George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 4th July 2025

To all our families,

Mary Poppins Magic in Year 6!

This week has been all about *Mary Poppins*, and what a magical week it's been! There's been such a buzz around Year 6 as they completed their final rehearsals on Monday and Tuesday, leading up to three incredible performances on Wednesday and Thursday.

The children were absolutely outstanding. Their confidence, stage presence, and enthusiasm shone through in every scene and song. It was truly a joy to watch them bring the story to life with such energy and professionalism.

Myself and the Year 6 team are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. This has been such a memorable experience — one we hope they'll carry with them into high school and beyond.

Performances like these don't happen by magic — they are the result of a dedicated and passionate team working tirelessly behind the scenes. A production of this quality simply would not have been possible without the unwavering commitment of the Year 6 team and our amazing school choir.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all the staff who helped bring *Mary Poppins* to life and supported the children in becoming truly show-ready. Special thanks go to:

Mr Cornish, Mrs Thirtle, Mrs Todd, Mrs Gaunt, Miss Lambert, Mrs Cojoc, Miss Butterfant and Miss Cane.

Your creativity, care, positivity and encouragement have made this a memorable experience for all involved. Thank you for helping to create something so special for our Year 6 pupils and school choir.

Well done, Year 6 and school choir — you were *practically perfect in every way*!

Thank you to all parents and carers who made a donation after the Mary Poppins performances this week. We have raised £110 with all proceeds going towards the cost of the production and costume hire. Your support means a lot!

Happy 4th of July to all our American families and friends who are celebrating today!



A message from Mrs Waller:

We were very lucky to have been part of the **Rail Safe Friendly team initiative**. We recently took part in a safety assembly and learned all about how to keep safe near the railway and the dangers children could face. This is a vital part of keeping children safe, especially as we head towards the summer holidays and children are becoming more independent and playing and exploring out in our community.

Colas Rail Safety have provided some video links that you might like to share with your children. They cater for all age ranges and include a SEND accessible version.

NEW KS1 Primary school version: Suitable for KS1:
https://learnliveuk.com/ks1-primary-school-safety-talk/

NEW Primary school version: Suitable for KS2
https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-primary-school-safety-talk

NEW Secondary school/College version: Age 11-16
https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-secondary-school-safety-talk/

SEND/Accessibility version:
https://learnliveuk.com/rupee-sushi-travel-by-train/

This Week's Attendance

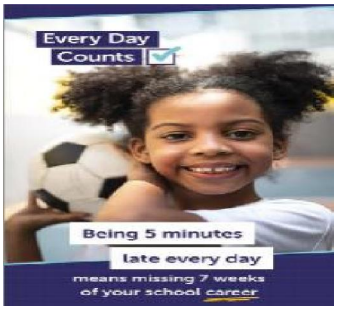
We hold a celebration assembly every Friday morning to share and celebrate the children's achievements. During this assembly, we also recognise the class with the highest overall attendance for the week.

Well-done to 3 Blyton this week, for having the highest attendance.

6 Ness: 89%
6 Palacio: 95%
6 Morpurgo: 95%
5 Almond: 96%
5 Johnson: 91%
4 Tan: 91%
4 Pullman: 94%
3 Potter: 95%
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

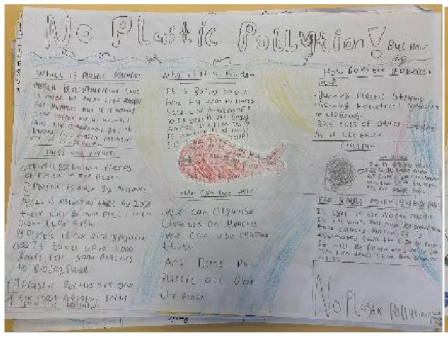
Year 3 has had a fantastic week full of learning and creativity! In Maths, we explored money, learning to add coins and calculate change. In English, we have started to plan our guide leaflets for The Globe Theatre. Our Geography lesson was buzzing with excitement as we built bee cafés to help pollinators and investigated the life cycle of flowering plants, watching seeds grow and bloom in Science.

