

George Washington Primary School

Friday Newsletter

21st March 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Ofsted As you will know, Ofsted visited our school this week on Tuesday and Wednesday to carry out an inspection. I would like to say a huge thank you for all the support received from our parent/carer body and of course to the children who were fantastic throughout. More information will follow when the report is published, and I will let you know when this is the case.

Attendance Well done to Mr McLaughlin's and Mr Perry's classes for their attendance this week. Our overall attendance for the week was 92.7% which means the year-to-date attendance figure has dropped slightly to 94.4%. Hopefully we can push this back up next week.

EYFS & KS1

RLM	RSS	1NM	1MS	2AK	2BG
93.3%	90.8%	87.3%	92.7%	93.1%	92.7%

KS2

3CL	3AW	4AL	4KH	5JP	5RA	6EA	6GW
90.1%	95.1%	97.6%	92.8%	97.7%	91.6%	91.1%	94.2%

Friendship Cafe For the past two years, we have been hosting Memory Cafe with residents at Donwell, providing a supportive space for residents to connect and engage. We're excited to announce that we plan to expand this initiative to the wider community too, renaming it to Friendship Cafe. This new name reflects our desire to foster meaningful connections and create an inclusive environment where everyone can join in, share experiences, and build lasting friendships. Our year 5 children will be running this by playing games and have conversations with others. If you have a family member who you think would benefit with this, please spread the word! Our next Friendship Cafe will be held on 2nd April at 2pm in the school hall. We look forward to seeing you.

Year 5/6 Football Last night, the Year 5/6 football team played two fixtures at home against Our Lady Queen of Peace and Usworth Colliery Primary Schools. Our first game against Usworth Colliery was a 1-0 win thanks to an early goal by Jay-Jay and an outstanding defence by Lydia and Freddie. The second game against Our Lady Queen of Peace was a fantastic game to watch. We were unlucky to lose the game 2-1 after conceding a goal in the last minute. We want to thank those children who were able to jump in and play at short notice - without you, we would have had to forfeit both games.

Comic Relief It was lovely to see so much red around school today to help celebrate Comic Relief. In school we raised £120.08 which will go to good causes at home and abroad. Thank you for your generosity.



Easter HAF The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme is now **open for booking during the Easter holidays** and is available to those children/young people who are in receipt of **means tested free school meals** and to those who have a **special educational need or disability**. As a city, Sunderland is keen to promote the importance of healthy lifestyles and wellbeing, with the hope of reducing the increasing obesity rate in Sunderland. More information, including the timetables and how to book can be found using the link below.

<https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/washington-timetable>

York For those children in Y5 who attended the York residential this week, they have had brilliant weather for their trip. They have had a super time away with their friends with lots of great photos and videos on the school's Facebook page. The staff on the trip have been so impressed by the children – they have been amazing.

Have a brilliant weekend everyone.

R. Knight

Mr R. Knight
Head of School



Forest School Dates

Date	Class
Monday 24 th March	5RA
Tuesday 25 th March	3AW
Wednesday 26 th March	4AL
Thursday 27 th March	2BG RSS
Friday 28 th March	1NM 6EA



Date	Class
Monday 31 st March	5JP
Tuesday 1 st April	3CL
Wednesday 2 nd April	4KH
Thursday 3 rd April	2AK RLM
Friday 4 th April	1MS 6GW

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	Hannah Shanley
	RSS	Luke Donald
Year 1	1MS	Ryley Drew
	1NM	Isaac Potter
Year 2	2AK	Bobby-James McMain
	2BG	Curtis Crossley
Year 3	3AW	Poppy Pattison
	3CL	Juliette Matthews
Year 4	4AL	Otto Devitt
	4KH	Noah Colledge
Year 5	5RA	Everyone who took part in the Y5 residential
	5JP	Everyone who took part in the Y5 residential
Year 6	6EA	Jake Marriner
	6GW	Max King

House Points



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