

# George Washington Primary School

## Friday Newsletter

7<sup>th</sup> November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

### Reception Bedtime Stories – Tuesday 18th November



Join us in the school hall from **4:30–5:30pm** for a cosy evening of stories, pyjamas, and hot chocolate! Come snuggle up, listen to magical tales, and share a bedtime treat together. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Reception door if you'd like to come along. We can't wait to see our Reception families there!

**Anti-Bullying Week** Next week is Anti-Bullying Week, and the theme this year is "Power for Good." The theme aims to empower children and young people to use their own unique "powers," such as kindness, courage, and speaking up, to support others and build a kinder, more inclusive world. To kick off the week, we'll be taking part in Odd Sock Day on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November! Everyone is encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique and to show that it's okay to be different. Let's all use our Power for Good to make our school a happy and welcoming place for everyone!

**Gritter Competition** I am delighted to say that our winning school gritter name, 'Ice, Ice, Baby' has been chosen as one of 12 new names for the cities team of gritters. School have been allocated two places at a naming ceremony next week at the council's depot. Watch out for pictures on Facebook next week.

**Children in Need** Next Friday (14<sup>th</sup> November) is Children in Need Day and all children are free to come into school wearing spotty clothes or clothing of their choice for the day. Voluntary donations can be brought into school on the day which will be handed over to this very worthwhile cause.

**Remembrance Day** Next week, on Tuesday, school will hold our annual service with 2-minute silence to reflect on and consider all those who have given their life fighting for our country and for peace elsewhere in the world. As you will know, Mrs Harrison along with an army of children has been busy over the last few weeks making poppies for a display outside of school. Mrs Harrison even gave up a day of her holiday alongside Mr Alder and Miss Lynn to come into school and set it all up. If you haven't seen it this week, it is hanging from the tree outside of the Y5 classrooms. The Sunderland Echo have published the story today. You can read it here:

<https://www.sunderlandecho.com/education/sunderland-children-honour-fallen-heroes-with-creation-of-giant-poppy-waterfall-5392553>

**Y4 MTC Parent Event** On Tuesday and Thursday this week Y4 hosted their Multiplication Tables Check Parent Event. Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to attend this event. We discussed the MTC and how best parents/carers can support their child in the lead up to the MTC in June 2026. The Y4 team will be distributing information and activity packs for children to take home for additional support.



**Scholastics Book Fair** Our book fair will be running each night after school in the main hall until Wednesday. Please pop along and see the selection on offer. There's something for everyone with 20% of titles under £5; it's the perfect chance to find great reads at great prices while supporting our school. We hope to see you there! The more books sold will lead to a higher amount given to school to buy books for class libraries.



**Please note: this is a cashless event, so remember to bring your card.**

**Break the Rules Day** On Tuesday 18th November we will be hosting our very popular Break the Rules Day! Children will have the opportunity to break certain rules, but there's a catch! For each rule broken, children must bring in a bottle or a bar of chocolate to pay the sanction. The charges from the rulebreakers will be put to good use in our Christmas fayre bottle and chocolate tombola! Our detective teachers will be putting their sharp eyes to good use to fine any rascals with the penalties below.

Rules to be broken	Fine (per rule)
NO crazy styled hair	1 bottle/ chocolate
NO wearing non-uniform (including fancy dress!)	1 bottles/ chocolate
NO makeup or temporary tattoos	1 bottle/ chocolate
NO teddy bears	1 bottle/ chocolate
NO doing all of the above	2 bottles/ chocolates

**Attendance** Well done to Miss Forster's (1ZF) and Miss Hussain's (5KH) classes with their outstanding attendance for this week in their respective key stages. School's overall attendance for the week was 93.5% meaning the year-to-date attendance has dropped to 94.1% also.

#### EYFS & KS1

RLM	RSS	1DM	1ZF	2AK	2GW
90.5%	92.7%	92.1%	95.9%	94.1%	92.1%

#### KS2

3BP	3CL	4AW	4RA	5JP	5KH	6EA	6AL
88.6%	93.6%	93.9%	95.1%	94.3%	97.5%	94.6%	94.4%

**Business Opportunity** Our fabulous Christmas Fayre is just around the corner, taking place on Wednesday 3rd December at 4:30pm! We're excited to once again welcome our wonderful local businesses into school to be part of this festive event. Stalls are available for £20 per business, offering a fantastic opportunity to showcase your products and services to our school community. Not only will this event give your business valuable exposure, but all funds raised by school stalls will go directly towards providing exciting opportunities for our pupils.

We're also asking for toy donations to support our popular stalls and raffles — any contributions would be greatly appreciated! For more information or to reserve a table, please contact the school office.

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Mr R Knight  
Head of School



## Forest School Dates

Date	Class
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	5JP
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	RLM 2GW
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3BP
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	4RA
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	1DM 6EA

Date	Class
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	5KH
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	RSS 2AK
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3CL
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	4AW
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	1ZF 6AL

**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
<b>Reception</b>	Thursday AM	
<b>Year 1</b>	Wednesday PM	
<b>Year 2</b>	Monday PM	
<b>Year 3</b>	Thursday PM	
<b>Year 4</b>	Wednesday AM	Tuesday - 4AW Friday - 4RA
<b>Year 5</b>	Friday PM	Wednesday – 5KH Thursday – 5JP
<b>Year 6</b>	Tuesday PM	



# Achievers of the Week & House Points



Year Group	Class	Achievers of the Week
Reception	RLM	Owen Arnott
	RSS	Gianna Al-Hooti
Year 1	1DM	Harry Forster
	1ZF	Lincoln Gurak
Year 2	2AK	Bow Tiffin
	2GW	Millie Hume
Year 3	3BP	Christopher McCormella-Bell
	3CL	Poppy Booth
Year 4	4AW	Elizabeth Doran
	4RA	Poppy Pattison
Year 5	5KH	Jorgie Gray
	5JP	Darcy Neale
Year 6	6EA	Zoe Marsden
	6AL	Jacob Sheard

## House Points



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