George Washington Primary School

Friday Newsletter

16th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

School Photographs Children in school on Thursday had their photo taken and those with siblings had this photograph too. Children should have brought home a sample image on a leaflet. This leaflet contains instructions about how to order copies of the photo if you wish. Photos are ordered directly from the photography company, not through school.

Football On Tuesday, the girls' football team played three league fixtures against St. Joseph's, JFK and Blackfell Primary Schools. It was a great evening of football, with the girls securing two 1-0 victories against Blackfell and St. Joseph's. Despite controlling the majority of both games, they were unlucky not to add more goals. The match against JFK was a closely contested battle that unfortunately ended in a 1-0 defeat. The girls have made a fantastic start to the season and should be very proud of their efforts.
Last night, the Year 5/6 football team played at home against St. Joseph's. It was a hard-fought game that unfortunately ended in a 2-0 defeat. A special shoutout for Donovan, who seemed to be everywhere on the pitch and worked tirelessly throughout the match.

Non-Uniform day To help raise money for St Oswald's Hospice, we will be having a non-uniform day on the last day of half-term (Friday 23rd October). As school will be closed during Halloween, children can mark this day by wearing a themed costume for this scary time of year. However, there is no obligation, and children are free to express themselves in their own way should they wish. We are asking for a £2 voluntary donation to St Oswald's if your child is taking part in the non-uniform day.

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 A massive well done to all our children who took part in Bikeability over the last two weeks. The children who took part have received badges and certificates to show how well they have done.

Flu Immunisations School nurses will be with us on Friday 23rd October to administer the flu vaccine to those children whose parents have signed up. The nurses will have all the relevant information with them on the day.

SEND Activity Guide We have attached the *Autumn* edition of the **Your SEND Activity Guide E-Newsletter**. This edition highlights clubs, groups, short breaks, and activities that families can access in and around Sunderland during the school term and October half term, making it easier to find the right opportunities, at the right time, in the right place.

Spookfest During half-term there will be a 'Spookfest spectacular' taking place at Lambton Street Youth Hub in Sunderland on Tuesday 27th October and the Flatts Youth Centre in Easington Lane on Thursday 29th October. More information is included on the leaflets attached with today's newsletter.

Attendance Well done to Mrs Pringle's class (RBP) in EYFS/KS1 and to Mr McLaughlin's (4LM) in KS2 for their outstanding attendance this week in their respective key stages. School's overall attendance for the week was 95.2% and the overall attendance for the year is 94.5%.

EYFS & KS1

RSS	RBP	1MS	1ZF	2GW	2RA
96.4%	99.1%	92.3%	96.2%	98.6%	97.2%

KS2

3AK	3AW	4CL	4LM	5JP	5MS	6EA	6KH
94.1%	95.5%	97.6%	97.8%	95.5%	92.9%	92.6%	87.9%

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

OCTOBER HALF TERM WEEK

Date	Class
Monday 2nd November	5MS
Tuesday 3rd November	4LM
Wednesday 4th November	3AW
Thursday 5th November	1ZF RBP
Friday 6th November	2RA 6KH

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 Friday – 4LM
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	Hattie Smith
	RSS	Alessio Maiorca
Year 1	1MS	Frankie Pascoe
	1ZF	Franie Harris
Year 2	2RA	Laila Mason
	2GW	Ivy Doran
Year 3	3AK	Abel Baddams
	3AW	Jack Bell
Year 4	4LM	Oscar Taylor-Scott
	4CL	Lily Quinn
Year 5	5MS	Jack Field
	5JP	Park Hogg
Year 6	6EA	Mia-Rose Frew
	6KH	Malachi Morton

House Points



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