

George Washington Primary School

Friday Newsletter



17th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance Well done to Mrs McMonigle's and Miss Lynn's classes for their attendance this week. School's overall attendance for the week was a superb 96.2% and the year-to-date attendance is 94.7%.

As a comparison, state-funded primary schools nationally are currently averaging 94.8% for the year.

EYFS & KS1

RLM	RSS	1NM	1MS	2AK	2BG
93.6%	97.2%	97.6%	96.4%	95.6%	96.9%

KS2

3CL	3AW	4AL	4KH	5JP	5RA	6EA	6GW
98.9%	97.8%	97.5%	93.4%	94.9%	95.7%	95.1%	95.4%

Afterschool Clubs A Parent Pay has been sent out this afternoon with a selection of clubs for children to choose from, with the first clubs starting week commencing 27th January. We hope that as many children as possible will sign up. Please note, all after school clubs are free.

Futsal Last night the girls' futsal team had their first three games of the mini season. The team had a strong start, winning their first game 7-0 against St John's. The second game against Usworth Colliery was a lot closer, going from one end of the pitch to the other. This ended in a 0-0 draw that could have gone either team's way. The final game against Rickleton was similar to the second game and was evenly matched throughout. Unfortunately, Rickleton managed to score a goal in the last few minutes resulting in a 1-0 loss. Well done to all those girls who gave it their all last night.

Y6 SATs meeting As stated on the key dates sent out in September, we have a Y6 SATs information evening on Thursday 23rd January at 5pm. However, we want as many parents as possible to be able to attend this event so have decided to run it twice on the same day – as well as at 5pm, we will have the same event at 2:15pm. We envisage this earlier session will last until near the end of the school day, ready for collection time. At this event, we will explain the itinerary for SATs week, look at some past papers and give advice to enable you to help and support your child at home. If you cannot make it along, please contact Miss Allen or Miss Walters. Both the earlier and later event will be held in the school hall – please come to the school office to sign in.

Reception Bedtime Stories We are delighted to welcome our reception parents/carers into school for our bedtime stories event on Thursday 30th January 5:00pm-6:00pm. A ParentPay was sent out yesterday with more information.



School Vacancy We have a vacancy in school as a lunchtime assistant, working for 7.5 hours per week across 39 weeks. The advert closes at midday on 23rd January. More information can be found on the school website or on Jobs Northeast. Alternatively, an information pack can be picked up from the school office.

INSET Day A reminder that our next staff training day is Friday 31st January. School will be closed to all pupils on this day.

R. Knight

Mr R. Knight
Head of School



Forest School Dates

Date	Class
Monday 20 th Jan	5RA
Tuesday 21 st Jan	3AW
Wednesday 22 nd Jan	4AL
Thursday 23 rd Jan	2BG RSS
Friday 24 th Jan	1NM 6GW

Date	Class
Monday 27 th Jan	5JP
Tuesday 28 th Jan	3CL
Wednesday 29 th Jan	4KH
Thursday 30 th Jan	2AK RLM 1NM
Friday 31 st Jan	INSET DAY

Due to the inset day on Friday 31st January, class 1NM will have Forest School on Thursday 30th January. Unfortunately, 6EA will miss Forest School for this week only.

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	Jacob Walton
	RSS	Brayden Duraku
Year 1	1MS	Jude King
	1NM	Harry Thompson
Year 2	2AK	Christopher McCormella-Bell
	2BG	Mia Lindsay
Year 3	3AW	Andrew Shannon
	3CL	Isaac McGuire
Year 4	4AL	Mia-Rose Frew
	4KH	Gracie Lambert
Year 5	5RA	Lola Smith
	5JP	James Douglas
Year 6	6EA	Max McGuire
	6GW	Logan Matthews

