

George Washington Primary School

Friday Newsletter



10th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year – I hope you and your families managed to have a relaxing festive period. It has been a very chilly start back to school this week, but there has been lots of great work across all year groups.

Attendance Well done to Mrs Spencer's and Miss Wade's classes for their attendance this week. School's overall attendance for the week was 95.8% and the year-to-date attendance is 94.6%.

EYFS & KS1

RLM	RSS	1NM	1MS	2AK	2BG
93.3%	98.3%	96.6%	95.1%	92.9%	95.1%

KS2

3CL	3AW	4AL	4KH	5JP	5RA	6EA	6GW
97.9%	99.2%	96.3%	95.3%	97.1%	94.1%	96.9%	93.9%

Attendance Policy Our attendance policy can be found on our school website. A few important points from within there to highlight.

- Leave of absence requests must be submitted in writing, either via email or physical letter, and a response will be given in writing. Please note, that holiday requests are unlikely to be authorised, except in very exceptional circumstances. If term-time leave is not granted, taking a pupil out of school will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and may result in sanctions, such as a penalty notice.
- Medical and dental appointments, where possible, should be made outside of school hours. Where this is not possible, parents should provide evidence of such appointments to the school office.
- School will keep parents updated on their child's attendance in various ways including discussing it during parents' evening, sending letters home, arranging telephone calls or holding meetings in school.
- If at any point, you would like to discuss your child's attendance, you can contact the school to arrange a meeting.

Parental Survey We have sent a parental survey out tonight on Parent Pay which is asking for your thoughts on the school's curriculum and the wider opportunities on offer. We would encourage as many responses as possible.

Y6 trips Y6 have an upcoming curriculum visit to Jarrow Hall linked to their history topic of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. A ParentPay was sent out yesterday. We request that this is completed as soon as possible. Another ParentPay was sent out if your child has signed up to attend the residential to France.

Futsal In preparation for the girl's futsal league, football training will be held every Monday from Monday 13th January. Training will be held indoors in the school's hall; therefore, children will need to wear appropriate trainers and shin pads.



School Vacancy We have a vacancy in school as a lunchtime assistant, working for 7.5 hours per week across 39 weeks. The advert closes at midday on 23rd January. More information can be found on the school website or on Jobs Northeast. Alternatively, an information pack can be picked up from the school office.

Congratulations A massive congratulations to Miss Watson, one of our Y1 TAs, who got married over the festive period. She will now be known as Mrs McGinley in school. We wish her and her husband many years of happiness.

INSET Day A reminder that our next staff training day is Friday 31st January. School will be closed to all pupils on this day.

R. Knight

Mr R. Knight
Head of School



Forest School Dates

Date	Class
Monday 13 th Jan	5JP
Tuesday 14 th Jan	3CL
Wednesday 15 th Jan	4KH
Thursday 16 th Jan	2AK RLM
Friday 17 th Jan	1MS 6EA

Date	Class
Monday 20 th Jan	5RA
Tuesday 21 st Jan	3AW
Wednesday 22 nd Jan	4AL
Thursday 23 rd Jan	2BG RSS
Friday 24 th Jan	1NM 6GW

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	Wednesday	
Year 1	Monday	
Year 2	Friday	
Year 3	Friday	
Year 4	Thursday	Tuesday - 4AL Friday - 4KH
Year 5	Tuesday	Wednesday – 5JP Thursday – 5RA
Year 6	Monday	



Achievers of the Week & House Points



Year Group	Class	Achievers of the Week
Reception	RLM	Quinn Jonas
	RSS	Wyatt Ross
Year 1	1MS	Cole Daglish
	1NM	Nicole Swallow
Year 2	2AK	Finley Phillips
	2BG	Skyler Brunskill
Year 3	3AW	Kobi Maddison
	3CL	Finn Coates
Year 4	4AL	Isla Handy
	4KH	Kate Forster
Year 5	5RA	Callum Davidson
	5JP	Lily-Mae Bell
Year 6	6EA	Jamie Hawthorne
	6GW	Sharanpreet Galsinh

