George Washington Primary School

Friday Newsletter

9th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

School Photographs Next week, on Thursday morning, the school photographer will be on site to take photos of all children individually as well as sibling groups. Please ensure that your child comes to school in full uniform. If they have PE, swimming or Forest School on this day, they should bring a change of clothes in a bag. Photographs will be arranged so that all normal activities happen as close to their normal time as possible.

Football This week, the girls' football team played three fixtures against Rickleton, St. Joseph's and Our Lady Queen of Peace. It was another fantastic evening of football, with all teams showcasing some great talent and sportsmanship. In the first game, the girls started strongly and were able to secure a well-deserved 2-0 victory over Rickleton. The second match against St. Joseph's was largely dominated by our team. Despite creating plenty of chances and controlling much of the game, the girls were unfortunately unable to find the back of the net, resulting in a 0-0 draw. Our final fixture against Our Lady proved to be the most challenging. Although the game ended in a 4-0 defeat, the girls kept their heads high and giving their all right until the final whistle.

Last night, the Year 5/6 football team played three league fixtures against Oxclose, Albany and St. Bede's Primary School. Although the team did not finish the night with the results they had hoped for, it was still an enjoyable evening of football. The first match against Albany saw the team secure a 1-0 victory, thanks to excellent pressure from captain Vinnie. The second game against Oxclose was a closely fought battle that unfortunately ended in a 1-0 defeat. The final fixture against St. Bede's proved to be the toughest of the evening, ending in a 3-0 loss. However, this was the game where the team showed the greatest teamwork and determination, working hard for one another throughout the fixture.

Parents' Evening Thank you to everyone who filled in the Forms survey selecting preferences for parents' evening on Monday 19th and Wednesday 21st October. The survey closed at noon today. Teachers will send slips out early next week with your exact timed slot. If you have not filled in the survey yet, please call the school office from Tuesday next week and the staff will have your child's class teacher's spare availability over the two nights.

Special School Lunch Following last week's special census day school lunch, the school meal's service has randomly chosen 10 winners from across the city's school to win a £20 Amazon voucher. Massive congratulations to Arlo in reception who was one of the lucky winners.

Harvest Collection As part of our Harvest celebrations, we will be collecting donations. If you would like to donate any non-perishable food items, please place them in the collection box, which will be located on the yard each morning, or send them in to school with your child.

Y5 Bikeability Next week, Y5MS will be doing Bikeability. Children who have signed up to take part should bring their bikes to school and put them on the tennis courts as soon as they arrive. They are best left against the side nearest to the MUGA. Children should bring helmets to wear. These children will be outside so should come to school with an appropriate coat.

Flu Immunisation The school nursing team will be on site on Friday 23rd October to administer flu vaccines to those children whose parents have signed to this. More information was sent out on ParentPay about this, however should you **NOT** want your child to take part in the Flu Immunisation programme, please email school with your child's name school@gwps.org.uk

Look for a Book As part of the National Year of Reading, there will be a Look for a Book by the sea event happening tomorrow. Between 10am-12pm, the event will take place along the seafront in Sunderland.

Attendance Well done to Mrs Spencer's class (RSS) in EYFS/KS1 and to Miss Marriot-Semper's (5MS) in KS2 for their outstanding attendance this week in their respective key stages. School's overall attendance for the week was 92.3% and the overall attendance for the year is 94.3%.

EYFS & KS1

RSS	RBP	1MS	1ZF	2GW	2RA
88.2%	98.1%	88.2%	97.6%	93.1%	94.8%

KS2

3AK	3AW	4CL	4LM	5JP	5MS	6EA	6KH
87.6%	94.1%	91.7%	90.3%	88.1%	96.1%	93.9%	91.7%

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 12th October	5MS
Tuesday 13th October	4LM
Wednesday 14th October	3AW
Thursday 15th October	1ZF No Reception Forest School due to school photographs
Friday 16th October	2RA 6KH

Date	Class
Monday 19th October	5JP
Tuesday 20th October	4CL
Wednesday 21st October	3AK
Thursday 22nd October	1MS RSS
Friday 23rd October	2GW 6EA

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 4LM – Friday
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	Ruby Matthews
	RSS	Isaac Forster
Year 1	1MS	Oliver Lambert
	1ZF	Isabella Drew
Year 2	2RA	Alfie Moody
	2GW	Austen Davies
Year 3	3AK	William Hepworth
	3AW	Luca Finn
Year 4	4LM	Harry Shepherd
	4CL	Laitha Irakoze
Year 5	5MS	Tina Dawson
	5JP	Kobi Maddison
Year 6	6EA	Myles Heslop
	6KH	Dylan Fletcher

House Points



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