

George Washington Primary School

Friday Newsletter

26th September 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Football Last night, our Y5/Y6 football team played our first league fixtures at home against Blackfell and Lambton Primary Schools. There were two very close games which we narrowly lost 1-0 each time. The first game against Blackfell was very close but we got caught out with an unlucky rebound off the crossbar which resulted in Blackfell scoring their goal, securing the win. Lambton took a very early lead in their game against us within the first few seconds. Following this, it was a very one-sided game in our favour but, no matter what we did, we just could not score. Despite not being the results we had hoped for, there is a lot of potential within the team to do well this year.

Healthy Heads We hope that those who came along on Tuesday for the Healthy Heads coffee morning found it useful and were able to take away helpful information to support their child. Moving forward, Healthy Heads are going to come into school next term and run the same session. Look out for details in the newsletter and on the school Facebook page.

Reception, Y1 and Y6 Information meetings Thank you to everyone who was able to come along to one of the named parents' information sessions in recent weeks to find out more about reading, phonics and statutory assessments. If you missed one of these, please contact the school office who will be happy to arrange a call with your child's class teacher.

Special Meal Day On 2nd October, school will be having a special promotional meal day with a Superhero theme – the menu is attached with today's newsletter. We would encourage all children to have a school meal on the day. If your child does not normally have school dinners, then please let the school office know in advance if they want to be part of the promotional day so that the kitchen can plan to feed them. There will be a special 'golden ticket' winner in each year group with a small prize, and these winners will then be entered into a city-wide draw with the following prizes.

- £20 Amazon gift card (4 prizes)
- Marvel Ultimate Protectors Action figure pack (8 figures)
- Superhero DIY Craft Project gift set
- Colour in Superhero T-shirt with 10 magic pens & Marvel finger painting gift
- Play-Doh Marvel Smash & Squish playset and Superheroes sticker book
- Marvel Guess Who game
- Spiderman digital quartz watch with 6 piece Marvel action figures

Macmillan Coffee Morning Thank you to everyone who came along today for our Macmillan Coffee Morning. We hoped you enjoyed your cuppa, cake and songs from our KS2 choir. All money raised will go towards a very worthwhile cause.



Sunderland Flag Bearer Through school's partnership with AK Teaching, we have been offered a ticket for 1 child and 1 accompanying adult for the match against Wolves on 18th October with the child being a flag bearer. This opportunity is only open to KS2 children. If this is something that appeals to you and your child, please fill in the Forms Survey before the deadline of 4pm on Thursday 2nd October and we will hold a raffle next Friday.

FORMS SURVEY LINK - <https://forms.office.com/e/WQfvYaXt3y>

Attendance Well done to Mr McLaughlin's class (RLM) and to Mrs Pringle's class (3BP) with their outstanding attendance for this week in their respective key stages. School's overall attendance for the week dropped this week to 92.2% meaning the year-to-date has also fallen to 94.2% - I hope next week we can improve and get back up there closer to school's target of 96%.

EYFS & KS1

RLM	RSS	1DM	1ZF	2AK	2GW
99.1%	89.5%	93.1%	95.2%	87.9%	92.3%

KS2

3BP	3CL	4AW	4RA	5JP	5KH	6EA	6AL
97.7%	85.9%	89.4%	94.7%	88.6%	88.7%	96.9%	92.8%

New Reception Intake 2026 While the new academic year has just begun, we are pleased to announce our upcoming Reception Open Events for next year's intake, with the application process opening soon. Our events will be held on Thursday 2nd October 2025 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm and Saturday 4th October 2025 from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Families are warmly invited to attend without the need for an appointment. These events provide an excellent opportunity to meet our staff, tour the school, and gain an insight into the rich and varied experiences that await your child should they join George Washington Primary School.

Poppy Display Mrs Harrison will be making an outdoor poppy display later in this term and to help create this she needs the bottom part of 2L plastic bottles. She estimates that she will need about 1000 bottles (and currently has about 700) so if you can help, please hand them into your child's class teacher.

R. Knight

Mr R Knight
Head of School



Forest School Dates

Date	Class
Monday 29 th Sept	5KH
Tuesday 30 th Sept	RSS 2AK
Wednesday 1 st Oct	3CL
Thursday 2 nd Oct	4AW
Friday 3 rd Oct	1ZF 6AL

Date	Class
Monday 6 th Oct	5JP
Tuesday 7 th Oct	RLM 2GW
Wednesday 8 th Oct	3BP
Thursday 9 th Oct	4RA
Friday 10 th Oct	1DM 6AE

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 or yellow T-shirt with dark coloured shorts or trousers. Football kits or similar clothing should not be worn.

Year Group	PE Day	Swimming Day
Reception	Thursday AM	
Year 1	Wednesday PM	
Year 2	Monday PM	
Year 3	Thursday PM	
Year 4	Wednesday AM	Tuesday - 4AW Friday - 4RA
Year 5	Friday PM	Wednesday – 5KH Thursday – 5JP
Year 6	Tuesday PM	



Achievers of the Week & House Points



Year Group	Class	Achievers of the Week
Reception	RLM	Sadie-Rose Rowell
	RSS	Miller Spittel
Year 1	1DM	Lydia Field
	1ZF	Christopher Lamb
Year 2	2AK	Matei Tabacaru
	2GW	Cole DGLISH
Year 3	3BP	Frankie Harker
	3CL	Elsie Leadbitter
Year 4	4AW	Neve Harrison
	4RA	Freddy Norman
Year 5	5KH	Fearne Ashton
	5JP	Jamie Reay
Year 6	6EA	Freya Taylor
	6AL	Aaliyah Hay

House Points



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