



# George Washington Primary School

6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school this week. The children have settled in brilliantly and school has had a lovely atmosphere. We are looking forward to getting into the full swing of things next week. Have a wonderful, relaxing weekend, and good luck to anyone taking part in any of the Great North Run events.

**Key Dates** Next week, we will release key dates for the year, including Christmas shows, fayres and sports days. There will be further dates added throughout the year, such as Christmas trips, as and when we have the information. We will strive to share this with you in a timely manner.

**Attendance** Research shows that improved school attendance leads to better attainment and life chances. Improving attendance at GWPS is important to us and as such, we will be continuing to work with families to support with this. As you may be aware, raising and improving school attendance is also a huge focus for the Department of Education and from September 2024 new national guidance has been published for schools to follow. One key change in the national guidance is a consistent national approach to the use of fixed penalty notices, as before it was set by local authorities – a separate information sheet from Together for Children has been shared alongside today's newsletter with more details. We will share more information in the coming weeks about attendance at GWPS.

**Football** Training will be held every Monday, beginning next week on the 9th of September. We ask all children on the football teams to bring appropriate clothing and shoes/boots that they can change into at the end of the day.

**Washington Carnival** The annual Washington carnival will be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September. As usual, it will start with a parade of local schools and community groups. The parade will depart from the Usworth Gardeners Club at 9:40am, through Concord, and will end at Albany Park for the start of the event at 10am. The Mayor of Sunderland will be in attendance and the event is free entry with lots of free and low-cost activities. Our school will be taking part in the parade with our banner, and we would love as many children as possible to come and join us. Staff will start meeting outside the club from about 9:20am.

**PE, Swimming and Forest School** 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.

Forest School will start back in week 3, the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> September. A timetable will follow next week.

Year Group	PE Day	Swimming Day
Reception	Wednesday	
Year 1	Monday	
Year 2	Wednesday	
Year 3	Thursday	
Year 4	Thursday	Tuesday- 4AL Friday- 4KH
Year 5	Tuesday	Wednesday- 5JP Thursday- 5RA
Year 6	Monday	

**Asda Rewards** Asda have a rewards app in which shoppers can opt-in to a Cashpot for Schools. Within the app, you can choose your primary school and when you shop, money gets donated to your selected school. If you shop at Asda, please consider selecting our school.



## Class Arrangement for September 2024

2023-24 Class	New Class and Teacher	New Year Group TAs
New Intake	Mr McLaughlin (RLM)	Miss Swinburne Mrs McMann
New Intake	Mrs Spencer (RSS)	
Reception Mixed	Mrs Martin / Mrs Scott (1MS)	Miss Maher Miss Watson
Reception Mixed	Mrs McMonigle (1NM)	
1NM	Miss Gillan (2BG)	Mrs Shevills
1LM	Mrs Kane (2AK)	
2KH	Miss Lynn (3CL)	Miss Pinkerton
2NM	Miss Wade (3AW)	
3WA	Miss Hussain (4KH)	Miss Mooney Mrs Ramshaw
3AW	Miss Lawson (4AL)	
4JP	Mr Alder (5RA)	Miss McCready
4CL	Mr Perry (5JP)	
5CW	Miss Walters (6GW)	Mr Storey
5BG	Mrs Allen (6EA)	
Intervention/PPA cover	Miss Forster	
PPA Cover	Mrs Harrison Mrs Dodd	
Support TAs	Mrs Stubbs Miss Pattison	

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**Head of School**