George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 20th June 2025

To all our families,

On Monday we returned to school after the weekend to find the reception areas, office area and entrance corridor had been significantly damaged due to flooding caused by the storm in the early hours of Saturday morning. We are currently working hard to dry the carpets in these areas but envisage the office staff will not be back in the main office for at least the next week. I would like to thank parents for their understanding and patience at this time as it may take a little longer to answer the phone or get to the office hatch. If your query is urgent, whilst the office remains out of use, we recommend you email your query directly to officegwjs@istnorfolk.co.uk

As we come to the end of what has been an extremely hot and humid week in school, the heat has not slowed our learning. The children have been as busy as ever with some fantastic experiences had by all. On Tuesday a small group of year 3 and 4 Children who took part in a school's tennis event. Mrs Todd who supported the children commented on their enthusiasm being effervescent throughout the day. The positivity, resilience and sportsmanship were also clear for all to see. Mrs Todd added, their manners and respect for the environment we were in were impeccable and their energy boundless. Such a successful day had by all!

On Thursday Mr Mitchel and I took a group of Year 5 to a school's cricket event at Langley Prep School in Taverham. The children displayed some developing cricketing skills, where the worked well as a positive team. I was proud of their attitude and effort throughout the day. Well done to those children who took part and represented our school so successfully.

Yesterday also saw the whole school taking part in Arts Day. This was organised and led by Mrs Cojoc our Art lead. Mrs Cojoc commented on how engaged and excited the children were throughout the day, adding it was truly lovely to see them so inspired and creative.

A reminder that some of our Year 6 children will be selling cakes on the playground at the end of the day where your support will be very much appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend.

Warmest regards,

The GWJS Team

This Week's Attendance

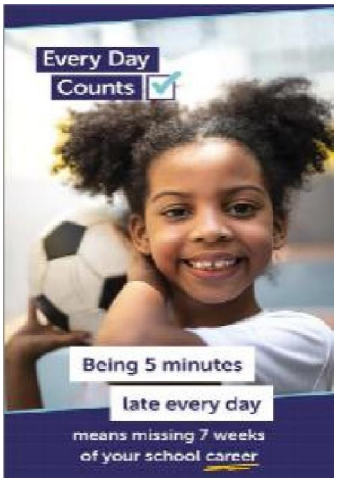
We hold a celebration assembly every Friday morning to share and celebrate the children's achievements. During this assembly, we also recognise the class with the highest overall attendance for the week.

Well-done to 5 Almond, this week, for having the highest attendance.

6 Ness: 89%
6 Palacio: 94%
6 Morpurgo: 91%
5 Almond: 98%
5 Johnson: 97%
4 Tan: 95%
4 Pullman: 95%
3 Potter: 90%
3 Blyton: 97%

Whole school attendance for this week: 94%

School Target: 96%



Safeguarding

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

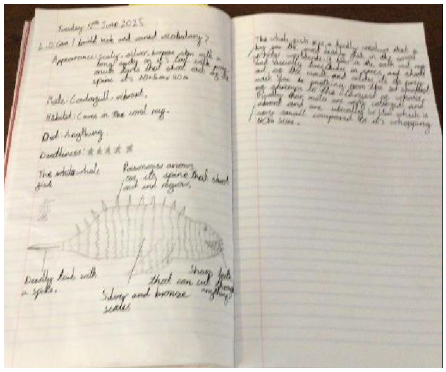
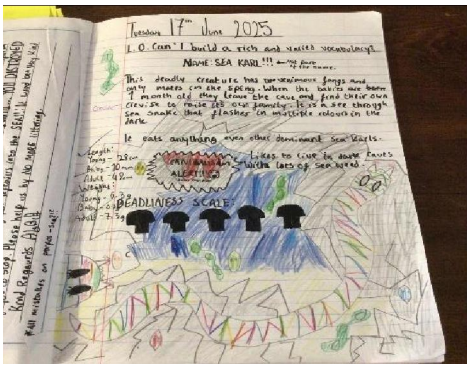
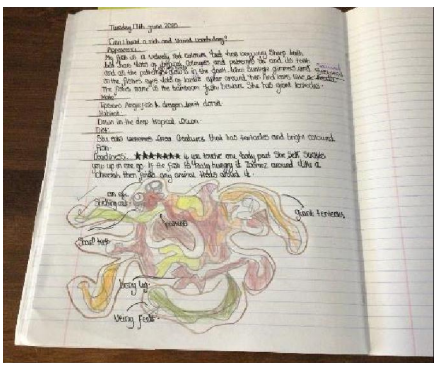
This week has included art day. Year 3 have been finding out about Classical Bharatanatyam dance, traditional puppets and puppeteering and rangoli patterns. It was a very busy, colourful day.
In Maths we have been reviewing column subtraction. We can now spot where the exchange is needed and some children are solving calculations confidently and swiftly.
In English we are beginning to write play scripts. We have looked at the key elements of a play script and are ready to rewrite a narrative.
Our Science has involved setting up experiments to prove that leaves need light in order to make food for the plant.





