

George Washington Primary School

Friday Newsletter

23rd October 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic half-term across the whole school with the children working incredibly hard over the 8 weeks. They have definitely earned their break, and we hope they use the time to recharge their batteries before the next half-term which leads us up to the busy Christmas period. It was lovely to end this half term with our non-uniform/Halloween costume day and a massive thanks for your generosity – we raised £492.75 for St Oswald's charity as part of our participation in the Peter Rabbit Trail. Our Peter, called Darwin, returned to school this week and has taken pride of place in our main corridor alongside his friends from previous trails.

Parents' Evening Thanks to everyone who could make this week to come and talk to your child's class teacher and look in their books. If you were unable to make it, please catch your child's class teacher or call the school office to arrange a meeting for after half-term.

Harvest Service We had our annual KS1 and KS2 harvest service at church yesterday. They were both wonderful services with fantastic singing and those with speaking parts were able to perform in front of a large audience with no script and with loud, clear voices. Again, a massive thanks for the generosity in the food donations made which were taken to church by the children and will be shared with St Michael's food bank. Our KS1 and KS2 children will next return to the church for our Christmas carol service before our reception children join us at Easter time.

Scholastics Book Fair We're excited to welcome the Scholastic Book Fair back to school from 5th-11th November! The fair will be open in the hall after school from 3:30pm to 4:30pm, and everyone is welcome to come along and explore the brilliant range of books on offer.

Please note that the book fair is cashless, so only card payments will be accepted. Whether you're looking for a new favourite read or hoping to get organised with some early Christmas shopping, there's something for everyone. Every purchase also helps the school earn rewards to buy new books for our classrooms and library. We look forward to seeing you there!

Trust Football Tournament Last Friday, our school football team took part in the inaugural Oak Learning Trust football tournament, held at Monkton Academy in South Shields. Our team competed against some of our regular opponents from Washington as well as teams we had never faced before: Monkton, Riverside Academy and Fellgate. It was a brilliant day with a brilliant atmosphere and our team played very well and earned one win, four draws and a defeat from our six games. In the end it was not enough to win the trophy which was shared by JFK and Monkton who had equal points and equal goal difference.



Pen Licence A huge well done to the following children for achieving their Pen Licence this half term. They have worked incredibly hard, and the presentation of their handwriting has consistently impressed their teachers and adults around school. We are very proud of their effort, dedication, and commitment to producing neat, high-quality work. Keep up the fantastic work!

5MS	Ellora Yelnoorkar
	Lily Ross
5JP	Neve Heppell
	Amari King
	Grace Wheatley
	Violett Stanger
	Caleb Halliday
6EA	Autumn

Halloween Figures Today, each child in school came home with a Halloween figure as a small gift. These were kindly donated by a parent.



Attendance Well done to Mrs Pringle's class (RBP) in EYFS/KS1 and to Miss Lynn's (4CL) in KS2 for their outstanding attendance this week in their respective key stages. School's overall attendance for the week was 96.4% and the overall attendance for the year rose slightly to 94.6%.

Today, 155 pupils came home with a certificate for perfect attendance this half term and nearly 100 other children came home with a certificate to recognise their attendance was above the school's 96% target.

We also had our half-termly draw for an attendance prize in EYFS/KS1 and KS2 for all these children with excellent attendance. We will have another draw next half term where we will include all those with 96%+ attendance as well as those whose attendance has improved since the first half-term.

Well done to Arlo in EYFS/KS1 and Matei in KS2 as our winners for autumn 1 half-term.

EYFS & KS1

RSS	RBP	1MS	1ZF	2GW	2RA
95.9%	99.3%	95.5%	96.2%	97.9%	99.1%

KS2

3AK	3AW	4CL	4LM	5JP	5MS	6EA	6KH
95.2%	94.8%	98.3%	96.6%	96.5%	94.5%	93.9%	95.5%

R-Knight

Mr R Knight
Head of School



Forest School Dates

On their Forest School days children must have long trousers and long sleeves. Appropriate clothing will be needed as the days get colder as the children will be outside for the whole forest school session. Older clothes are best as they could end up getting muddy. The forest school site can get very muddy, so they should also have a change of footwear to wear on the forest school site – this could be wellies or old trainers.

Date	Class
Monday 2 nd November	5MS
Tuesday 3 rd November	4LM
Wednesday 4 th November	3AW
Thursday 5 th November	1ZF RBP
Friday 6 th November	2GW 6EA

Date	Class
Monday 9 th November	5JP
Tuesday 10 th November	4CL
Wednesday 11 th November	3AK
Thursday 12 th November	1MS RSS
Friday 13 th November	2RA 6KH

Year 4 and 5 Swimming

Year Group	PE Day	Swimming Day
Reception	Tuesday PM	
Year 1	Wednesday PM	
Year 2	Tuesday AM	
Year 3	Thursday AM	
Year 4	Wednesday AM	Thursday – 4CL Friday – 4LM
Year 5	Friday PM	Tuesday – 5MS Wednesday – 5JP
Year 6	Thursday PM	



Achievers of the Week & House Points



Year Group	Class	Achievers of the Week
Reception	RBP	Axel Clark
	RSS	Alfie Lucas
Year 1	1MS	Tiyanah Carney
	1ZF	Ayda Armstrong
Year 2	2RA	Lewis Scott
	2GW	Owen Nicholson
Year 3	3AK	Lillie Owens
	3AW	Bow Tiffin
Year 4	4LM	Tyler McCutcheon
	4CL	Ayla Okon
Year 5	5MS	Ellora Yelnoorkar
	5JP	Evie Forsyth
Year 6	6EA	Vinnie Scott
	6KH	Katie Forster

House Points



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