

George Washington Primary School

Friday Newsletter

13th June 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance Well done to Mrs Kane's class in KS1 and Miss Allen's class in KS2 for their top attendances this week in school. Our overall attendance for the week was 92.4% which means the year-to-date attendance figure is 94.2%.

EYFS & KS1

RLM	RSS	1NM	1MS	2AK	2BG
85.3%	87.5%	89.3%	93.7%	94.3%	93.7%

KS2

3CL	3AW	4AL	4KH	5JP	5RA	6EA	6GW
94.5%	89.7%	98.8%	93.5%	90.1%	90.1%	98.9%	94.8%

Sunderland Sings The KS2 choir made us all proud with their visit to the Sunderland Empire this week! The choir have worked hard over the last term to learn songs that are specifically about friendship and caring for each other – one was even in Polish! They sounded beautiful, and they had a great time dancing away with other Sunderland schools. It was the perfect way to round off a successful year of singing and performing. Our last after school choir rehearsal for the year will be on **Monday 16th June**. We plan to go out with a bang to celebrate the dedication they have all shown over the year! Well done!



Y3 and Y4 Technology On Thursday, a founder and a trustee from the charity, 'Technology Books for Children' visited year 3 and year 4 to run workshops focused on reading for pleasure through the lens of technology. They used 'The Technology Tail' as their central story and paired it with engaging, hands-on activities that helped the children explore the digital world in a meaningful way - to foster curiosity, creativity, and confidence through tech-connected storytelling. We were also kindly gifted a variety of tech-themed books to add to classroom libraries to continue sparking interest and learning long after the session.

In their words, it's all about planting seeds today to grow the tech-thinkers, builders and creators of tomorrow. We were very lucky to be chosen as a school they visited!

Football Trials Football trials for next year's Year 5/6 football team will begin on Thursday next week (19/06/25). These are open to all children currently in Y4 or Y5. Trials will run for three weeks. The team will be chosen and announced the following week. Please return the football trial letters by Tuesday of next week (17/06/25) to either Mr McLaughlin or Mr Storey.



Break the Rules Day We are so excited to announce George Washington's first 'Break the Rules Day' on Friday the 20th June! 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 summer 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 juice in water bottles	1 bottle/ chocolate
NO doing all of the above	2 bottles/ chocolates

Sports Days Our annual sports days will take place on 3rd and 4th July – please see the key dates below for specific days and times for your child/ren's year group. The lines have been drawn on the field and the children are starting to practise hard. As always, the events will be weather dependent so let's hope for lots of dry, sunny weather.

Snacks at break time Please remember that snacks children wish to bring for break time, if any, should be healthy. This should not include packets of crisps, sweets or chocolate bars.

School Uniform Thank you so much to the children who have worked hard to come to school in the correct school uniform so far this year! It is great to see our pupils setting high standards for themselves and others. Please make sure your child continues to come to school in correct uniform or kit for the rest of the school year.

Business Opportunity Our fabulous Summer Fayre is fast approaching, and we are looking forward to welcoming our local businesses back into school. The fayre begins at 2pm on the 9th of July, and stalls will cost £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 at their year 4 classroom doors. Alternatively, you can contact the school office.

Reception September New Starters The second meeting for the parents of our new reception starters is taking place next Tuesday 17th June at 5.00pm in our school hall. This will be an opportunity for new parents to meet key school staff and for us to share some important information about the induction process for your child beginning school. We look forward to seeing many new parents next week. Children do not need to attend the parent meetings as there will be a separate opportunity for children to come along to stay and play sessions in school at a later date.

Suncream/Hats & Water Bottles As we are starting to see some lovely weather could you please remember to put suncream on your child before they come to school, as well as putting extra suncream in their bags for us to apply later on in the day.

Summer hats and caps are essential in order to keep the sun from burning the children's heads whilst outdoors, so again, please either put a hat on your child or pop one in their bag.

We are finding that the number of children coming to school without a water bottle is slowly increasing, therefore could you please ensure that your child comes into school with a water bottle., in order to stay hydrated throughout the day.



Summer Term Key Dates 2025

Date	Event	Year Group
30.06.25	Staff Training Day – School Closed to Pupils	Staff Only
03.07.25	Year 1/2 Sports Day – 9:15am	Year 1 and 2
03.07.25	Reception Sports Day - 2:15pm	Reception
04.07.25	Year 5/6 Sports Day – 9:15am	Year 5 and 6
04.07.25	Year 3/4 Sports Day - 2:00pm	Year 3 and 4
09.07.25	Summer Fayre – 2pm	Whole School
12.07.25	New reception intake parent meeting - 5pm	
17.07.25	New reception intake parent meeting - 5pm	
17.07.25	Year 6 Leavers' Performance – 2pm	Year 6
18.07.25	Year 6 Leavers' Performance – 9.30am	Year 6
18.07.25	Reports Home to Parents	Whole School
23.07.25	SUMMER HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

R. Knight

Mr R Knight
Head of School



Forest School Dates

Date	Class
Monday 16 th June	5JP
Tuesday 17 th June	3CL
Wednesday 18 th June	4KH
Thursday 19 th June	RLM 2BG
Friday 20 th June	1MS 6GW

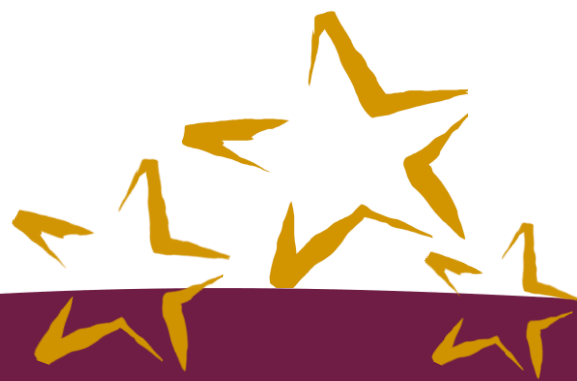
Date	Class
Monday 23 rd June	5RA
Tuesday 24 th June	3AW
Wednesday 25 th June	4AL
Thursday 26 th June	RSS 2AK
Friday 27 th June	1NM 6EA

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 T-shirt with dark coloured shorts or trousers. Football kits or similar clothing should not be worn.

Year Group	PE Day	Swimming Day
Reception	Wednesday	
Year 1	Monday	
Year 2	Friday	
Year 3	Friday	
Year 4	Thursday	Tuesday - 4AL Friday - 4KH
Year 5	Tuesday	Wednesday – 5JP Thursday – 5RA
Year 6	Monday	



Achievers of the Week & House Points



Year Group	Class	Achievers of the Week
Reception	RLM	Vienna West
	RSS	Lydia Field
Year 1	1MS	Jude King
	1NM	Chloe Brock
Year 2	2AK	Eden Molloy
	2BG	Harry Cook
Year 3	3AW	Freddy Norman
	3CL	Elizabeth Doran
Year 4	4AL	Jamie-Leigh Carrahar
	4KH	Ruby Robson
Year 5	5RA	Isaa Bilal
	5JP	Jasmine Ewbank
Year 6	6GW	Lucy Jackson
	6EA	Jake Lane

House Points



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