

George Washington Primary School

Friday Newsletter

29th November 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance School's overall attendance for this week has been 93.8 % and the total for the year-to-date is 95.1%. The expectation is that all schools have attendance of 96%+. Well done to Mrs Kane's class and Miss Allen's class who have had the highest attendance this week in their key stages and will enjoy some extra playtime next week as a reward.

EYFS & KS1

RLM	RSS	1NM	1MS	2AK	2BG
94.2%	95.8%	87.8%	81.1%	96.1%	92.5%

KS2

3CL	3AW	4AL	4KH	5JP	5RA	6EA	6GW
93.6%	94.2%	95.1%	96.6%	96.3%	98.4%	99.1%	93.4%

Reception Open Morning Tomorrow, on Saturday 30th November, we would like to invite parents and children who are starting Reception in September 2025 to come and view our provision. School will be open from 10am – 12pm for those families that didn't get a chance to see our wonderful Early Years classrooms and areas at the open evening, or those that would like a second look! Please pass this information on to anyone that you think may be interested.

Governor Vacancy We currently have a parent governor vacancy with the closing date to submit an application of 3rd December. If you have not received an information pack, or require an application form, please contact the school office. Should there be more than one application, an election will be held for parents/carers to decide the winner.

Christmas Fayre Less than 7 sleeps until our wonderful Christmas Fayre! The Fayre takes place next Thursday 5th at 4:30pm and entry is via the main office. If arriving by car, spaces are very limited, so we would kindly ask that you consider parking on Wellbank Road and other surrounding streets a short walk from school. There will be lots of fun for the whole family, as well as the chance to win some wonderful prizes on our tombola and raffle stalls. Local businesses will be selling their wares in the hall, and there's a chance we'll have a visit from a special someone in our winter grotto... We can't wait to see you!

Y6 helpers At the Fayre, there will be a stall selling baubles and bookmarks in order to begin to fundraise for the Y6 residential to France. If there are any Y6 children who are willing to help out on the night, please ask them to give their name to Miss Gray.



Christmas Dates Key Dates for all Christmas events are listed in a table below. For Christmas shows, there is initially a limit of two tickets per child. There is one performance by reception children while for the Y1-2 / Y3-Y4 / Y5-Y6 cohorts, there are two shows to choose from – dates and times below. You could request 2 tickets for the same show or split the ticket request across both performances. From Monday to Wednesday next week, parents/carers can request tickets when dropping off or picking up their child/ren at their class doors next week. Alternatively, you can call the school office to make your request. Tickets will be sent out from Thursday next week. Should we have any spare tickets, we will communicate this and offer them out. There will be a chance to make a donation towards the show tickets on ParentPay and on the day of the show if you wish.

Date	Event	Year Group
05.12.24	Y6 Christmas Trip – Life Centre	Year 6
05.12.24	Christmas Fayre – 4:30pm	Whole School
09.12.24	Reception Christmas Performance – 2:30pm	Reception
10.12.24	Year 1/2 Christmas Performance – 2.15pm	Year 1 and 2
11.12.24	Year 1/2 Christmas Performance – 9:30am	Year 1 and 2
11.12.24	Year 3/4 Christmas Performance – 2.00pm	Year 3 and 4
11.12.24	Y2 Christmas Trip – Custom House (PM)	Year 2
12.12.24	Reception Christmas Trip – Wharton Park (PM)	Reception
12.12.24	Y1 Christmas Trip – Hall Hill Farm	Year 1
12.12.24	Year 3/4 Christmas Performance – 9:30am	Year 3 and 4
12.12.24	Year 5/6 Christmas Performance – 2.00pm	Year 5 and 6
13.12.24	Year 5/6 Christmas Performance – 9:30am	Year 5 and 6
13.12.24	Y3 Christmas Trip – Sunderland Empire (PM)	Year 3
17.12.24	Reception Christmas Party	Reception
17.12.24	Year 1/2 Christmas Party	Year 1 and 2
17.12.24	Y5 Christmas Trip – Glass Centre (5JP – AM / 5RA – PM)	Year 5
18.12.24	Year 3/4 Christmas Party	Year 3 and 4
18.12.24	Year 5/6 Christmas Party	Year 5 and 6
19.12.24	Christmas lunch & Christmas Jumper	Whole School
19.12.24	Christmas church service (children only) (AM)	Whole School
19.12.24	Y4 Christmas Trip – Newcastle Theatre (PM)	Year 4
20.12.24	Carols Around the Tree: 9.15am - EYFS & KS1 / 10.15am - KS2	Whole School

Futsal It was another set of fantastic results for our school's Futsal team last night. They played against Rickleton and JFK Primary Schools in their final Futsal fixtures. The first game against Rickleton was a close one, going right down to the wire. It ended with a 2-1 victory, thanks to James scoring within the last 9 seconds! Our final game was a derby against our fellow Oak Learning Trust school JFK. It was a very close start to the game which we were narrowly leading 1-0. In the last few minutes, Jacob managed to score 3 goals one after the other resulting in a 4-0 win. We have ended the Futsal league with 4 wins and an outstanding +13 goal difference. Check back next week to see how the team has fared once the final games have been played.



Streetworx We have previously mentioned that we are supporting the Streetworx charity this year, who provide support to homeless people in Newcastle. In school, we will be making up some donation gift bags and kindly ask that, if you would like to, you donate the items listed by no later than Monday 9th December. To allow us to make up bags containing different items, we are asking each year group to donate different things:

Reception	Adult hats and gloves
Year 1	Crisps and biscuits (individually wrapped e.g. Twix, kit-kat)
Year 2	Bottled water and soft drinks
Year 3	Toothbrushes and toothpaste
Year 4	Soap and wet wipes
Year 5	Chapsticks and hand warmers
Year 6	Socks and underwear (adult, male or female, any size)

If you would like further information in order to make an individual donation, please call school and ask to speak to Miss Gray.

Football Training This week (25/11/24) was the last football training of this year. Training will resume after Christmas for the girls in preparation for their Futsal league. We will notify you of the starting date in the new year.

Winter HAF The providers of the winter holiday activity and food programme are now taking bookings. All children and young people in receipt of means tested free school meals or who fall within a vulnerable category are entitled to 4 free sessions during the holiday period. Please see the link below for more information and a list of available activities in the Washington area.

<https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/article/21867/Holiday-Activity-and-Food-HAF-Programme>

R. Knight

Mr R. Knight
Head of School



Forest School Dates - Forest School has finished for this term to allow for Christmas Activities. Please keep an eye on Friday newsletters for when Forest School will resume in the spring term.

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	Wednesday	
Year 3	Friday	
Year 4	Thursday	Tuesday- 4AL Friday – 4KH
Year 5	No PE this week due to pantomime rehearsals	Wednesday- 5JP Thursday- 5RA
Year 6	Monday	



Achievers of the Week & House Points



Year Group	Class	Achievers of the Week
Reception	RLM	Imogen Heppell
	RSS	Tyler Featherstone
Year 1	1MS	Koben Redshaw-Leonard
	1NM	Charlie Middleton
Year 2	2AK	Reagan Wanless
	2BG	Poppy Booth
Year 3	3AW	Olivia Sikora
	3CL	Matthew Christie
Year 4	4AL	Isla Heathwaite
	4KH	Carter Wilson
Year 5	5RA	Annie Godfrey
	5JP	Sean Hanson
Year 6	6EA	Freddy Park
	6GW	Tyler Robson

House Points



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