



Dear Parents and Carers,

Children’s Mental Health Week This week, we have been so proud of the incredible effort, kindness, and courage our children have shown. Throughout the week, they have taken part in thoughtful discussions, creative activities, and meaningful moments that helped them explore their feelings, celebrate their strengths, and learn how to support one another. One of the highlights has been hearing their voices come together in singing assembly. It was a wonderful reminder of the importance of looking after our mental health.

Safer Internet Day This week, on Tuesday, we celebrated national Safer Internet Day and this year’s theme was on the safe and responsible use of AI. Earlier this week, we sent out a letter with more information which included some key questions that can support parents in having conversations with their children. While the opportunities that AI can provide are amazing, it can also be used in harmful ways and as its use becomes more embedded in society, it is extremely important that we are aware of these potential harms to help to counteract them.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2026/top-tips-for-young-people>

Valentine’s Discos It was a pleasure to have so many children join us this week for their respective Valentine’s Disco which culminated in the Y5/Y6s coming to party last night. Across the 4 discos, over 250 children attended and we had roses, rings and other assorted presents being shared.

Clubs Thank you to everyone who filled in the Forms survey about after school curriculum clubs which are due to start after half-term. Next week, we will share whether your child has received their first choice. If your child would like a place but has missed the forms deadline, please email the school office school@gwps.org.uk

Year Group	Day	Club Choices
Reception	Tuesday	Gardening (inc. Forest School) Games
Year One Year Two	Tuesday	Dance Forest School STEM (inc. Lego, computing, science, puzzles)
Year Three Year Four	Thursday	Dance/Fitness Forest School (inc. orienteering)
Year Five Year Six	Monday	Multisport Cricket Forest School (inc. orienteering) STEM

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March - We’re looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. Children are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite storybook character. There will be lots of fun reading activities throughout the day as we celebrate our love of books. It’s sure to be a fantastic day for everyone involved!



Costume Exchange Sunderland Library Services are running a World Book Day Costume Exchange this year to help families celebrate in a fun, affordable, and sustainable way. Children and their parents/carers can donate a pre-loved costume at Houghton & Washington Libraries throughout February and pick up something “new-to-them” for free over half term (from Monday 23rd February). It’s a great way to reduce waste and make World Book Day accessible for everyone.

Infantasia Yesterday, our Y2 children had an exciting opportunity to visit Rickleton Primary School and take part in the Infantasia music event. They represented GWPS with confidence and performed ‘If I were a butterfly’ and ‘Golden’. The children were fantastic and sang their hearts out! Visit our Facebook page to watch their amazing singing.

Attendance Well done to Miss Forster’s (1ZF) and Miss Lynn’s (3CL) classes for their outstanding attendance for this week in their respective key stages. School’s overall attendance for the week was 94.8% while the year-to-date attendance is 94.2%.

EYFS & KS1

RLM	RSS	1DM	1ZF	2AK	2GW
94.8%	98.1%	95.2%	98.2	96.1%	90.7%

KS2

3BP	3CL	4AW	4RA	5JP	5KH	6EA	6AL
94.8%	98.1%	91.9%	95.3%	93.1%	95.8%	95.1%	90.8%

R. Knight

Mr R Knight
Head of School



Forest School Dates Due to the bad weather that we have had this month, we have cancelled forest school for the rest of the half term. It is very muddy and slippery and for health and safety reasons we need to stop anyone from accessing the site. We hope by leaving it for a few weeks the ground will have time to recover. We will aim to restart forest school sessions after the February half term. Please keep an eye on the Friday Newsletter for when sessions will resume.

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	



TALK & LISTEN,
BE THERE,
FEEL CONNECTED



Your time,
your words,
your presence



REMEMBER
THE SIMPLE
THINGS THAT
GIVE YOU JOY



EMBRACE NEW
EXPERIENCES.
SEE OPPORTUNITIES.
SURPRISE YOURSELF



DO WHAT YOU CAN,
ENJOY WHAT YOU DO,
MOVE YOUR MOOD

Achievers of the week & House Points



Year Group	Class	Achievers of the Week
Reception	RLM	Rory Mallam
	RSS	Grayson Burrows-Savage
Year 1	1DM	Clara Tempest
	1ZF	Jacob Forster
Year 2	2AK	Carter McKinley
	2GW	Ted Watson
Year 3	3BP	Willow Simpson
	3CL	Harry Cook
Year 4	4AW	Amelia Hagan
	4RA	Olivia McKenna
Year 5	5KH	Otto Devitt
	5JP	Dylan Flecher
Year 6	6EA	James Douglas
	6AL	Mila Paton

House Points



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