

George Washington Primary School

Friday Newsletter



19th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

A massive thanks to you all for all your support in 2025. We have a brilliant school community and we appreciate the huge part our parents and carers play in that. We hope you enjoyed the Christmas shows and today's carol service in school and it has warmed your appetite for the holiday period. Have a wonderful Christmas break with your nearest and dearest and we will see you in 2026.

House Points Prize The winning House this term is Sycamore! Well done to everyone for their hard work to earn house points. The winning team are invited to come to school in their pyjamas on Wednesday 7th January and will enjoy a movie afternoon with some treats.

Attendance Well done to Miss Walters's class (2GW) and Mr Perry's (5JP) classes for 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 attendance is 94.1%.

Today, 240 children came home with a certificate to recognise their attendance in autumn 2 term with either a perfect attendance certificate or one for 96% and above. These children plus those whose attendance improved since autumn 1 were entered in a prize raffle for this half-term. The EYFS/KS1 winner was Alice in Y2 and the KS2 winner was Niamh in Y3 – well done to both.

EYFS & KS1

RLM	RSS	1DM	1ZF	2AK	2GW
93.8%	90.5%	95.5%	92.7%	92.3%	96.7%

KS2

3BP	3CL	4AW	4RA	5JP	5KH	6EA	6AL
94.5%	96.1%	94.2%	92.1%	98.9%	92.1%	97.7%	92.1%

Job Vacancies We have a few job opportunities available in the Trust at the moment. There is a site manager role at Riverside Primary Academy and 5x cleaning jobs, some of which will be based at GWPS – applications for all posts closes at 9am on 12th January. These jobs are advertised on Jobs Northeast and application packs can be found at www.olt.org.uk/our-trust/current-vacancies/. Should you wish for paper copies of anything, these will be available at the school office in January when we re-open on the 5th.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year everyone – we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 5th January 2026.

R. Knight

Mr R Knight
Head of School



Forest School Dates Forest School will resume in the second week of Spring term. Please see the next newsletter for specific dates.

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	Kavish Sivatharsan
	RSS	Olivia Waites
Year 1	1DM	Ollie Mason
	1ZF	Graison-Rhys Hedges
Year 2	2AK	All of 2AK
	2GW	All of 2GW
Year 3	3BP	Blake Stephenson
	3CL	Harry Shepherd
Year 4	4AW	Jacob Gilchrist
	4RA	Daniel Webber
Year 5	5KH	Jamie-Leigh Carraher
	5JP	Libby King
Year 6	6EA	Jack Colledge
	6AL	Jenson Elliot

House Points



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