

George Washington Primary School

Friday Newsletter

12th September 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Curriculum Leaflets Your child should have brought home the curriculum leaflet for their year group for this half term. Within the leaflet, it has information about what your child will be learning about in each subject. Please note history and geography usually alternate each half-term, as do art and DT. The leaflets will also be added to the school website.

Y6 Parent Information Meeting On Tuesday 16th September, Y6 teachers will be holding an information meeting for parents to discuss SATs and other key aspects of Y6. Please arrive at school for a 5pm start.

Healthy Heads Coffee Morning As you will be aware from previous newsletters, we are working with the Healthy Heads Team from the Sunderland Mental Health Support Service, which is part of the South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS trust. On Tuesday 23rd September, we will be holding a coffee morning at school from 8:50am for any parents who would like to ask any questions or have a chat about their child. We hope to see you there.

Reception Parent Information Meeting We are delighted to invite all current Reception parents to an Information Meeting on Thursday 18th September at 5.00pm. This session will provide an overview of your child's year in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), including key routines, curriculum information, and ways you can support their learning and development at home. It will also be a valuable opportunity to meet staff, ask questions, and gain a clearer understanding of the exciting experiences your child will enjoy throughout the year.

Y1 Parent Reading Information Meeting We will be holding a phonics and reading information meeting for parents of children in year 1 on Thursday 25th September at 5.00pm. This will be a chance for us to share with you some key information about the year 1 statutory phonics check which all children will carry out in June. We will also give reminders about our Little Wandle phonics and reading programme and how you can support your child at home with this important area of their learning.

New Reception Intake 2026 While the new academic year has just begun, we are pleased to announce our upcoming Reception Open Events for next year's intake, with the application process opening soon. Our events will be held on Thursday 2nd October 2025 from 4.00pm to 6.00pm and Saturday 4th October 2025 from 10.00am to 12.00pm. Families are warmly invited to attend without the need for an appointment. These events provide an excellent opportunity to meet our staff, tour the school, and gain an insight into the rich and varied experiences that await your child should they join George Washington Primary School.

Key Dates We have reissued this year's key dates with today's newsletter with some small changes. Last week, the eagle-eyed among you may have noticed a Saturday KS2 sports day which has been corrected to Tuesday 7th July 2026! We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.



Attendance Well done to 1DM (Mrs Dodd & Mrs Martin's class) and to 4AW (Miss Wade's class) with their outstanding attendance for this week in their respective key stages. School's overall attendance for the week was 95.8% which is a fantastic start to the year.

EYFS & KS1

RLM	RSS	1DM	1ZF	2AK	2GW
97.8%		99.1%	93.5%	97.2%	97.3%

KS2

3BP	3CL	4AW	4RA	5JP	5KH	6EA	6AL
91.4%	96.2%	98.4%	91.1%	97.5%	95.2%	96.2%	93.3%

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 via email or by letter. 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, fine or prosecution.
- 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. Failure to do so will mean the absence is recorded as unauthorised.
- 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.

Washington Carnival A reminder that tomorrow from 10am to 4pm is the annual Carnival at Albany Park, although the usual parade from the Gardener's Club is not happening. As well as the usual stalls and fair games, there will be a talent show this year. Hopefully the sun shines and everyone has a wonderful day.

R. Knight

Mr R Knight
Head of School



Forest School Dates

Date	Class
Monday 15 th Sept	5KH
Tuesday 16 th Sept	2AK
Wednesday 17 th Sept	3CL
Thursday 18 th Sept	4AW
Friday 19 th Sept	1ZF 6AL

Date	Class
Monday 22 nd Sept	5JP
Tuesday 23 rd Sept	2GW
Wednesday 24 th Sept	3BP
Thursday 25 th Sept	4RA
Friday 26 th Sept	1DM 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	Wednesday	
Year 1	Monday	
Year 2	Friday	
Year 3	Friday	
Year 4	Thursday	Tuesday- 4AW Friday – 4RA
Year 5	Tuesday	Wednesday – 5JP Thursday – 5KH
Year 6	Monday	



Achievers of the Week & House Points



Year Group	Class	Achievers of the Week
Reception	RLM	All of reception
	RSS	
Year 1	1DM	Lyra Young-Storey
	1ZF	Mia Huzzey
Year 2	2AK	Alice Garner
	2GW	Jackson Harkass
Year 3	3BP	Meghan Quilt
	3CL	Jackson Gurak
Year 4	4AW	Tina Dawson
	4RA	Grace Wheatley
Year 5	5KH	Callan McKinley
	5JP	Bobby Loughlin
Year 6	6EA	Robbie Shevills
	6AL	Lola Smith

