



# George Washington Junior Journal

## Meet the JUNIOR JOURNAL team

By Mya and Alessia

Thank you for choosing the George Washington Junior Journal. We are delighted to provide you with our second ever newspaper. This has been produced by some of our children in KS2. We have:

- Mya, Alice and Alessia in Year 6.
- Jacob in Year 5.
- Jack and Carter in Year 4.
- Lola, Ellora, Nancy and Lily in Year 3.
- Mrs Harrison and Miss Forster.

In this newspaper, we will explain fun things to do in our local area over Easter, some super films and TV shows to watch, some activities and more!

## What is Easter?

By Mya and Alessia

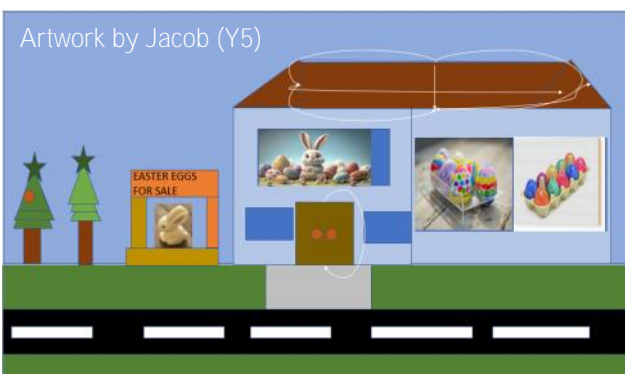
Easter is also called Pasha or Resurrection Sunday. The story of Easter starts in Jerusalem when Jesus and his followers were preparing for Passover Sunday. Jesus claimed he was the king of the Jews. The king didn't believe him and made him walk through the street with a cross on his back. He was put there until he died. When they thought he was dead. He was cut open and they realised he was God's son.

To this day, we remember Jesus on Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Palm Sunday and the sabbath is the day of rest.

## Key Dates for Summer Term

Date	Event	Year Group
28.04.25	School re-opens	Whole School
12.05.25	Year 6 SATS week	Year 6
22.05.25	Year 6 Residential Information Meeting – 5pm	Year 6
26.05.25	<b>HALF-TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	Whole School
02.06.25	School re-opens	Whole School
02.06.25	Y4 Times Table Check (2-week period)	Year 4
09.06.25	Phonics Check Week	Year 1
09.06.25	Assessment Week for Rec-Y5 (2-week period)	Rec-Y5
09.06.25 <b>TBC</b>	Y6 France residential	Year 6
30.06.25	Staff Training Day – School Closed to Pupils	Staff Only
<b>TBC</b>	Year 6 Transition to Secondary Schools	Year 6
03.07.25	Y1 and Y2 Sports Day – 9:15am	Year 1 and 2
03.07.25	Reception Sports Day – 2:15pm	Reception
04.07.25	Year 5/6 Sports Day – 9:15am	Year 5 and 6
04.07.25	Year 3/4 Sports Day – 2:00pm	Year 3 and 4
09.07.25	Summer Fayre	Whole School
17.07.25	Year 6 Leavers' Performance – 2pm	Year 6
18.07.25	Year 6 Leavers' Performance – 9:30am	Year 6
18.07.25	Reports Home to Parents	Whole School
23.07.25	<b>SUMMER HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	Whole School

Artwork by Jacob (Y5)



# Events near you!

## Arts and Crafts

Researched by Alice (Y6)

You may be bored at easter so here are some popular easter events in Washington.

Tuesday 8th April – At Washington Old Hall, there is an Easter Printing, Egg-Shaped Weaving, and Felt Chick decorations event for children.

Speaking of Washington Old Hall, there is also an event on Tuesday 15th April – Egg Decorating, Easter Cards, and Easter Basket Weaving.

Finally, Washington Old Hall will also be hosting an egg hunt and trail. From the 18th April to 21st April (11 am to 3:30pm), children will be able to explore the beautiful gardens at the hall. This is £3.50 per trail which includes an Easter trail sheet, bunny ears and a chocolate egg.



## Easter Fun and Animal Antics at Washington Wetland Trust

Researched by Jack and Mrs Harrison (Y4)

WWT Washington is springing into action this April, with fun and activities for all the family during Easter and beyond.



Discover new life and nature blooming all around, including beautiful spring flowers, butterflies and amphibians. On the 12th April, take part in a 'Build a Bug House and Explore our Bug Hotel' event from 1-2:30pm. There are also a variety of other events including pond dipping, wild walks and minibeast hunts. Please visit their website for more information.

Take part in Easter craft activities in the Discovery Centre from 1-3pm on the 18th April during the school holidays - make a mini garden, colour a fan or design a coaster (small costs apply) - and join in the Easter Sunday rubber duck hunt around the grounds (Sunday 8 April, 11am-3pm, free with admission).

# Films, TV and Music

## Arts and Crafts

Researched by Carter (Y4) and Lola (Y3)

### Wicked

Wicked is a film based on the Wizard of Oz. It is so good it will blow your socks off! Make sure you go to the cinema when part two comes out.

Defying Gravity is our favourite song because it gives us goosebumps since it is so loud and powerful.



### Mufasa

Mufasa is a wonderful film that has recently come out. It is still in the cinemas – you should go and see it! It is full of fantastic songs. Our favourite is the song about brothers because it is so pop and it gets us ready for the day!



### Gladiators

Gladiators is fun TV show with people that have lots of different names and identities. It has new Gladiators. You have to be really strong to be a Gladiator. This started first in 1992 but after a long break, it is back on BBC most Saturday's.



## Easter Films

Researched by Mya and Alessia and Miss Forster (Y6)

The best film to watch when it is Easter is THE KING OF KINGS.



This film is due to be released on the 11th April 2025; this film is told through a father's viewpoint and is about a boy's journey through Jesus' life, from humble beginnings to the ultimate sacrifice. During this time, he discovers the transformative power of faith.

It is inspired by the children's book 'The Life of Our Lord' and it features the voices of Pierce Brosnan, Kenneth Branagh, Uma Thurman, Mark Hamill, Ben Kingsley, and more.



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By Nancy, Ellora and Lily



## Poem by Nancy

Roses are red  
Violets are blue  
Easter is coming just for you  
The easter bunny is nice and sweet  
He is coming to deliver some treats  
He wants to bring joy to everyone  
Inside a huge hot cross bun.

## Poem by Mya and Alessia

Stripes and polka dots  
Lots of stars and spots  
Decorating eggs  
And putting coats on pegs  
God created planets like Venus  
For his son who was called Jesus  
He escaped his very own doom  
When he was placed inside a tomb  
He tried to save with all his might  
To share with everyone God's light  
Sadly his efforts were all for nought  
He couldn't share the light he brought  
So people should join the celebration  
To bring hope for all the generations  
He was placed upon on a cross  
The spirit was at a holy loss  
The light he brought was lost  
At a very grave loss.