

Friday Newsletter

16th 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 20th 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

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 21st January titled managing worries and anxieties and one on 24th 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 th Jan	RSS 2AK
Wednesday 21st Jan	3CL
Thursday 22nd Jan	4AW
Friday 23rd Jan	1ZF 6AL

Date	Class
Monday 26 th Jan	5JP
Tuesday 27 th Jan	RLM 2GW
Wednesday 28 th Jan	3BP
Thursday 29 th Jan	4RA
Friday 30 th Jan	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	



TALK & LISTEN,
BE THERE,
FEEL CONNECTED



Your time,
your words,
your presence



REMEMBER
THE SIMPLE
THINGS THAT
GIVE YOU JOY



EMBRACE NEW
EXPERIENCES,
SEE OPPORTUNITIES,
SURPRISE YOURSELF



DO WHAT YOU CAN,
ENJOY WHAT YOU DO,
MOVE YOUR MOOD

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



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265



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