

# George Washington Primary School

## Friday Newsletter

7<sup>th</sup> February 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

**Attendance** Well done to Mrs Martin/Mrs Scott's and Miss Wade's classes for their attendance this week. We have had a few cases of chicken pox in school this week, so unfortunately our overall attendance for the week dropped to 92.7% and the year-to-date attendance is 94.5%.

### EYFS & KS1

RLM	RSS	1NM	1MS	2AK	2BG
94.3%	96.3%	94.1%	97.1%	75.7%	83.3%

### KS2

3CL	3AW	4AL	4KH	5JP	5RA	6EA	6GW
92.1%	97.7%	93.7%	96.9%	95.4%	87.2%	92.8%	94.8%

**Valentines Disco** Put on your dancing shoes and get ready to party! Next week, love will be in the air as we host our GWPS Valentine's Discos. There'll be lots of dancing, snacks, games, and much more. Tickets can be purchased from today, as well as on the door at the night of the discos. All profits from the ticket sales will go towards fundraising for the school. The KS2 parties will have a Tuck Shop where children can spend their own money on sweets, treats, and other goodies!

Year	Date and time	Cost	Pick up
<b>Reception</b>	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> In-school	Zero	Usual home time
<b>Y1 &amp; Y2</b>	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> 4:30-5:30pm	£2	Usual classroom doors at 5:30pm
<b>Y3 &amp; Y4</b>	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> 3:30-4:30pm	£2	Usual classroom doors at 4:30pm
<b>Y5 &amp; Y6</b>	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> 4:45pm-5:45pm	£2	Y5JP – 3AW door Y5RA – 3CL door Y6EA – 4AL door Y6GW – 4KH door

**Easyfundraising** Another way that we are continuing to raise funds for school is through the easyfundraising website and app. So far, we have raised over £100 through parents and carers signing up and using the app or website to do their usual online shopping – it costs you nothing to do, and really helps us. If you have any questions about how to use it, please get in touch and someone at school will be able to help you.



**Y5 Residential Meeting** With York residential coming up soon, we have an information session for parents/carers arranged for 11<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm. This session will take place in the school hall.

**Secondary Transition** The dates for secondary transition days for schools in Sunderland are set for 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> July. On these days, all Y6 children will attend their new school. More information will follow from the respective schools following national offer day on 1<sup>st</sup> March.

**Healthy Heads** On Monday morning (10<sup>th</sup> February), in the school hall at 8:50am, there will be a drop-in session for parents led by the Healthy Heads team. This is a chance for parents to come in and chat to the Healthy Heads staff about the support they offer, or to discuss their own child's needs in a relaxed environment. Healthy Heads are offering support to us in the form of whole class, small group and 1:1 sessions with a focus on mental health and wellbeing, including emotional regulation, anxiety and building resilience. They also offer support for neurodivergent children around understanding themselves.

**Football Training** In preparation for the county 5-a-side indoor semi-finals, Year 5/6 football training will resume on Monday (10/02/25). Weather permitting, training will be held outside on the MUGA. Children need to bring appropriate trainers and shinpads to football training.

**SEND Services Information Event** Together for children's Family Hub are running an information sharing event at Columbia Grange School on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February from 10am – 2pm. Parents of children with SEND will be able to meet with organisations, services and charities that can support you and your family, whether you have a diagnosis or are still waiting. Find more information and choose a time slot by scanning the QR code below.



**Getting Ready for Nursery** Is your child aged 3 years and starting nursery soon? Are they toilet trained? Can they fasten their own coat? Are you worried how they'll settle in? The Family Hub at the Rainbow Centre have a drop-in session planned on 1<sup>st</sup> April between 9:30am-11:30am designed to help you and your child prepare. The session includes support and advice from the Speech & Language team, 0-19 service, CAMHS, and more, all whilst your child plays and has fun.

**Children's Mental Health Week** It has been wonderful to see all of the children today expressing themselves in their outfits, as well as taking part in various different activities. Mental health and wellbeing is a priority year-round at GWPS, but it has been great fun to take the week to really nurture our understanding of having a healthy mind. The children have lots of tools and resources to support their own mental wellbeing wherever they are!

*R. Knight*

Mr R. Knight  
Head of School



## Forest School Dates

Date	Class
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	5JP
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3CL
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	4KH
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2AK RLM
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1MS 6GW

Date	Class
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	5RA
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3AW
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	4AL
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2BG RSS
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	1NM 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 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	Mia Huzzey
	RSS	Amber Humby
Year 1	1MS	
	1NM	Nathan Douglas
Year 2	2AK	Freddie Peverley
	2BG	Isaac-Lee Calvert
Year 3	3AW	Daxton Errington-Proctor
	3CL	
Year 4	4AL	Phoebe Allsopp
	4KH	Katie Quilt
Year 5	5RA	Harper English
	5JP	Zoe Marsden
Year 6	6EA	
	6GW	Daisy Fletcher

## House Points



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