

George Washington Primary School

Friday Newsletter

5th September 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful two days to start the new academic year. It was lovely to see everyone yesterday in their smart uniforms coming into school ready to learn. While it has been a short week, there has been a lot of excellent work already and I have been super impressed by the behaviour throughout school.

Attendance Our overall school attendance last year was 93.8% compared to 93.2% for the year before. While we are happy at the increase in our attendance rate, it is still below both local and national averages and it is something that we would like to keep improving. More days in school are shown to improve a child's chances of success.

Uniform As mentioned above, it has been lovely to see such immaculate uniform over the first two days of term. Please ensure that your child comes to school in full uniform apart from forest school and PE days – timetables can be found below. The school PE kit is a white T-shirt with dark coloured shorts or trousers. Football kits or similar clothing should not be worn.

Football Training sessions will begin Monday 9th September. These sessions will be held after school for both football teams to attend.

Bottle bottom donations Mrs Harrison will be making an outdoor display later in this term and to help create this needs the bottom part of 2L plastic drinks bottles. She estimates that she will need upwards of 600 bottles so if you can help, please hand them into your child's class teacher.

Key dates Attached to the newsletter today are the key dates for the year, including Christmas productions and parties, dates of exam periods, residentials, and sports days. Other dates will be added throughout the year for events such as class trips and parental engagement activities in school. We will endeavour to inform you of these as soon as we practicably can.

School Vacancy We have a vacancy in school for a lunchtime assistant. The job is to work 7½ hours a week from 11:45am-1:15pm across term time. The full job advert, job specification, person specification and application form can be found on the school website. Alternatively, you can pick up a recruitment pack from the school office. The closing date is 19th September, at noon. Should you have any questions about the post, please contact the school office and someone from the leadership team will get back to you.

Washington Carnival This year's carnival will take place on Saturday 13th September from 10am-4pm at Albany Park. Unfortunately, there will be no parade this year as usually happens. However, there will be a talent show this year which is free and open to anyone. More information is provided on the leaflets attached.

R. Knight

Mr R Knight
Head of School



Forest School Dates

On their Forest School days children must have long trousers and long sleeves. Warm 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 8 th September	5JP PM
Tuesday 9 th September	RLM <i>(from 22.09.25)</i> 2GW PM
Wednesday 10 th September	3BP PM
Thursday 11 th September	4RA PM
Friday 12 th September	1DM AM 6EA PM

Date	Class
Monday 15 th September	5KH PM
Tuesday 16 th September	RLM <i>(from 29.09.25)</i> 2AK PM
Wednesday 17 th September	3CL PM
Thursday 18 th September	4AW PM
Friday 19 th September	1ZF AM 6AL PM

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	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	