Year 4

We have had a fantastic week of learning in Year 4. The highlight of our week has been in our English lessons where the children have been creating their own sea creature based on our book Alba the one-hundred-year old fish. The children have been exploring rich and varied vocabulary to write their descriptions of their sea creatures. Another highlight has been in our music lessons. The children have been using Garage Band to record found sounds for their Electronic Dance Music track, we took this learning outside where they recorded lots of different sounds. We are looking forwards to our trip to Hautbois Activity Centre on Tuesday! We hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Year 5

It has been a great week in year 5. The children are working so hard and we are extremely proud of them. The highlight this week has been art day. The children created some fantastic detailed art

depicting cherry blossom and did some drama based on the story 'Momotaro - The Peach Boy'. Well done Year 5.






Year 6

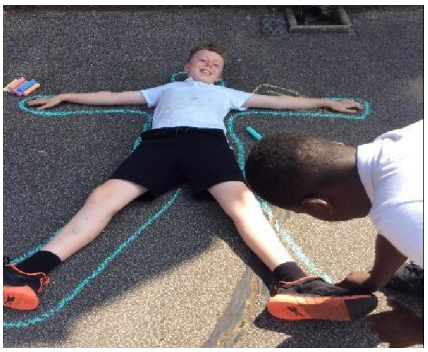
What a wonderfully busy week it's been in Year 6!

In between our Mary Poppins rehearsals, the children have shown real dedication and enthusiasm. They are working hard to put on an outstanding show, and we can't wait to share it with you—more information coming soon!

In English, we explored how plastic became such a widely used material in our lives, sparking thoughtful discussions around its benefits and impact. In RSE, the children approached the topic of puberty with maturity and curiosity, learning about the changes their bodies go through during this important stage of life.

Thursday was a true highlight as we celebrated *Arts Day*. Our theme this year took us to the vibrant country of **Ghana**, where we immersed ourselves in traditional storytelling, rhythmic dance, and colourful market scenes through a range of creative activities.

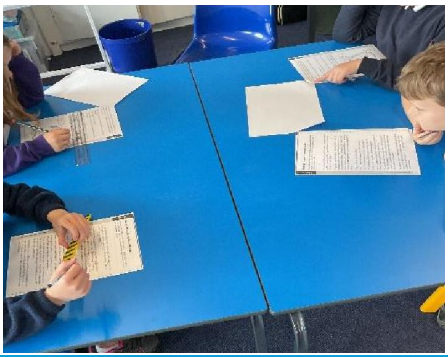
A big well done to all our Year 6s for their hard work and brilliant attitude this week!





Blake Class

We do daily phonics and reading in Blake class, but we all do different activities. These pictures show some children working on comprehension activities, some working on RWI texts and answering questions about the story, and some working on spotting sounds in words to support with reading. During our phonics/reading sessions, there are lots of opportunities for speaking, partner work, reading and writing. Sometimes we use laptops or ipads to access phonics games or read along with audio books. There are lots of different ways to improve our reading!


Dates for the Diary 2024/2025

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 day time.
Monday 30th June	Mary Poppins Dress rehearsal performance to Year 2 Children from Mousehold Infant and Nursery school @ 1.30pm
Tuesday 1st July	The Schools Mental Health Team will be coming into George White Junior School on Tuesday 1st July at 9am to hold a parent's workshop focusing on high school transition. This will be a chance to think about strategies that may help your child during the summer term and into September. They will also be available to discuss any questions and concerns you may have. The workshop will take place in the school hall at 9am, please sign into the office.
Wednesday 2nd July	Mary Poppins performance for Parent/Carers at 1.30pm Mary Poppins performance for Parent/Carers at 5.30pm More information regarding tickets to follow
Thursday 3rd July	Mary Poppins performance for Parent/Carers at 5.30pm More information regarding tickets to follow
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.

Thursday
31st July
19:00 - 20:00
FREE



Supporting Healthy Screen Use

Screens are here to stay.
Identifying the issues and step by step guide to reduce the negative impact.

Monday
21st July
10:00 - 11:30
£24
recording available



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Monday
28th July
10:00 - 11:30
£24
recording available



Facing Defiance

Specific strategy to help parents manage defiant and challenging behaviour, especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA conditions, 5 to 12 years old.

Tuesday
29th July
10:00 - 11:30
£24
recording available



Anxiety Based School Avoidance

Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school.
Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk. info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk