

George Washington Primary School

Friday Newsletter

20th 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 91.1% which means the year-to-date attendance figure is 94.1%.

EYFS & KS1

RLM	RSS	1NM	1MS	2AK	2BG
83.3%	87.2%	90.7%	87.3%	95.1%	80.7%

KS2

3CL	3AW	4AL	4KH	5JP	5RA	6EA	6GW
90.9%	97.4%	96.3%	93.5%	93.9%	85.3%	98.6%	95.2%

STEM Careers Week It has been a brilliant week in school with lots of different visitors to support our STEM careers work in classes. Children had the opportunity to learn about a range of different jobs from friendly professionals and the chance to ask many questions. Visitors included a pharmacist, sewage maintenance operatives from Northumbrian Water, a microbiologist, a cyber security expert and a science software developer. This has been an excellent opportunity to expose our children to some of the vast career choices in STEM that will be available to them as future career choices.

Pupils across the school also had the opportunity to explore the possibilities of different STEM careers within specific areas. They looked at NHS roles, renewable energy, computer science, medical science, space science, engineering and construction. Balloon drops for space missions, paper aeroplane races, roleplay job interviews and so much more have brought STEM careers to life this week!

Northumbria Police Year 5 and 6 welcomed Northumbria Police into school to deliver workshops around e-safety this week. There was a focus on their use of social media, including messaging apps such as WhatsApp, and children had the chance to engage in free, honest discussions on the subject. We hope that they take forward an understanding of digital literacy to protect themselves online.

Break the Rules Day It was shocking to see how many pupils broke the rules today and lots of fines were received because of this! The creative rule breakers showed up with rainbow hair, jazzy tattoos and sparkling faces. All the penalties which were collected as payment for these rules are going to be up for grabs in our Summer Fayre's chocolate and bottle tombola. Make sure you pay us a visit on **Wednesday 9th of July** to be in for the chance of winning!

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 **Wednesday 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.

Football Trials It was great to see so many children interested in trying out for the school football team. The next trials will be held on **Thursday the 26th June**. We will hold the Girls only football trials once the Year 5/6 team have completed their trials. This will be the week commencing **Monday the 7th July**. Children will be given letters prior to this if they are interested.

INSET Day Please note, school is closed on **Monday the 30th June** for a teaching training day. School will re-open as normal on the Tuesday.

Sports Week Our Sports Week will be taking place on **Tuesday 1st July to Friday 4th July**. We ask that the children come dressed to school in appropriate PE kit and with a water bottle from Tuesday to Friday. Your child will bring home a letter outlining which house they are in, as well as which house colour t-shirt they should wear for their traditional sports day. As always, the events will be weather dependent so let's hope for lots of dry, sunny weather. Please find below the dates and times for each year group.

Year Group	Date
Reception	3 rd July starting at 2:15pm
Year 1 / 2	3 rd July starting at 9:15am
Year 3/ 4	4 th July starting at 2pm
Year 5 / 6	4 th July starting at 9:15am

Summer HAF The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme is now **open for booking during the Summer holidays** and is available to those children/young people who are in receipt of **means tested free school meals** and to those who have a **special educational need or disability**. As a city, Sunderland is keen to promote the importance of healthy lifestyles and wellbeing, with the hope of reducing the increasing obesity rate in Sunderland. More information, including the timetables and how to book can be found using the link below.

<https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/washington-timetable>

Reception September New Starters

We are excited to welcome our new Reception starters and their families to our school community! As part of our transition process, we will be holding *Stay and Play* sessions on Tuesday 24th June and Wednesday 2nd July to help the children settle in and become familiar with their new environment. These sessions give children the opportunity to explore their classroom, meet their teachers, and start making new friends, all while parents have a chance to meet staff and ask any questions. Individual session times have been allocated, and letters have been sent out to all families with the details. If you have not received your letter or have any questions, please contact the school office.



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	Last day of Summer Term – School Open	
24.07.25	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 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

Date	Class
Monday 30 th June	INSET DAY
Tuesday 1 st July	3CL
Wednesday 2 nd July	4KH
Thursday 3 rd July	RLM 2BG
Friday 4 th July	1MS 6GW

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	Lucie Harkness
	RSS	Christopher Pybus
Year 1	1MS	Bella Pagram
	1NM	Brooke Redhead
Year 2	2AK	Blake Stephenson
	2BG	Maddison Morrissey
Year 3	3AW	Emily Matthews
	3CL	Ellie Waggott
Year 4	4AL	Vinnie Scott
	4KH	Carter Wilson
Year 5	5RA	Nic Dickson-Earley
	5JP	Fraser Phelps
Year 6	6GW	Mya Scott-Hillman
	6EA	George Morrissey

House Points



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