George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 9th May 2025

To all our families,

This afternoon, year 6 class teachers spoke to all our year 6 children about their SATs next week. We have reminded them that the SATs is a test to tell us what they can do on one day when they are 10 or 11. The SATS do not measure how kind they are, if they are a good friend, a good footballer or all of the other things your children excel at. I am incredibly proud of each and every child in year 6 and, whatever happens next week, I will continue to be so. So, please enjoy the sunshine this weekend- go to the beach or park, kick a football or ride a bike. We will see your child on Monday fresh and ready to go. They will be amazing- they always are!

A reminder to all parents that SATs breakfast is available for all children in year 6 from 8am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week. The playground gate will be open from 8am until 8:10am. If your child arrives later than this time, please can they enter the school via the main reception door. This is for year 6 children only.

For the rest of the school the playground gate will open as normal at 8:30am and will shut as normal at 8:50am.

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Warmest regards,

The GWJS Team

We are looking for a Midday Supervisor

Do you know of anyone who could be interested in a Midday supervisor role at our school? We are looking for someone to join our lunchtime team. The hours are 5 per week. Please contact Mrs Chester in the office for more information.

Missing Item

Yesterday in school, Logan in Year 3 has misplaced his Axolotl keychain which looks similar to the picture. If anyone has seen this, please can it be brought into the school office. Thank you.



Attendance

Spotlight on persistent absence.

What is persistent absence?

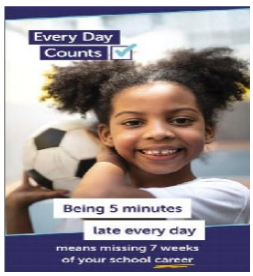
If your child takes too much time off school, they will become categorised as PA or persistently absent. (Attendance below 90% = persistent absence).

Missing school will make your child fall behind in lessons and will impact on their academic progress and achievement.

Don't allow your child to become a PA student.

Top tips to help improve your child's school attendance!

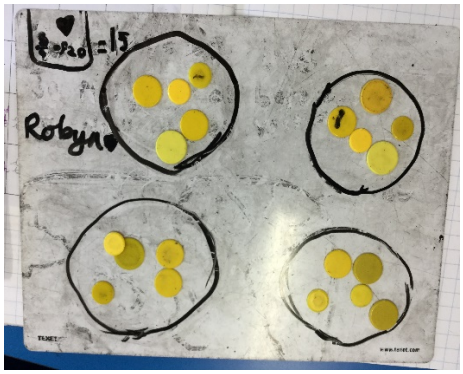
- Talk to your child regularly about school and how they feel about it.
- Phone the school as soon as possible to tell us why your child is absent, and when you expect them to return (by **8:50am** on the day of absence).
- Only allow days at home for genuine illness.
- Having a regular bedtime and morning routine can help you to arrive at school on time.

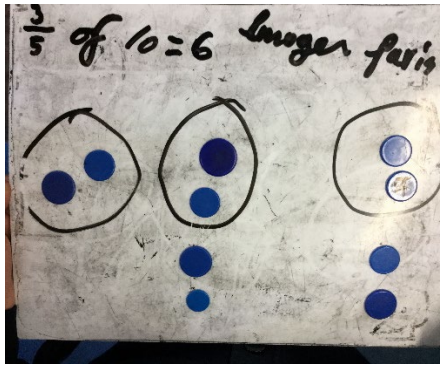
This Week's Attendance	Safeguarding
We hold a celebration assembly every Friday morning to share and celebrate the children's achievements. During this assembly, we also recognise the class with the highest overall attendance for the week. Well-done to this week, for having the highest attendance. 6 Ness: 90% 6 Palacio: 95% 6 Morpurgo: 96% 5 Almond: 93% 5 Johnson: 98% 4 Tan: 96% 4 Pullman: 95% 3 Potter: 91% 3 Blyton: 98% **Whole school attendance for this week: 95%** **School Target: 96%** 	**Designated Safeguarding Leads** Mrs. Petchey, Mrs. Stolworthy, Mrs. Greenwood, Miss Derer, Mrs Burman and Miss Alderton. These members of staff monitor and manage all safeguarding practices and ensure staff are supported and have the training they need. Please ask to see one of these adults if you are worried about the safety of a child at school. If you have a safeguarding concern about a child out of school hours, then the number to ring is: **CADS – Children's Advice and Duty Service – 0344 800 8020** 

Look at what we're learning

Year 3

We have become absolute fraction experts! We have worked so very hard on finding non-unit fractions of a set objects and can demonstrate this confidently with counters.
In English we have been writing beautiful similes around clouds to show a change in atmosphere.
Our Geography sessions have seen us beginning our 3D maps of Norwich. So far, we have the river, forum and castle.







Year 4

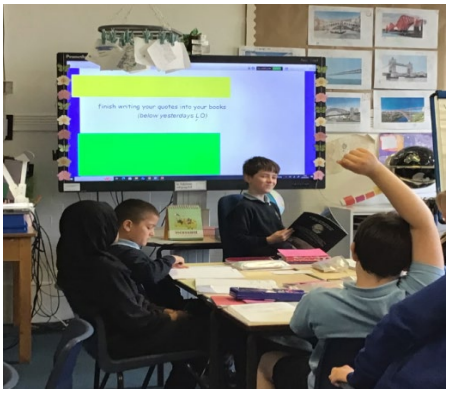
We have had a great week in year 4! A high light this week has been in our D&T learning, we made some very tasty looking Pizza's! children really enjoyed working on this project participating in some learning that it hands on, this really does tie in many skills from across our subjects, with our Maths learning with measuring out ingredients, reading recipes and even in English where we have looked at writing instructions using imperative verbs. Well done year 4 on a fantastic week of learning! Have a lovely weekend.





