George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 19th September 2025

Dear Parents,

What a start to the week! As you may have noticed, we were greeted Monday morning by unusually high winds across the region. While the children showed great resilience and adaptability, the weather did cause some disruption to our school day — most notably, our bike shelter was unfortunately blown over in the gusts. Thankfully, no one was hurt, and the shelter is back up and in full use. There is some damage to a few of the Perspex panels which we are currently looking in to replacing.





Despite the blustery beginning, it's been another productive and positive week. Classrooms have been full of energy and enthusiasm as children engage in their learning, and it's been wonderful to see their creativity and collaboration in action. We're especially proud with how well our Year 3 children have settled into life at George White — their confidence, kindness, and growing independence are already shining through, and it's been lovely to see them forming new friendships and embracing the school community.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Wishing you and your family a safe and lovely weekend.

GWJS Team

Can You Help Us?

We're looking to continue to make lunchtimes even more fun and active by using **scooters** as part of our playground activities. If you have a scooter at home that's no longer being used, we'd be very grateful for your donation.

All scooters will be safety-checked before use, and they'll help children enjoy energetic play, build balance, and develop their social skills.

If you're able to donate, please bring scooters to the school office. Thank you for supporting play and wellbeing at our school!

This Week's Attendance

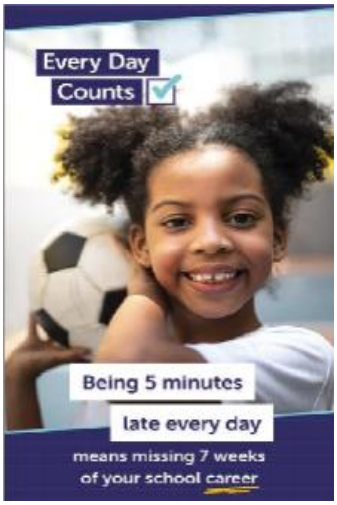
We hold a celebration assembly every Friday morning to share and celebrate the children's achievements. During this assembly, we also recognise the class with the highest overall attendance for the week. Each individual child's attendance counts towards this.

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

6E: 99%
6W: 97%
5W:98 %
5D: 100%
4T: 97%
4B: 96%
3C: 98%
3L: 98%

Whole school attendance for this week: 97%

School Target: 96%



Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Leads

Mrs. Petchey, Mrs. Stolworthy, Mrs. Greenwood, Miss Derer, Mrs Thorpe, Miss Whing, 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



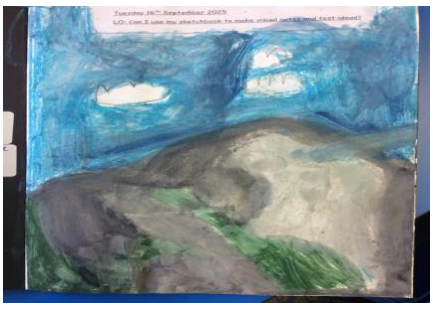
Look at what we're learning

Year 3

Year 3 have found out about the highest mountains in the UK. We have placed them on a map and used them as a starting point for our drawing and painting. We used paints, pastels and pencils to show what each mountain looks like to us.

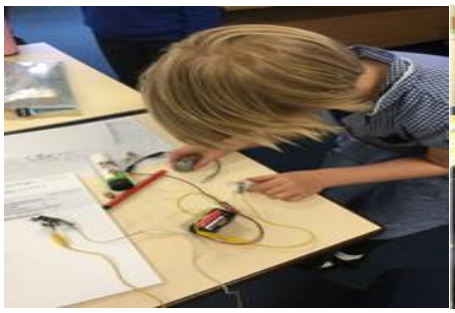






Year 4

We have had another amazing week in year 4! The highlights of our week have been in Science and D&T. In Science the children made circuits using wires, bulbs and batteries to explore how electricity flows through a circuit. In D&T children had the opportunity to try some Italian food, such as Olives and Sparkling water! We hope you all have a lovely weekend.





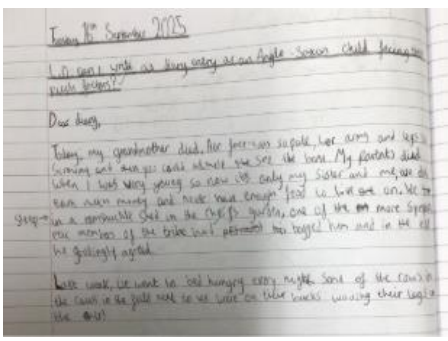


Year 5

What another great week in year 5. We have been getting to grips with place value in maths and looking at how we can flexibly partition larger numbers. Our Geography work saw us looking at the push and pull factors in the lives of the Anglo Saxons. We became children of the time and wrote diary entries reflecting on the effects of leaving our homelands.

