

# George Washington Primary School

## Friday Newsletter

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

**Attendance** Well done to Miss Forster's class in KS1 and Miss Allen's class in KS2 for their top attendances this week. Our overall attendance for the week was 93.1% which means the year-to-date attendance figure is 94.3%.

Today, 223 children received a perfect attendance certificate for being in school for 100% of sessions in summer 1 half-term. Well done for this brilliant attendance. For 29 children, this is their 5<sup>th</sup> attendance certificate this year with one half-term to go. How many can have 100% attendance for the full year?

### EYFS & KS1

RLM	RSS	1NM	1MS	2AK	2BG
93.1%	94.8%	95.1%	87.3%	94.6%	88.3%

### KS2

3CL	3AW	4AL	4KH	5JP	5RA	6EA	6GW
94.5%	95.7%	90.1%	91.4%	92.3%	89.1%	98.6%	95.9%

**Y6 France Residential** A reminder for all parents of children attending the France residential that messages and photos will be shared via the ClassDojo app – please make sure that you have your notifications turned on!

**Y5 Synagogue visit** This week our Y5 children went to Newcastle Synagogue to enhance their learning in RE lessons about Judaism. The rabbi was very impressed by the children's knowledge and understanding and passed on to Mrs Harrison what a great credit they were to our school.

**Memory Cafe** This week a group of our Y5 children, alongside the KS2 choir, visited Donwell Care Home as part of our Memory Cafe sessions. The children played board games and solved puzzles together with the residents before the choir performed some VE Day songs which got a big round of applause.

**Ready for Reception** If you, or someone you know, has a child starting in reception in September, there is a drop-in session at the Millennium Centre on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June between 9am - 12pm where the professionals attending will be able to help to get your child prepared for starting school. At the drop-in will be CYPs, 0-19 service, speech and language, and occupational therapist amongst others. This is a free session and the soft play area has a discounted rate of £2.50.

At GWPS, we have meetings planned for parents of our new reception intake on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June, both at 5pm. Parents only need to come to one of these meetings. As well as a chance to meet the staff and find out key information, there will be a chance to look around school.



**Football Training** The first Monday back after half term (02/06/25) will be the last football training of this academic year. Football trials will begin in the following weeks. Children will be given further information on how to try out for the football teams closer to the time of the trials.

**Happy retirement** Today marks the last day working at school for Mrs Preston who has looked after our children in out of hours club over the last 6 years. In that time, the children who regularly attend breakfast and/or afterschool club have loved their time there, including with all the fun crafts that Mrs Preston has planned. We thank her very much and send our good wishes on her well-earned retirement.

### Summer Term Key Dates 2025

Date	Event	Year Group
26.05.25	HALF-TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School
02.06.25	School re-opens	Whole School
02.06.25	Y6 France residential	Year 6
02.06.25	Y4 Times Table Check (MTC) (2-week period)	Year 4
09.06.25	Phonics Check Week	Year 1
09.06.25	Assessment Week for Rec-Y5 (2-week period)	Rec-Y5
30.06.25	Staff Training Day – School Closed to Pupils	Staff Only
03.07.25	Year 1/2 Sports Day – 9:15am	Year 1 and 2
03.07.25	Reception Sports Day - 2:15pm	Reception
04.07.25	Year 5/6 Sports Day – 9:15am	Year 5 and 6
04.07.25	Year 3/4 Sports Day - 2:00pm	Year 3 and 4
09.07.25	Summer Fayre – 2pm	Whole School
12.07.25	New reception intake parent meeting - 5pm	
17.07.25	New reception intake parent meeting - 5pm	
17.07.25	Year 6 Leavers’ Performance – 2pm	Year 6
18.07.25	Year 6 Leavers’ Performance – 9.30am	Year 6
18.07.25	Reports Home to Parents	Whole School
23.07.25	SUMMER HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School

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Head of School



## Forest School Dates

### 1<sup>st</sup> Week Back after Half Term

Date	Class
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	5RA
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	3CL
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	4KH
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	RLM 2BG
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	1MS <b>No Y6 due to France visit</b>

Date	Class
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	5JP
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	3AW
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	4AL
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	RSS 2AK
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	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
<b>Reception</b>	Wednesday	
<b>Year 1</b>	Monday	
<b>Year 2</b>	Friday	
<b>Year 3</b>	Friday	
<b>Year 4</b>	Thursday	Tuesday - 4AL Friday - 4KH
<b>Year 5</b>	Tuesday	Wednesday – 5JP Thursday – 5RA
<b>Year 6</b>	Monday	



# Achievers of the Week & House Points



Year Group	Class	Achievers of the Week
Reception	RLM	Maya Hall
	RSS	Penny McKenna
Year 1	1MS	Marshall Macdonald
	1NM	Evan Derbyshire
Year 2	2AK	Lydia Thoburn
	2BG	Thea Hall
Year 3	3AW	Grace Wheatley
	3CL	Lily Ross
Year 4	4AL	Aliyah Ross
	4KH	Libby King
Year 5	5RA	Mila Paton
	5JP	Nathan McLaren
Year 6	6EA	Lennox Al-Hooti
	6GW	Oscar Falcus

## House Points



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