

Friday Newsletter

6th February 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents' Evening Thank you to everyone who has responded to the parents' evening survey requesting a date and time slot to suit. From Monday, children will come home with a paper slip confirming your exact time. If you have not requested an appointment yet, please do so from next week by contacting the school office.

Children's Mental Health Week Next week we will be marking Children's Mental Health Week, a national event that shines a light on the importance of children's emotional wellbeing. Throughout the week, pupils will be exploring this year's theme (*This is my place*) through lessons, discussions and activities. We're looking forward to a thoughtful and positive week of learning and reflection across the school.

Valentine's Discos Love is in the air at George Washington, and we can't help but dance! Our annual Valentine's Discos are returning next week, and we can't wait to party like cupid. Tickets went on sale this week and, excluding reception, are £2 a ticket. This ticket covers entry, a snack and a drink. Additionally, there will be a tuck shop at the KS2 discos where children can purchase additional treats during the party.

Year 5 and 6 children will not be permitted to walk home alone after their disco. Please see the tables below for further information on collection points.

Wednesday 11 th February			
Year	Cost	Start time	Pickup
Reception	No charge	During the school day	Usual Home time
Year 1 and 2	£2	4.30pm	Usual classroom doors at 5.30pm

Thursday 12 th February			
Year	Cost	Start time	Pickup
Year 3 and 4	£2	3.00pm	Usual classroom doors at 4.00pm
Year 5 and 6	£2	4.30pm	5JP – 3BP door at 5.30pm 5KH – 3CL door at 5.30pm 6EA – 4AW door at 5.30pm 6AL – 4RA door at 5.30pm

Costume Exchange Sunderland Library Services are running a World Book Day Costume Exchange this year to help families celebrate in a fun, affordable, and sustainable way. Children and their parents/carers can donate a pre-loved costume at Houghton & Washington Libraries throughout February and pick up something "new-to-them" for free over half term (from Monday 23rd February). It's a great way to reduce waste and make World Book Day accessible for everyone.



Attendance Well done to Mrs Dodd and Mrs Martin's (1DM) and Miss Lynn's (3CL) classes for their outstanding attendance for this week in their respective key stages. School's overall attendance for the week was 94.3% while the year-to-date attendance is 94.2%.

EYFS & KS1

RLM	RSS	1DM	1ZF	2AK	2GW
96.4%	96.1%	97.4%	95.1%	94.6%	97.3%

KS2

3BP	3CL	4AW	4RA	5JP	5KH	6EA	6AL
93.1%	96.7%	94.8%	94.2%	92.2%	88.5%	89.4%	93.5%

Football Unfortunately last night's round of girls' FUTSAL fixtures had to be cancelled due to an issue at the leisure centre hosting – we hope that these matches can be rearranged at a future date.

R. Knight

Mr R Knight
Head of School



Forest School Dates Due to the bad weather that we have had this month, we are going to cancel forest school for the rest of the half term. It is very muddy and slippery and for health and safety reasons we need to stop anyone from accessing the site. We hope by leaving it for a few weeks the ground will have time to recover. We will aim to restart forest school sessions after the February half term. Please keep an eye on the Friday Newsletter for when sessions will resume.

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



Achievers of the Week & House Points



Year Group	Class	Achievers of the Week
Reception	RLM	Frankie Harris
	RSS	Cayden Crossley
Year 1	1DM	Erika Southern
	1ZF	Jack Wheatley
Year 2	2AK	Poppy Bell
	2GW	Charlie Ransom
Year 3	3BP	Daisy Waggott
	3CL	Hollie Stokoe
Year 4	4AW	Umar Mohammad
	4RA	Andrew Shannon
Year 5	5KH	Isla Handy
	5JP	Elizabeth-Grace Graham
Year 6	6EA	Nathan McLaren
	6AL	Leyla Davies

House Points



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