

George Washington Primary School

Friday Newsletter



20th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Y5 residential Our Y5 children who attended the two-night residential to York this had a brilliant time, which included a scary trip to The Dungeons, a spooktacular ghost walk, a visit to the Railway Museum, becoming archaeologists at Jorvik/Dig, and rounded it off today by learning all about chocolate at the Chocolate Story Museum.



Year 1 Bedtime Stories Thank you to all our Year 1 parents and carers who joined us for our Bedtime Stories event. It was lovely to see so many of our families sharing stories together. We're already looking forward to our next reading event in the summer term, where we hope to host a Teddy Bears' Reading Picnic.

Clubs After school curriculum clubs planned for Tuesday 24th March will move to the Wednesday night due to staff CPD. This will impact the following clubs:

Reception – Gardening (inc. Forest School), and Games

Y1/Y2 – Stem, Dance, and Forest School

Y6 – SATs

Make up and nails A reminder to all parents that children should not be wearing make up, including mascara, to school or bringing things like lip gloss in to apply through the day. We also ask that children do not wear fake nails or acrylic nails at school.



Healthy Heads webinars for parents Attached to this newsletter are three posters from Healthy Heads. They contain dates and times for webinars for parents such as 'Managing Anxieties and Worries' and 'Managing Difficult Behaviours', as well as dates and times of some wellbeing sessions. You can join these free events by scanning the QR code or clicking the link.

Healthy Heads also have wellbeing sessions planned over Easter at the Building Blocks Day Centre in Concord. The focus of the sessions will be 'connect,' one of the 5 Ways to Wellbeing. This is all about spending time with other people.

Easter Raffle Our annual Easter Raffle is back and bigger than ever! Over the next few weeks, children can buy raffle tickets in school for 20p a ticket or 6 for £1 (tickets will be kept at school) for the chance to win a delicious chocolate treat. They can also put their estimating skills to the test by trying to guess how many Easter eggs are in the jar (50p per guess); the closest estimate without going past the number wins the whole jar! Tickets will be on sale during playtime outside of the Year 6 classrooms.

Comic Relief It was wonderful to see the sea of red clothing, noses and faces today to fundraise for Comic Relief! As usual, George Washington pupils did us proud and all donations will make an immeasurable difference to the lives of those who seek support from the Comic Relief funded charities. **£208.55 was raised** and this will make a huge difference.

Easter HAF Follow the link below to view and book Sunderland's Holiday Activities and Food programme for the Easter holidays. Sessions are free for children aged 4-16 who live in the Sunderland Local Authority and receive benefit-related free school meals, as well as specific programmes for children with SEND. Healthy meals are included with every session. <https://eequ.org/collections/iframe/togetherforchildren>

Attendance Well done to Miss Walters' (2GW) and Mr Alder's (4RA) classes for their outstanding attendance for this week in their respective key stages. School's overall attendance for the week was a brilliant 95.5% while the year-to-date attendance is 94.4%.

EYFS & KS1

RLM	RSS	1DM	1ZF	2AK	2GW
96.7%	93.6%	97.2%	96.7%	93.3%	98.6%

KS2

3BP	3CL	4AW	4RA	5JP	5KH	6EA	6AL
93.5%	88.3%	96.8%	99.3%	96.2%	93.8%	96.9%	96.4%

R. Knight

Mr R Knight
Head of School



Forest School Dates

On their Forest School days children must have long trousers and long sleeves. Warm 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 23 rd March	5KH
Tuesday 24 th March	RSS 2AK
Wednesday 25 th March	3CL
Thursday 26 th March	4AW
Friday 27 th March	1ZF 6AL

Date	Class
Monday 30 th March	5JP
Tuesday 31 st March	RLM 2GW
Wednesday 1 st April	3BP
Thursday 2 nd April	4RA
Friday 3 rd April	SCHOOL CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY

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 5 and 6 Swimming

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	Roma Lou Bulmer
	RSS	Laurentia Pop
Year 1	1DM	Owen Nicholson
	1ZF	Summer Johnston
Year 2	2AK	Carter Errington
	2GW	Ethan Harker
Year 3	3BP	Charlotte Hughes
	3CL	Isaac-Lee Calvert
Year 4	4AW	Thomas Hudson
	4RA	Aviana Williams
Year 5	5KH	All of Y5 who attended the York Residential
	5JP	All of Y5 who attended the York Residential
Year 6	6EA	Jay Eggleston
	6AL	Millie Booth

House Points



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