6AL
95.9%	92.1%	95.5%	96.7%	94.3%	98.3%	97.3%	95.6%

Affordable Food Hub In Albany Village there is an affordable food hub running in conjunction with Sunderland City Council and Feeding Britain. The hub will provide a range of nutritious food, household and cleaning items, as well as personal care supplies at a low cost. This hub is open on Wednesday (1:30pm – 3:30pm) and Friday (10am – 12pm) at the Albany Centre. For more information contact Community Opportunities on 0191 537 3231.

Have a great weekend everyone and see you all on Monday.

R. Knight

Mr R Knight
Head of School



Forest School Dates

Date	Class
Monday 20 th Oct	All of Year 5
Tuesday 21 st Oct	RLM 2GW
Wednesday 22 nd Oct	3BP
Thursday 23 rd Oct	4RA
Friday 24 th Oct	1DM 6EA

Date	Class
Monday 27 th Oct	5KH
Tuesday 28 th Oct	RSS 2AK
Wednesday 29 th Oct	3CL
Thursday 30 th Oct	4AW
Friday 24 th Oct	1ZF 6AL

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	Aria Mallaburn
	RSS	Oliver
Year 1	1DM	Penny McKenna
	1ZF	Laila Mason
Year 2	2AK	Harry Thompson
	2GW	Riley Drew
Year 3	3BP	Giulia Maiorca
	3CL	Skyler Brunskill
Year 4	4AW	Matthew Christie
	4RA	Victoria Nesbitt
Year 5	5KH	Alfie Johnson
	5JP	Isaac Hull
Year 6	6EA	Emilis Rulevicius
	6AL	Annie Godfrey

House Points



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