



11th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you and goodbye Today was Miss Maher's last day at GWPS as she retires after 17 years working here. In that time, she has worked with many children right across school in her role as a classroom teaching assistant and as a SEND TA. Many of you will know her having had children that worked closely with her, and I am sure you will join me in saying thanks and wish her good luck for the future.

Attendance Well done to Mrs McMonigle/Miss Forster's and Miss Allen's classes for their attendance this week. Our overall attendance for the week was 95.3% which means the year-to-date attendance figure is 94.3%.

Today, 139 children from across school received a certificate for perfect attendance this half-term. Olivia in Reception and Robbie in Y5 won the half-termly attendance raffle for having excellent (96%) or improved attendance.

EYFS & KS1

RLM	RSS	1NM	1MS	2AK	2BG
95.3%	94.8%	98.3%	92.7%	96.2%	92.7%

KS2

3CL	3AW	4AL	4KH	5JP	5RA	6EA	6GW
93.6%	90.7%	94.8%	91.4%	97.7%	98.3%	99.7%	98.3

Football This week, the Year 5/6 football team competed in the Alan Grimes County semi-finals. It was a tough evening of football, with plenty of talent on display across all teams. Despite having to play four back-to-back matches, our team gave it everything right up until the final whistle. We finished the night with one well-earned 3–0 victory against Belmont Primary School, along with three hard-fought losses — two of which could have gone either way. Unfortunately, we didn't qualify for the finals this time, but the team showed great determination and spirit throughout. A special shout-out to Jay-Jay, who scored a fantastic hat-trick during one of the matches — an outstanding performance!

Easter Egg Competition A massive well done to our eggcellent egg decorators this week. There were lots of brilliant designs and lots of fun had creating them in school. Pictures of the winning designs are on our school Facebook page.

Fire Service Y2 had a special visit from the fire service this week. The children explored the modern firefighting equipment and uniform, comparing them to those used during the Great Fire of Gateshead which is a part of their history curriculum. The children especially loved trying out the hose and climbing aboard the fire engine.



Church visit Our annual Easter church services were held this morning at Holy Trinity Church. The singing and reading were amazing in both the EYFS/KS1 and KS2 service. All the children made us very proud. Reverend Bethany told the story of Jesus helping people to make the right choices through a very cool science experiment which the children found fascinating.

Online Safety Parent Workshops On Monday 28th April (the first Monday back after Easter) there will be an online safety 'Internet Matters' workshop for parents in the school hall. This will start at 2:30pm and aim to be finished in time for normal pick up. Internet Matters aims to provide parents with all the tools that they need to keep their children safe online, including advice on safety settings on devices, age-appropriate apps to be using and relevant online issues that parents should be aware of. We hope to welcome lots of you in to school.

VE Day On Thursday 8th May we are inviting parent/and carers to join us on the field for a picnic to celebrate VE Day! Please save the date and more information will follow.

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>

Rainbow Centre Easter Holiday Activities- The Rainbow Centre in Concord has lots of different activities planned for the Easter Holidays. More information can be found on their Facebook page, using the link www.mybestlife.org.uk or by scanning the QR code.



House Points A massive well done to Sycamore who were the winning house for this term and had an Easter egg hunt on the school field yesterday afternoon. House Points will reset in summer term with another reward in the last week.

Have a brilliant Easter holiday everyone – the children and staff all deserve a well-earned break after working so hard in spring term. School reopens on Monday 28th April.

R. Knight

Mr R. Knight
Head of School



Forest School Dates on return from Easter holidays

Date	Class
Monday 28 th April	5JP
Tuesday 29 th April	3CL
Wednesday 30 th April	4KH
Thursday 1 st May	2AK RLM
Friday 2 nd May	1MS 6GW

Date	Class
Monday 5 th May	5RA
Tuesday 6 th May	3AW
Wednesday 7 th May	4AL
Thursday 8 th May	2BG RSS
Friday 9 th May	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	Ivy Whitton
	RSS	Ada Mansell Render
Year 1	1MS	Ethan Harker
	1NM	Esmæ Whitfield
Year 2	2AK	Amelia Taylor-Deacon
	2BG	Tyler McCutcheon
Year 3	3AW	All of class 3AW
	3CL	All of class 3CL
Year 4	4AL	Thomas Taylor-Deacon
	4KH	Clay Johnson
Year 5	5RA	Summer Brunskill
	5JP	Grace Watson
Year 6	6EA	Ruby Stubbs
	6GW	Lexi Redhead

