

# George Washington Primary School

## Friday Newsletter

21<sup>st</sup> November 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

**Reception Places for September 2026** If your child was born between **1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022**, it's time to start thinking about their next big adventure, starting school! We're now welcoming applications for **Reception places for September 2026**. Choosing the right school is a big decision, and we'd love for you to come and see what makes our school such a happy and exciting place to learn. To arrange a visit or have a chat about our admissions process, please contact the school office on **0191 490 6453** or email **[school@gwps.org.uk](mailto:school@gwps.org.uk)**. If you know any families who have a child starting school next year, please pass this contact information on to them. We can't wait to meet you and your child!

**Stay and Play Sessions for Local Families** We are delighted to invite local families to join our Stay and Play session on **Friday 5th December at 1:30–3:00pm**, offering a friendly and welcoming environment for pre-school children to explore, play, and learn. Led by our experienced Early Years staff, the session is designed to support children in developing confidence, curiosity, and early social skills through a range of stimulating activities. Parents and carers will also have the opportunity to meet our Early Years team and learn more about our reception provision, gaining an insight into how we nurture each child's learning and development in the early years of education.

**Durham Cathedral** Our brilliant KS2 choir performed this week in the beautiful setting of Durham Cathedral as part of a music outreach programme. Please visit our Facebook page to hear a selection of their music.

**Break the Rules Day** Thank you for all the brilliant donations made in our Break the Rules Day. These will be used in our upcoming Christmas Fayre on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

**Attendance** Well done to Mrs Spencer's class (RSS) and Mr Alder's (4RA) classes with their outstanding attendance for this week in their respective key stages. School's overall attendance for the week was 94.3% meaning the year-to-date attendance is 94.0%.

### EYFS & KS1

RLM	RSS	1DM	1ZF	2AK	2GW
94.8%	98.2%	98.1%	96.6%	91.7%	93.3%

### KS2

3BP	3CL	4AW	4RA	5JP	5KH	6EA	6AL
90.1%	86.7%	94.5%	97.3%	95.4%	92.9%	95.8%	96.8%



**Winter HAF** The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme has a range of activities available over Christmas for families whose children are eligible for Free School Meals or fall within a vulnerable category. The HAF programme offers free, fun activities and nutritious meals during the school holidays for eligible pupils. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to stay active, social, and engaged while enjoying healthy meals. Please see the links below for the full schedules and for more information.

#### **Washington Programme**

<https://eequ.org/tfcwashington>

#### **SEND specific programme**

<https://eequ.org/tfcsend>

R. Knight

Mr R Knight  
Head of School



**Forest School Dates – This is the last week of forest school for this term.**

Date	Class
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	5JP
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	RLM 2GW
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3BP
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	4RA
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	1ZF 6EA

**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 or yellow 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	



# Achievers of the Week & House Points



Year Group	Class	Achievers of the Week
Reception	RLM	Frankie Harris
	RSS	Callum Ridley
Year 1	1DM	Brayden Duraku
	1ZF	Jacob Walton
Year 2	2AK	Tommy Irving
	2GW	Aidan Armstrong
Year 3	3BP	Reagan Wanless
	3CL	Noah Bartley
Year 4	4AW	Lucie Ridley
	4RA	Emily Matthews
Year 5	5KH	Harper Avey
	5JP	Darcie-Mae McAllister
Year 6	6EA	Ryan Stevenson
	6AL	Jenson Elliot

## House Points



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