George Washington Primary School Friday Newsletter



2nd May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ofsted I am delighted to say that our latest Ofsted report has been published. Please see your ParentPay account for a letter and the report. It will also soon be available online on the Ofsted website.

Attendance Well done to Mr McLaughlin and Miss Forster's classes in EYFS / KS1 and Miss Allen's class in KS2 for their top attendances this week. Our overall attendance for the week was 94.6% which means the year-to-date attendance figure is 94.4%.

EYFS & KS1

RLM	RSS	1NM	1MS	2AK	2BG
99.1%	97.7%	99.1%	94.7%	93.5%	94.3%

KS2

3CL	3AW	4AL	4KH	5JP	5RA	6EA	6GW
95.2%	93.1%	87.6%	88.6%	94.6%	92.9%	98.9%	93.5%

Football Last night, our Year 4 team played at home in the Year 4 Trophy. They faced St. John Boste Primary School and, despite a strong effort, were defeated 2–0. However, it was fantastic to see the progress the team has made since the last time they played together.

VE Day On Thursday 8th May we are holding a family picnic to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Children can be picked up from 2pm through their normal door. We ask that you fill in the Forms survey sent out this week to indicate who will pick up on the day. Should no-one be able to make it at this time, then children will go outside with school staff. As well as music entertainment, there will be a pizza van, ice cream van and organised games in the tennis courts and MUGA. Bring along blankets, deck chairs and some nice treats and enjoy a (hopefully) sunny day on the field.

School Vacancy We have a vacancy in school for our Out of Hours Club. The job is to work 20 hours a week in our breakfast (7:30-9:00am) and after school clubs (3:00-5:30pm) for 39 weeks of the year (term time). The full job advert, job specification, person specification and application form can be found on the school website. Alternatively, you can pick up a recruitment pack from the school office. The closing date is 15th May, at noon. Should you have any questions about the post, please contact the school office and someone from the leadership team will get back to you.



After School Clubs A Parent Pay has been sent out with a selection of clubs for children to choose from, with the first clubs starting week commencing 12th May. We hope that as many children as possible will sign up. Please note, all after school clubs are free.

Year Group	Day	Club Choices
		Arts and Crafts
Reception	Tuesday	Forest School
		Arts and Crafts
Year One Year Two	Thursday	Ball Sports
		Forest School
	Tuesday	Athletics
Year Three Year Four	Tuesday	Crafts and Textiles
	Monday	Junior Journalism and Film Club
		Athletics
Year Five Year Six	Monday	Junior Journalism and Film Club
		Forest School

Phoenix Programme This year, five of our Y6 children had the opportunity to be part of the Phoenix Programme which is run by the Tyne and Wear Fire Service. Today, the course finished, with the children giving their parents and carers a demonstration of some of their newly-learned skills. This included drills that new firefighters learn, such as operating the water hose and search and rescue. They also developed their resilience, teamwork and communication skills throughout the course. Well done Jake, Tyler, Charlie, Peter and Max (and Miss Robson!).



Have a brilliant Bank Holiday weekend and we will see you all on Tuesday.

R. Knight

Mr R. Knight Head of School



Forest School Dates

Date	Class
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 6 th May	3AW
Wednesday 7 th May	4AL
Thursday 8 th May	RSS
	No Y2 Forest School
	due to VE Day
	celebration
Friday 9 th May	1NM
	6EA

Date	Class
Monday 12 th May	5RA
Tuesday 13 th May	3CL
Wednesday 14 th May	4KH
Thursday 15 th May	RLM
	2BG
Friday 16 th May	1MS
	6GW

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
Reception	Wednesday	
Year 1	No PE due to bank holiday	
Year 2	Friday	
Year 3	Friday	
Year 4	Thursday	Tuesday - 4AL Friday - 4KH
Year 5	Tuesday	Wednesday – 5JP Thursday – 5RA
Year 6	Wednesday (due to the bank holiday)	



Achievers of the Week & House Points

Year Group	Class	Achievers of the Week
Reception	RLM	Eden Wanless
	RSS	Chloe Ferhati
Year 1	1MS	William Hepworth
Tear I	1NM	Anya Shotton-Blythe
Year 2	2AK	Frankie Harker
	2BG	Evie Kirtley
Year 3	3AW	Amelia Seymour
Teal 5	3CL	Jayden Robbins
Year 4	4AL	Jorgie Gray
Year 4	4KH	Donovan Wilson
Year 5	5RA	Khloe Walker
	5JP	Ellie Egan
Year 6	6EA	Jack Cullen
	6GW	Toby Foster