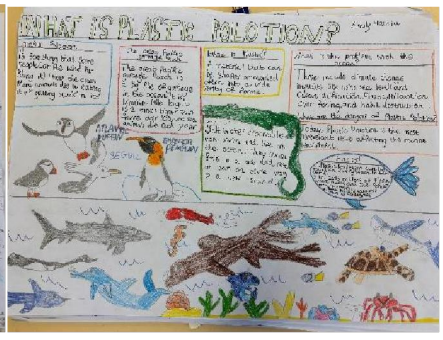


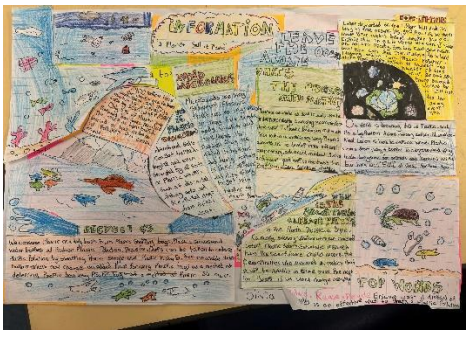


Year 4

Year 4 have coped well this week with the hot weather. In our English work we finished our Non-chronological reports and have now moved onto learning about the play Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare. We have spent time acting out parts of the play and learning all about the story.
In maths, we have continued to work on money. We have been estimating, calculating and solving problems all with money. On Thursday, we set up shops in the classroom and practiced buying and selling things.
In Science this week we have been looking at classification keys. We made our own classification keys to sort animals. We have also begun looking at the history of Norfolk and will be focussing on farming in Norfolk over the past 100 years.

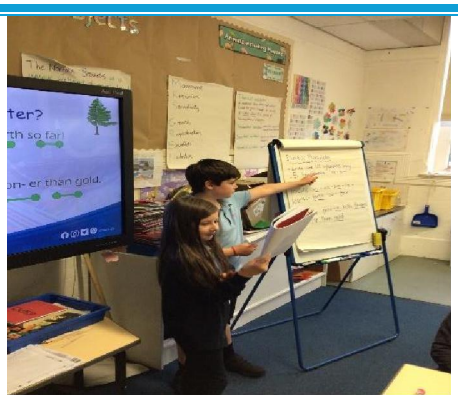






Year 5

We've had another busy week in year 5, and have launched our new writing topic focussing on the works of Shakespeare! Our highlight was learning about iambic pentameters and practising using these as we performed a scene from 'As you like it.' We were so impressed with the way the children practised using expression and projecting their voices! Have a great weekend.





Year 6

Wow! What an amazing show week we've had! We are so immensely proud of every year 6 for the role they played within our fantastic production of Mary Poppins. The hard work, dedication and talent of every member of our cohort truly shone through. Thank you to the children for their time and effort and thank you to all those who came and watched one of the shows! We wish Year 6 the best of luck with their high school transition days next week.





Blake Class

In Blake class, we work on processing skills, problem solving and working in a team. Jigsaw puzzles are a great way of doing this, using logic to work out where pieces might go and putting small parts together to create a bigger picture. Children worked really well in teams to complete both these puzzles, matching colours, shapes and words. A great example of how something simple can support children's learning without even seeming like work!






Dates for the Diary 2024/2025	
Wednesday 9th – Friday 11th July	Moving up sessions All children will be moving up to their new year group and class across these days.
Monday 7th July	New to Year 3 parent welcome meeting at 5pm in the school hall
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
Monday 21st July	Year 6 leavers Disco 3.20- 4.20pm
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.

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(Week Days Only - 10:00am to 4:00pm)





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£25 per day, per child or
£110 per child per week

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AGES: 5–16 YEAR

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Free Spaces Available
During School Holidays

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Activities Include:

- Team Sports & Games
- Arts & Crafts Workshops
- Outdoor Activities
- Dance classes
- Cooking sessions
- Day trips

Special Features:

- Certified and Experienced Staff
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- Specialist Youth Provider
- Early Bird Registration

PAID SPACES AVAILABLE

Department for Education

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U7–U16

2025/26 season

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