

George Washington Primary School

Friday Newsletter

19th September 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Healthy Heads Coffee Morning As you will be aware from previous newsletters, we are working with the Healthy Heads Team from the Sunderland Mental Health Support Service, which is part of the South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS trust. On Tuesday 23rd September, we will be holding a coffee morning at school from 8:50am for any parents who would like to ask any questions or have a chat about their child. We hope to see you there.

INSET day A reminder that school is closed next Friday (26th September) for staff training.

Reception If your child is in Reception, they should have brought a letter home with them that tells you who their class teacher will be for the rest of the school year. If you have any questions, please speak to Reception staff at the door.

Football Last night, the season started for our Y5/Y6 football team with the Autumn Cup held at Biddick Academy. We were placed in a group of 3 and started with a game against St Bede's which ended 0-0. We were the stronger team with a great defence but just couldn't find a winning goal. Our second match was against Our Lady Queen of Peace, and this ended with a 3-0 win for our team thanks to goals from Vinnie and Robbie. It was a brilliant performance from the whole team. We qualified from the group and played against JFK. We played really well with a few chances but unfortunately went out after a 1-0 defeat. Congratulations to JFK who went on to win the final and claim the trophy. Our league campaign begins next week with our opening fixtures being played here at home.

Special Meal Day On 2nd October, school will be having a special promotional meal day with a Superhero theme – the menu is attached with today's newsletter. We would encourage all children to have a school meal on the day. If your child does not normally have school dinners, then please let the school office know in advance if they want to be part of the promotional day so that the kitchen can plan to feed them. There will be a special 'golden ticket' winner in each year group with a small prize, and these winners will then be entered into a city-wide draw with the following prizes.

- £20 Amazon gift card (4 prizes)
- Marvel Ultimate Protectors Action figure pack (8 figures)
- Superhero DIY Craft Project gift set
- Colour in Superhero T-shirt with 10 magic pens & Marvel finger painting gift
- Play-Doh Marvel Smash & Squish playset and Superheroes sticker book
- Marvel Guess Who game
- Spiderman digital quartz watch with 6 piece Marvel action figures



Macmillan Coffee Morning Our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning is taking place in the studio on Thursday 25th September at 9am. Come along after school drop off to have a coffee and cake and help us to fundraise money for this wonderful cause. Everyone who attends the coffee morning will be entered into a raffle to win an 'Autumn Boo Basket'. Our year 6 community team will be selling cakes and our year 6 learning team will be on hand to read stories and play games with pre-school children if they attend with you. Our KS2 choir will also be singing at this event (9:15am and 10am). If you are able to volunteer at this event, please contact the office and ask to speak to Mrs Scott.

Y1 Parent Reading Information Meeting We will be holding a phonics and reading information meeting for parents of children in year 1 on Thursday 25th September at 5:00pm. This will be a chance for us to share with you some key information about the year 1 statutory phonics check which all children will carry out in June. We will also give reminders about our Little Wandle phonics and reading programme and how you can support your child at home with this important area of their learning.

New Reception Intake 2026 While the new academic year has just begun, we are pleased to announce our upcoming Reception Open Events for next year's intake, with the application process opening soon. Our events will be held on Thursday 2nd October 2025 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm and Saturday 4th October 2025 from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Families are warmly invited to attend without the need for an appointment. These events provide an excellent opportunity to meet our staff, tour the school, and gain an insight into the rich and varied experiences that await your child should they join George Washington Primary School.

Attendance Well done to Reception (Mrs Spencer & Mr McLaughlin's class) and to 6EA (Miss Allen's class) with their outstanding attendance for this week in their respective key stages. School's overall attendance for the week was 94.6% and the year-to-date is 95.1%

EYFS & KS1

RLM	RSS	1DM	1ZF	2AK	2GW
99.3%		92.7%	96.2%	97.6%	91.1%

KS2

3BP	3CL	4AW	4RA	5JP	5KH	6EA	6AL
91.1%	94.5%	92.3%	96.3%	90.1%	93.5%	96.9%	96.4%

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Mr R Knight
Head of School



Forest School Dates

Date	Class
Monday 22nd Sept	5JP
Tuesday 23 rd Sept	RLM 2GW
Wednesday 24 th Sept	3BP
Thursday 25 th Sept	4RA
Friday 26 th Sept	INSET DAY

Date	Class
Monday 29 th Sept	5KH
Tuesday 30 th Sept	RSS 2AK
Wednesday 1 st Oct	3CL
Thursday 2 nd Oct	4AW
Friday 3 rd 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 4RA – No Swimming due to INSET DAY
Year 5	No PE due to INSET	Wednesday – 5KH Thursday – 5JP
Year 6	Tuesday PM	



Achievers of the Week & House Points



Year Group	Class	Achievers of the Week
Reception	RLM	Aria-Grace Adamson
	RSS	Arlo Milley
Year 1	1DM	Wyatt Ross
	1ZF	Elle Thubron
Year 2	2AK	Mary-Evelyn Graham
	2GW	Roman McQue
Year 3	3BP	Logan Robertson
	3CL	Olivia McCourt
Year 4	4AW	Jayjay Al-Hooti
	4RA	Elliot Featherstone
Year 5	5KH	Zara Medina
	5JP	Ruby Robson
Year 6	6EA	Eva Reay
	6AL	Melissa Bowman

