

George Washington Primary School

Friday Newsletter

24th October 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents' Evening Thank you to everyone who could attend a parents' evening meeting this week with your child's class teacher. If you could not attend this week, please contact the school office or your child's teacher directly as they will be happy to organise a meeting for after half-term.

Y4 MTC On Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th November, Y4 teachers will be hosting interactive workshops in the school hall regarding the multiplication tables check that children will be expected to take in June. We encourage as many parents as possible to sign up to one of these events which will be held alongside your child and will support you with being able to help them at home. Parents still wishing to sign up can either contact the school office or speak to their child's class teacher after the half-term break.

Washington Academy On Tuesday 4th November, we're thrilled to welcome some students from Washington Academy, who will be visiting our year 5 to share what life is like at secondary school. Then, on Tuesday 25th November, our year 5 children will have the fantastic opportunity to visit Washington Academy themselves and experience a taste of secondary school life first-hand! Please make sure you've completed the ParentPay form to give permission for this visit.

Business Opportunity Our fabulous Christmas Fayre is just around the corner, taking place on Wednesday 3rd December at 4:30pm! We're excited to once again welcome our wonderful local businesses into school to be part of this festive event. Stalls are available for £20 per business, offering a fantastic opportunity to showcase your products and services to our school community. Not only will this event give your business valuable exposure, but all funds raised by school stalls will go directly towards providing exciting opportunities for our pupils.

We're also asking for toy donations to support our popular stalls and raffles — any contributions would be greatly appreciated! For more information or to reserve a table, please contact the school office.

Healthy Heads Webinars Healthy Heads have developed a series of informative webinars designed specifically for parents to attend throughout this academic year. These sessions will cover a range of topics aimed at helping you better understand and support your child's education and wellbeing.

Attached, you'll find a flyer outlining all the webinar dates and times for the year, and an individual flyer for their upcoming Introduction to Service Webinar, which will take place on Tuesday 25th November at 6:00pm.

Book Fair The Scholastic Book Fair Is Back!

We're excited to announce that our Scholastic Book Fair is returning after a successful year last year! Join us from

November 6th–12th, every afternoon from 3:30–4:30 pm

(Please note: Friday, November 7th will finish at 4:00 p.m.). There's something for everyone with 20% of titles under £5, it's the perfect chance to find great reads at great prices while supporting our school. We hope to see you there!

Please note: this is a cashless event, so remember to bring your card.



Football Last night, the year 5/6 football team played two tough matches against Rickleton and JFK Primary Schools. In the first game, the team faced a strong Rickleton side and were beaten 6–1. Despite the score line, the players showed great resilience and did not let their heads drop. In the second match against JFK, Robbie stepped into goal for Jacob after he picked up a wrist injury in the first half. It was a close contest, with the team battling hard right until the end, but the game finished 2–0 to JFK. Shout outs this week are for Vinnie for showing fantastic leadership and encouraging his teammates during the first game, and Jay for an excellent performance against JFK, covering every inch of the pitch and giving it his all. Well done to everyone for their effort and teamwork!

Year 6 Geography Expo We are so proud of year 6 and their brilliant work to prepare for this year's South America expo. As usual, it was a highlight of the year and their dedication to research and their presentations blew us all away. It was a delight to learn new languages, try our hands at South American pottery, try out our dancing skills for Carnivale and even taste some delicious South American treats! Keep an eye on our Facebook page for photos of the wonderful event.

Flu Immunisations If your child missed their flu immunisation in school, or you initially did not consent and would now like this to happen, the NHS have the community clinics (in the table below) running in the Sunderland/Tyne and Wear area.

To book an appointment, please contact the school aged immunisation team on 03333583397 - option 3.

Date	Venue	Address
27 th October	Ridgeway Family Hub	NE34 8AB
29 th October	Thorney Close Family Hub	SR3 4JQ
6 th November	Rainbow Family Hub	NE37 3AE
10 th November	Thorney Close Family Hub	SR3 4JQ
18 th November	Coalfield Family Hub	DH5 9NE

Harvest Service Today at the church, both the KS1 and KS2 services were absolutely fantastic with brilliant, clear readings and beautiful singing from all. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for a post which celebrates our morning. Thank you for all the kind donations towards the foodbank at St. Michael's - the items will be greatly received.

Affordable Food Hub In Albany Village there is an affordable food hub running in conjunction with Sunderland City Council and Feeding Britain. The hub will provide a range of nutritious food, household and cleaning items, as well as personal care supplies at a low cost. This hub is open on Wednesday (1:30pm – 3:30pm) and Friday (10am – 12pm) at the Albany Centre. For more information contact Community Opportunities on 0191 537 3231.

Half-term tennis Over half-term, Active Sunderland have free tennis sessions available across the city. No booking or equipment is required – just turn up and play.

27th October – Thompson Park – 12:00-13:30

28th October – Usworth Park – 12:00-13:30

29th October – Barnes Park – 12:00-13:30

Attendance Awards Children with 96% or above attendance were entered into the prize draw to win a Halloween treat basket today. The winners were Lyra in Y1 for EY & KS1 and Umar in Y4 for KS2. All children who were entered into the raffle should have come home with a certificate celebrating their excellent attendance this half term. There will be another prize to win next half term, which will be for children whose attendance is 96% or above, and also children whose attendance has improved since this half term so there are lots of chances to win!



Attendance Well done to Miss Forster's (1ZF) and Mrs Pringle's (3BP) classes with their outstanding attendance for this week in their respective key stages. School's overall attendance for the week was 94.2% meaning the year-to-date attendance is 94.2% also.

EYFS & KS1

RLM	RSS	1DM	1ZF	2AK	2GW
85.7%	93.2%	95.1%	97.9%	91.1%	90.7%

KS2

3BP	3CL	4AW	4RA	5JP	5KH	6EA	6AL
98.9%	90.7%	97.1%	98.1%	90.1%	98.3%	95.1%	95.6%

Flag Bearer A massive well done to Lillibeth in Y5 who represented the school brilliantly last weekend at the Sunderland v Wolves match when she was a flag bearer. She had a brilliant day which was topped off with a 2-0 win for Sunderland.



Have a great break over half-term. We look forward to seeing you on your return on Monday 3rd November.

R. Knight

Mr R Knight
Head of School



Forest School Dates

October Half Term Week – Mon 27th to Fri 31st October 2025

Date	Class
Monday 3 rd Nov	5KH
Tuesday 4 th Nov	RSS 2AK
Wednesday 5 th Nov	3CL
Thursday 6 th Nov	4AW
Friday 7 th Nov	1ZF 6AL

Date	Class
Monday 10 th Nov	5JP
Tuesday 11 th Nov	RLM 2GW
Wednesday 12 th Nov	3BP
Thursday 13 th Nov	4RA
Friday 14 th Nov	1DM 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 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	Ayda Armstrong
	RSS	Frankie Pascoe
Year 1	1DM	Austin Davies
	1ZF	Lewis Scott
Year 2	2AK	Nathan Douglas
	2GW	Grace Johnston-Neal
Year 3	3BP	Silvia Surugiu
	3CL	Thea Hall
Year 4	4AW	Isaac McGuire
	4RA	Maya Smith
Year 5	5KH	Phoebe Allsopp
	5JP	Molly Sowerby
Year 6	6EA	Oliver Bartley
	6AL	Joey Scott

House Points



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