

George Washington Primary School

Friday Newsletter

18th September 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Reception Open Events We have three open events coming up for parents who have children starting reception in September 2027. If you, or anyone you know, has a child starting school then, bring them along to have a look at our wonderful provision.

Thursday 24th September 4:30pm-6:00pm

Tuesday 29th September 4:30pm-6:00pm

Saturday 3rd October 10:00am-12:00pm

Y1 Parent Reading Information Meeting We will be holding a phonics and reading information meeting for parents of children in year 1 on Tuesday 22nd 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.

Y6 SATs/France residential meeting We will be holding a meeting for Y6 parents on Wednesday 23rd June at 5pm. This is a chance for parents to hear about Y6 statutory assessments, but also to hear more information about the planned residential to France in June 2027. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Uniform and Mobile Phone Policies Our updated uniform and mobile phone policies have been sent out today alongside a covering letter which highlights some of the key parts to be aware of.

Children on school grounds after hours Over the past week, there have been multiple instances of children coming back to the school grounds after school. This includes children in KS2 and past pupils. Although it is lovely to speak to past pupils, some have refused to leave school grounds and have climbed up the banks in the car park and through the bushes. This has delayed staff being able to leave work as they have been concerned for the children's welfare. If your child is old enough to be out playing by themselves, please remind them that school grounds are not a play area, particularly the car parks and surrounding bushes.

Football Last night, our Year 5/6 football team competed in their first cup competition of the year, the Autumn Cup. During the group stages, the team faced Blackfell Primary School and Our Lady Queen of Peace Primary School. Our first game against Blackfell ended in a 1-1 draw. The team led 1-0 for most of the match thanks to a goal from our captain, Vinnie. Unfortunately, Blackfell found an equaliser in the final moments of the game. In our second match, we faced Our Lady Queen of Peace. Once again, we started strongly and took a 1-0 lead through a goal from Blake. After conceding an equaliser, however, the team's heads dropped slightly and our opponents managed to score again, with the game finishing 2-1. Despite the results, it was a fantastic first competitive outing for the team and provided plenty of positives to build on. The players represented the school brilliantly, and we are very excited for the year of football ahead!

INSET Day A reminder that school is closed next Friday, 25th September, for a staff training day. School will re-open to children on Monday 28th September.



Macmillan Coffee Morning Our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning is taking place in the studio on Thursday 24th September at 9am-11am. Come along after school drop off to have a coffee and cake and help us to fundraise money for this wonderful cause. If you are able to volunteer at this event, please contact the office and ask to speak to Mrs Scott.

GNR Superhero A massive well done and congratulations to Joseph in Y4 who took part in the junior Great North Run last weekend as part of his efforts to raise money for **Steps Charity**, one that is very close to his heart. As well as completing the run, he was able to raise an amazing £730 for this worthwhile cause. He should be incredibly proud in raising awareness and helping others.



Attendance Well done to Reception in EYFS/KS1 and to Miss Hussain's (6KH) for their outstanding attendance this week in their respective key stages. School's overall attendance for the week was a brilliant 95.3% and the overall attendance for the year is also 95.3%.

EYFS & KS1

Reception	1MS	1ZF	2GW	2RA
97.9%	97.3%	95.2%	95.9%	93.1%

KS2

3AK	3AW	4CL	4LM	5JP	5MS	6EA	6KH
95.9%	94.1%	89.3%	96.7%	97.7%	95.5%	90.9%	97.9%

R. Knight

Mr R Knight
Head of School



Forest School Dates

On their Forest School days children must have long trousers and long sleeves. Appropriate clothing will be needed as the days get colder as the children will be outside for the whole forest school session. Older clothes are best as they could end up getting muddy. The forest school site can get very muddy, so they should also have a change of footwear to wear on the forest school site – this could be wellies or old trainers.

Date	Class
Monday 21 st September	5JP
Tuesday 22 nd September	4CL
Wednesday 23 rd September	3AK
Thursday 24 th September	1MS RBP
Friday 25 th September	INSET DAY

Date	Class
Monday 28 th September	5MS
Tuesday 29 th September	4LM
Wednesday 30 th September	3AW
Thursday 1 st October	1ZF
Friday 2 nd October	2RA 6KH

Year 4 and 5 Swimming

Year Group	PE Day	Swimming Day
Reception	Tuesday PM	
Year 1	Wednesday PM	
Year 2	Tuesday AM	
Year 3	Thursday AM	
Year 4	Wednesday AM	Thursday – 4CL 4LM – No swimming
Year 5	Swimming only this week	Tuesday – 5MS Wednesday – 5JP
Year 6	Thursday PM	



Achievers of the Week & House Points



Year Group	Class	Achievers of the Week
Reception	RBP	Dainey Leigh Grotz
	RSS	Elodie
Year 1	1MS	Miller Spittel
	1ZF	Aria-Grace Adamson
Year 2	2RA	Mia Huzzey
	2GW	Harry Forster
Year 3	3AK	Isabella Pagram
	3AW	Hollie Middlesworth
Year 4	4LM	Maddison Morrissey
	4CL	Logan Dye
Year 5	5MS	Juliette Matthews
	5JP	Grace Wheatley
Year 6	6EA	Jamie-Leigh Carrahar
	6KH	Gracie Lambert

House Points



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