George Washington Primary School

Friday Newsletter

25th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reception Open Events It was lovely to see lots of families last night at our first open event. We have two remaining open events coming up for parents who have children starting reception in September 2027. If you, or anyone you know, has a child starting school then, bring them along to have a look at our wonderful provision.

Tuesday 29th September 4:30pm-6:00pm
Saturday 3rd October 10:00am-12:00pm

Stay and Play session We have an upcoming Stay and Play session for 2- to 4-year-olds in our early year's environment from 2pm-3pm on Friday 9th October – please note this is a changed date from when the Key Dates were sent out at the start of term. All are welcome so please spread the news to any friends or family with small children who will be considering school places in the next couple of years.

E-scooters A child in reception was knocked into by another child on an e-scooter coming down the path towards school. We politely ask that all parents speak to their child if they are using bikes, scooters or any form of e-transport to ride carefully with due care and respect.

Uniform and Mobile Phone Policies Our updated uniform and mobile phone policies were sent out last week with some key messages. A polite reminder that PE kit consists of a white or yellow t-shirt and earrings must be removed before PE/Forest School/swimming by the child themselves.

TA Appreciation Day Yesterday our children helped to celebrate TA appreciation day by leading an assembly where they thanked the TAs that support them every day. Following this, all TAs had an extended break together in the staffroom with cakes while teachers carried out break duty.

Bowes Railway Competition Attached to this week's newsletter are two posters for competitions run by Bowes Railway for their 200th birthday. If your child is interested in submitting an entry to the either of the competitions, please see details on the posters of the deadline for entries and where to submit the entries.

Football Last night our Y5/Y6 team played two matches against Fatfield and JFK primary Schools. They were two tough games against excellent opponents which ended in 1-0 and 2-0 defeats respectively. A big shout out to Vinnie who nearly scored a cracking direct freekick and to Blake who pulled off a brilliant triple save against JFK to keep it to a narrow defeat.

Macmillan Coffee Morning Thank you to those who could pop along to our annual coffee morning. We hope you enjoyed the hot drink, cake and our wonderful choir. All money raised will be donated to this wonderful charity.

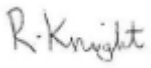
Attendance Well done to Miss Forster's class (1ZF) in EYFS/KS1 and to Miss Wade's (3AW) in KS2 for their outstanding attendance this week in their respective key stages. School's overall attendance for the week was 94.5% and the overall attendance for the year is 95.1%.

EYFS & KS1

RSS	RBP	1MS	1ZF	2GW	2RA
94.1%	97.7%	94.1%	99.1%%	93.8%	94.3%

KS2

3AK	3AW	4CL	4LM	5JP	5MS	6EA	6KH
92.8%	97.9%	89.3%	92.7%	94.2%	95.2%	95.2%	95.2%



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 28th September	5MS
Tuesday 29th September	4LM
Wednesday 30th September	3AW
Thursday 1st October	1ZF RSS
Friday 2nd October	2RA 6KH

Date	Class
Monday 5th October	5JP
Tuesday 6th October	4CL
Wednesday 7th October	3AK
Thursday 8th October	1MS RBP
Friday 9th 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	Swimming only this week	Tuesday – 5MS Wednesday – 5JP
Year 6	Thursday PM	



Achievers of the Week & House Points

Year Group	Class	Achievers of the Week
Reception	RBP	Enzo
	RSS	Arlo Ford
Year 1	1MS	Alana Spearman
	1ZF	Sadie-Rose Rowell
Year 2	2RA	Summer Johnston
	2GW	Olivia Read
Year 3	3AK	Amal Bilal
	3AW	Mary-Evelyn Graham
Year 4	4LM	Elsie Leadbitter
	4CL	Christopher McCormella-Bell
Year 5	5MS	Klay Scott
	5JP	Elliot Featherstone
Year 6	6EA	Jack Mackie
	6KH	Darcie-Mae McAllister

House Points



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