

# George Washington Primary School

## Friday Newsletter

16<sup>th</sup> January 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

**Attendance** Well done to Miss Walter's class (2GW) and Mr Alder's (4RA) classes for their outstanding attendance for this week in their respective key stages. School's overall attendance for the week was 94.1% and the year-to-date attendance is 94.1%.

### EYFS & KS1

| RLM   | RSS   | 1DM   | 1ZF   | 2AK   | 2GW   |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 94.3% | 97.6% | 95.5% | 96.3% | 95.2% | 98.2% |

### KS2

| 3BP   | 3CL   | 4AW   | 4RA   | 5JP   | 5KH   | 6EA   | 6AL   |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 91.1% | 95.1% | 90.7% | 98.1% | 91.1% | 89.2% | 91.9% | 93.2% |

**Spare Clothes** School are running low on spare clothes that we keep in case of any accidents in school. If you have any clothes that do not fit your child any more, please consider donating them to school. You can hand them either to your child's class teacher or to the school office.

**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.

**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)

**Healthy Heads** This term we are continuing to work with Healthy Heads, the Mental Health Support Team supporting schools across Sunderland. They offer early intervention for children and families experiencing mild to moderate mental health difficulties and take a whole-school approach through assemblies, class sessions, workshops and wellbeing activities. We are pleased to share their latest newsletter as well as a flyer that includes dates of upcoming webinars that are free for any parents/carers to sign up for – this includes one on 21<sup>st</sup> January titled managing worries and anxieties and one on 24<sup>th</sup> March titled managing difficult behaviours.

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

| Date                           | Class      |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan    | 5JP        |
| Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan   | RLM<br>2GW |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan | 3BP        |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan  | 4RA        |
| Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan    | 1DM<br>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<br>Friday - 4RA     |
| Year 5     | Friday PM    | Wednesday – 5KH<br>Thursday – 5JP |
| Year 6     | Tuesday PM   |                                   |



# Achievers of the Week & House Points



| Year Group | Class | Achievers of the Week |
|------------|-------|-----------------------|
| Reception  | RLM   | Leon Duffy            |
|            | RSS   | Alana Spearman        |
| Year 1     | 1DM   | Violet Harbron        |
|            | 1ZF   | Albie Stephenson      |
| Year 2     | 2AK   | George Sepehri        |
|            | 2GW   | Dexie Jones           |
| Year 3     | 3BP   | Harry Nixon           |
|            | 3CL   | Nathan Belcher        |
| Year 4     | 4AW   | Amelia Hagan          |
|            | 4RA   | Caleb Halliday        |
| Year 5     | 5KH   | Dominic Grotz         |
|            | 5JP   | Mia-Rose Donald       |
| Year 6     | 6EA   | Isabel Lansdowne      |
|            | 6AL   | Alysse Mustoe         |

## House Points



303



265



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