Year 5

We've had another great week in Year 5! The children have been enjoying exploring our 'Darkest Dark' text by Chris Hadfield, which this week included using a hot seating to explore the characters' thoughts and emotions as they watched the moon landing in 1967. We were also really impressed with how all the children worked hard to develop their skills in relay, javelin, egg and spoon and long jump this week in preparation for sports day in a couple of weeks! Have a lovely weekend everyone!


Year 6

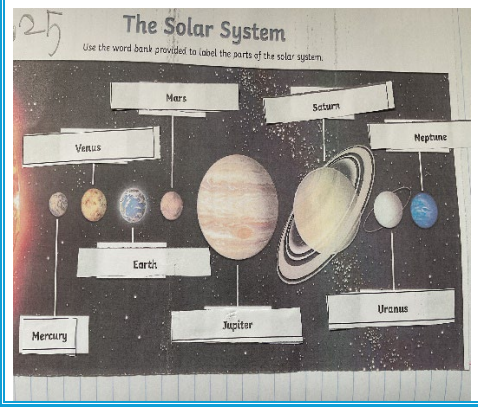
It has been busy week here in Year 6 with the lead up to SATs week! We have spent lots of time revising different topics in GPS, we have had a poetry focus for guided reading and math's has been revising lots of different topics, too! Our standout moment has been watching the children thrive in PE. We have been practising for Sports Day, and the children have worked so hard at all the different events. We hope the children have a lovely and relaxing weekend!

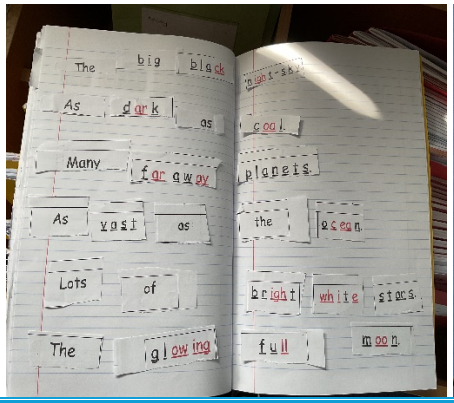


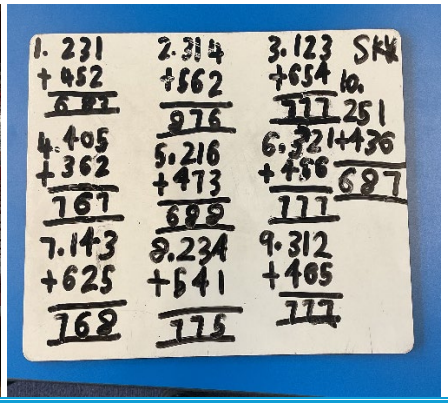


Blake Class

This week in Blake class, we have been continuing our space topic. Children have learnt the order of the planets and some facts about them by listening to The Planets song. We used sticky sentences to help us think about the order of adjectives in expanded noun phrases. In maths, we have been using column addition to work out answers to calculations. We are ready to move on to exchanging!







Dates for the Diary 2024/2025

Monday 12th May	SAT's Week for Year 6 children SAT's breakfast for all Year 6 children from 8am daily in the school hall.
Tuesday 20th May	Year 5 and 6 Sports Day 9:30 on the school field at the corner of Crome Road and Mousehold Avenue. After sports day, all parents of children in Year 5 and 6 are invited to bring a picnic lunch to school to share with their child(ren).
Wednesday 21st May	Year 3 and 4 Sports Day 9:30 on the school field at the corner of Crome Road and Mousehold Avenue. After sports day, all parents of children in Year 3 and 4 are invited to bring a picnic lunch to school to share with their child(ren).
Wednesday 21st May	Year 6 Trip to Duxford Imperial War Museum
Monday 26th May	Half Term
Monday 2nd June	Welcome back after Half Term- gates open at 8.30am
Monday 2nd – Wednesday 4th June	Year 6 residential trip to Burwell House, Cambridgeshire
Tuesday 24th June	Year 4 Trip to Hautbois
Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th June	Royal Norfolk Show – school is open on these days
Thursday 26th June	Choir to attend the Royal Norfolk Show – they will arrive back at school later than the usual end of the day time.
Monday 7th July	Transition week
Monday 7th July	New to Year 3 parent welcome meeting at 5pm
Friday 11th July	Annual reports out to all parents
Monday 14th July	George White's Got Talent Year 3 and 4 auditions in school
Tuesday 15th July	George White's Got Talent Year 5 and 6 auditions in school
Thursday 17th July	George White's Got Talent Grand Finale in school PM

Tuesday 22nd July	Year 6 leavers assembly for all parents – 2:30pm in the school hall
Tuesday 22nd July	End of term
Wednesday 3rd September	Start of the Autumn Term. Gates open at 8:30am.