

George Washington Primary School

Friday Newsletter

4th September 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been great to see everyone back in school this week refreshed and ready to learn. Right across school there has been brilliant work produced. I would particularly like to welcome our new reception cohort who have settled in really well to their new surroundings.

Local Governing Body (LGB) We currently have a vacant position for a parent governor on our LGB. More information was sent out this week via ParentPay about this very important role in school governance. A Forms survey was also sent for those who would like to nominate themselves or someone else. If you nominate someone else, they should have given their permission for you to do this. Should we have more than one nomination, it will be put to a vote among all parents/carers. As part of the process, each candidate must write a personal statement, and this will be used as part of the voting process should this be needed. Nominations must be submitted **no later 8am on Wednesday 16th September 2026**. If you have any questions about this, please contact the school office who will be more than happy to help.

Peter Rabbit It was lovely to see that some of our pupils went on the St. Oswald's charity Peter Rabbit trail over the summer and discovered GWPS's very own Peter, called Darwin. There is still time to see the trail as it does not end until the 14th September. The trail is raising funds for St Oswald's Hospice and looks set to be a great free family activity for the holidays. If you would like to help us in our fundraising for St Oswald's Hospice, scan the QR code, which will take you to our school's fundraising page, to donate.



Football Football training will begin on Monday 7th September and will be held straight after school until 4:15pm. Training will then continue every Monday throughout the school year unless notified otherwise. Children in the football team should bring appropriate clothing and footwear to change into at the end of the school day.

School Roof It is with great disappointment that I note that we have recently had a group of children, including some current and past pupils, who have trespassed onto school grounds and subsequently scaled the roof whereby a social media video has been produced. As well as being illegal to enter the grounds in this way, it is of course highly dangerous and could have led to serious injury or even death. It has also caused damage to some roof tiles. I encourage all of our parents to be always aware of your child's whereabouts and if they are using mobile phones/social media, closely monitor their activity.

Community-based Early Help There is lots going on each week at our local Family Hub at the Rainbow Centre in Concord to support families. This ranges from support with those with young children and babies to other help such as parenting support, welfare rights and support with food parcels as part of the Bread and Butter initiative. We have attached this half-term's timetable with today's newsletter.

Key Dates Term dates for this full academic year were sent last half term, but we have reattached them today. Next week school will send out key dates for the year. This will include important meetings, Christmas activities, residentials and sports days. Further dates will be shared across the year when other events and activities are planned.



Attendance Well done to Reception (1ZF) and Miss Wade’s (3AW) classes for their outstanding attendance for this week in their respective key stages. School’s overall attendance for the week was 92.5%.

EYFS & KS1

Reception	1MS	1ZF	2GW	2RA
97.4%	94.4%	92.1%	90.2%	83.3%

KS2

3AK	3AW	4CL	4LM	5JP	5MS	6EA	6KH
90.8%	98.9%	95.4%	91.1%	92.5%	88.7%	91.7%	94.8%

R. Knight
Mr R Knight
Head of School



Forest School Dates

On their Forest School days children must have long trousers and long sleeves. Appropriate 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 7 th September	5JP
Tuesday 8 th September	4CL
Wednesday 9 th September	3AK
Thursday 10 th September	1MS
Friday 11 th September	2RA 6KH

Date	Class
Monday 14 th September	5MS
Tuesday 15 th September	4LM
Wednesday 16 th September	3AW
Thursday 17 th September	1ZF
Friday 18 th September	2GW 6EA

Year 4 and 5 Swimming

Year Group	PE Day	Swimming Day
Reception	Tuesday PM	
Year 1	Wednesday PM	
Year 2	Monday PM	
Year 3	Thursday PM	
Year 4	Wednesday AM	Thursday – 4CL Friday – 4LM
Year 5	Friday PM	Tuesday – 5MS Wednesday - 5JP
Year 6	Tuesday PM	



Achievers of the Week & House Points



Year Group	Class	Achievers of the Week
Reception	RBP	All Reception Children
	RSS	All Reception Children
Year 1	1MS	Grayson Burrow-Savage
	1ZF	Aria Mallaburn
Year 2	2RA	Bradley Pearson
	2GW	Vinnie Nutting
Year 3	3AK	Ethan Harker
	3AW	Nathan Douglas
Year 4	4LM	Keanu Archer
	4CL	Harry Nixon
Year 5	5MS	Beth Doran
	5JP	Daxton Errington-Proctor
Year 6	6EA	Buddy Holmes
	6KH	Elliott Manson