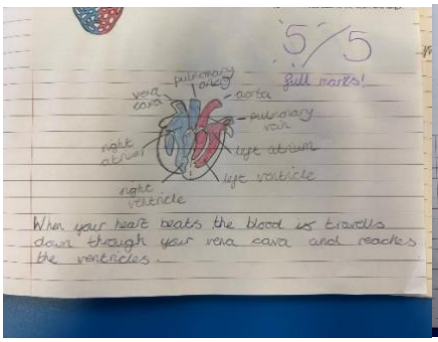


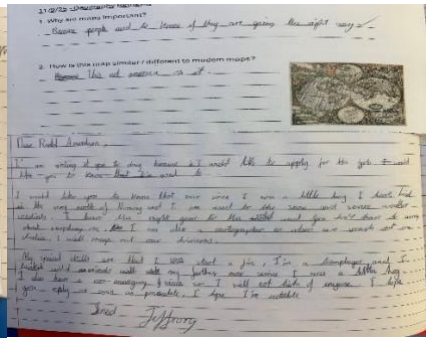


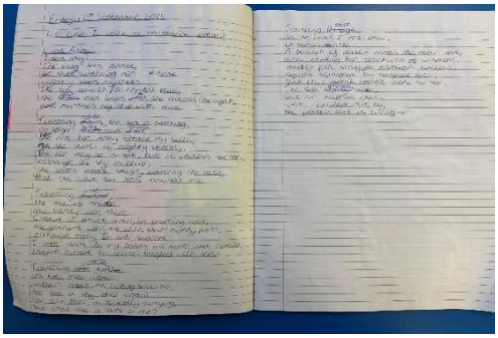


Year 6

This week we have been busy doing assessments! In humanities, we have been focusing on how the Antarctic explorers navigated the world with maps. Now, in English we have been writing a poem about a journey round the ocean, editing and writing up. (We are really proud of how incredible these are.) Next, in science, we have learnt about the human heart and how it pumps oxygenated and deoxygenated blood to keep us alive. - written by Zina and Betsy (*and the Y6 staff!)







SRB

Children have settled well back into school. The highlight this week was the discussion we had about respect and how to show this in the classroom. Children practised silent signals and we took some photos to display in the classroom. Using these means everyone will have their views heard and encourage taking turns.







Dates for the Diary 2025/2026	
Tuesday 23rd September	Year 6 Trip to West Runton
Wednesday 1st October	Book Fair in school for 1 week, come along after school to browse through a selection of books and stationery available for you to buy.
Thursday 2nd October	Year 4 Roman experience day
Tuesday 7th October	Open Classrooms for all year groups 3.20pm
Friday 10th October	School Photographer in for Individual & Sibling photo's
Thursday 16th October	Flu Vaccination team in
Friday 17th October	Year 5 Cake sale at the end of the day on the playground. If the weather is wet, this will take place in the school hall.
Tuesday 21st October	Parents Evening 3.30- 5pm – more details to follow

Wednesday 22nd October	Parents Evening 3.30 - 7pm – more details to follow
Friday 24th October	Year 6 Weight & Height check
Friday 24th October	End of term at 3.20pm
Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October	Half term holiday
Monday 3rd November	Back to school – gates open at 8:30am
Thursday 13th November	SEND Cafe 9-10am
Friday 14th November	Children in Need – More details to follow
Tuesday 18th November	Open Classrooms for all year groups 3.20pm
Thursday 20th November	Flu Vaccination team in follow up
Thursday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 11th December	Christmas lunch
Thursday 11th December	George White Christmas Fair 3.30 -5pm
Wednesday 17th December	Carols round the Tree 2.30pm
Friday 19th December	End of Term at 3.20pm
Tuesday 6th January 2026	Start of the Spring Term – gates open at 8:30am



£15 A MONTH GIVEAWAY UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2026*

Is your child eligible for Free School Meals? * To FSM eligible pupils on roll in an IST School

If they are, we can send you a voucher for a minimum of £15 each month for you to spend in a Supermarket of your choice.

More than one child—we will give you a voucher for each eligible child on roll within an IST School.

To check if your child is eligible for Free School Meals, visit Free School Meals or complete an application form available from your school office.

It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning

and invited



Let's do whatever it takes to support people living with cancer.

Place: Silver Road Community Centre

Silver Road, Norwich, NR3 4TB

Date: Friday 26th September 2025

Time: 09.15 to 11.15

Hosts: Paula and Jill

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

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Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (604). Also operating in Northern Ireland. MAC19933_InvitePoster