



George Washington Primary School

Wednesday News

20th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all parents, carers and the wider school community over the last term for all your fantastic support. The children have made us all extremely proud with their work and achievements in these 15 weeks. It was lovely to see so many of our school community join us today for our annual Carols Around the Tree performances – we hope you enjoyed the beautiful singing.

School returns on Monday 8th January with PE lessons resuming that week – the timetable is listed below. More information about Forest School and after-school curriculum clubs will follow.

To all our families from everyone at GWPS, have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year – see you all in January.

Christmas Performances As noted last week, we have recorded each performance singing one of the songs from their Christmas show. These have been uploaded to a private YouTube channel which can only be accessed through a link. This will be sent out to you via ParentPay meaning you and anyone who could not make the show can enjoy this together.

WCFP The Washington Community Food Project will once again be offering free packed lunches to children accompanied by an adult during the school holidays. Lunches can be collected Tuesday to Friday between 12pm and 3pm (except Boxing Day) from 27th December to 5th January. To do so, please visit Unit 0 (opposite Virgin Money) in the Galleries.

University Research We have been approached by a student at Newcastle University who is conducting research into children's social and emotional skills. As part of this research, they require the views of parents of children aged 3-7 through a short survey. This survey and further information can be found through the following QR code.



Minimum Service Levels On 28th November 2023, the Department for Education launched a consultation on Minimum Service Levels (MSLs) in education. They are seeking views on the most appropriate approach for delivering MSLs in education services and evidence on the impact of strike action. The consultation aims to gather views from teachers, parents, learners, employers and other sector leaders as they all have a stake in the outcome – should you wish to share your views, the link is provided below.

The consultation will close on 30 January 2024.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/minimum-service-levels-msls-in-education>

R. Knight

Mr R Knight
Head of School

PE Days PE will start first week back – please check the days as a few have changed.

Year Group	PE Day	Swimming Day
Reception	Wednesday	
Year 1	Thursday	
Year 2	Tuesday	
Year 3	Wednesday	
Year 4	Tuesday	4CL Thursday 4JP Friday
Year 5	Thursday	Wednesday
Year 6	Monday	

Key Dates Spring Term

Date	Event	Year Group
08.01.24	School re-opens	Whole School
18.01.24	Year 6 SATs Information Meeting – 5.00pm	Year 6
19.01.24	INSET Day – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School
05.02.24	Assessment Week	Whole School
12.02.24	Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm	Whole School
14.02.24	Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm	Whole School
19.02.24	HALF-TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School
26.02.24	School re-opens	Whole School
20.03.24 – 22.03.24	York Y5 Residential (2 nights)	Year 5
27.03.23	Easter church service (children only)	Whole School
29.03.24	EASTER HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School