

# Friday Newsletter

9<sup>th</sup> January 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

**Attendance** Well done to Mrs Spencer's class (RSS) and Miss Wade's (4AW) classes for their outstanding attendance for this week in their respective key stages. School's overall attendance for the week was 94.4% and the year-to-date attendance is 94.1%.

## EYFS & KS1

RLM	RSS	1DM	1ZF	2AK	2GW
93.8%	96.4%	91.4%	94.3%	93.5%	92.5%

## KS2

3BP	3CL	4AW	4RA	5JP	5KH	6EA	6AL
94.1%	95.3%	97.7%	95.3%	95.1%	92.6%	94.2%	95.6%

**Y6 SATs** There will be a Y6 SATs information evening on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 5pm in the school hall. The session will discuss the itinerary of the week, explain how we will be supporting children in the lead up to this week and offer practical support for families to help at home.

**Residential**s Following initial letters of interest in December, further letters regarding the Y4, 5 and 6 residential have been sent via ParentPay today. Information meetings will be held on the following dates: Y4 – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 5pm; Y5 – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm; Y6 – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 5pm.

**Job Vacancies** We have a few job opportunities available in the Trust at the moment. There is a site manager role at Riverside Primary Academy and 5x cleaning jobs, some of which will be based at GWPS – applications for all posts closes at 9am on 12<sup>th</sup> January. These jobs are advertised on Jobs Northeast and application packs can be found at [www.olt.org.uk/our-trust/current-vacancies/](http://www.olt.org.uk/our-trust/current-vacancies/). Should you wish for paper copies of anything, these will be available at the school office.

**Catering Assistant vacancies** Sunderland City Council have 11 posts available as catering assistants in schools across Sunderland, including 1 at GWPS and several others in schools around Washington. More information and an online application form can be found using the link below, with the closing date being 25/1/26. Should you have any further questions about any of the posts, please contact our school office who will provide you with the contact details for the school meals manager, Keith Miles.

[https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Catering\\_Assistant/290182](https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/Catering_Assistant/290182)

*R. Knight*

Mr R Knight  
Head of School  
Forest School Dates



On their Forest School days children must have long trousers and long sleeves. Warm 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 12th Jan	5JP
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	RLM 2GW
Wednesday 14th Jan	3BP
Thursday 15th Jan	4RA
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	1DM 6EA

Date	Class
Monday 19th Jan	5KH
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	RSS 2AK
Wednesday 21st Jan	3CL
Thursday 22nd Jan	4AW
Friday 23rd Jan	1ZF 6AL

**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	Ben Bonallie
	RSS	Mushinga Irakoze
Year 1	1DM	Christopher Pybus
	1ZF	Alfie Moody
Year 2	2AK	Aran Yelnoorkar
	2GW	Marshall MacDonald
Year 3	3BP	Ayla Okon
	3CL	Lexi Maddison
Year 4	4AW	Klay Scott
	4RA	Lyla Welsh
Year 5	5KH	Jack Mackie
	5JP	Isaac Hull
Year 6	6EA	Robbie Shevills
	6AL	Dominic Dickson-Earley

## House Points



128



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160



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