# George White Junior School Newsletter

## Friday 3rd October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy but brilliant week we've had! A special highlight this week was Year 4's Roman Day, which transported the children and teachers all the way back to Ancient Rome! The children looked fantastic dressed up as Roman's. The day was packed with activities, including marching around the school like Roman soldiers. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged and excited to learn about life in Roman times. Another memorable experience was had by all!

**A quick reminder: Parent Evening bookings go live today at 6pm.** Please log in via Weduc to book your slot. Meetings will take place just before half term on Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd October. Please note for 4B only, this will be Monday 20th and Wednesday 22nd October. We look forward to discussing how your child has settled into the new academic year and their progress.

As we head into the weekend, we hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved rest. We're already looking forward to another fun-filled week of learning ahead!

Warm wishes,

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. Each individual child's attendance counts towards this.

Well-done to 3C, 5D & 6E this week, for having the highest attendance.

6E: 98%
6W: 96%
5W: 96%
5D: 98%
4T: 97%
4B: 95%
3C: 98%
3L: 97%

**Whole school attendance for this week: 97%**

**School Target: 96%**

This week you will have received the 'Attendance Quick Guide for Parents'. This includes details of how to report pupil absence and key timings of the school day. Please remember the gates open at 8:30am and close at 8:50.




## 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:

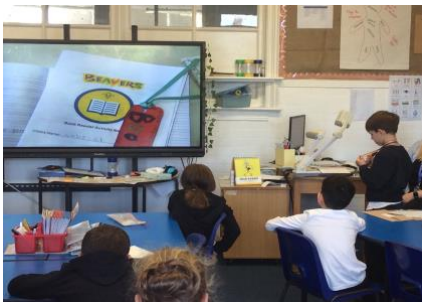
**CADS – Children's Advice and Duty Service – 0344 800 8020**

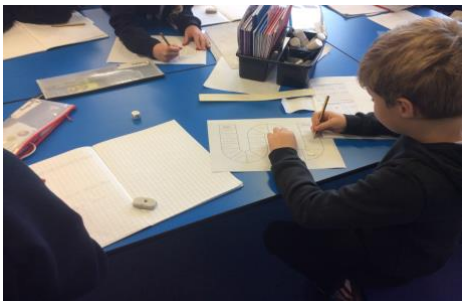


# Look at what we're learning

**Year 3**

We have worked so hard this week in Year 3! We have written first person narratives of living in Trinidad with Wicked Auntie and grouped our ideas into cohesive paragraphs. In maths, we have been focussing on adding and subtracting 1s, 10s and 100s.



**Year 4**

This week we have all enjoyed our Roman day in Year 4! The Roman Solider came to school and taught us a lot about Roman life and the Roman army! We learnt about Julia Cesar and discovered who the Celts were! The children also had the opportunity to look at artefacts and make their own Roman coin. We hope you all have a lovely weekend.





**Year 5**

What another fantastic week in year 5. We have been learning to add and subtract with numbers with more than 4 digits, and we have a sound understanding of exchanging. In English, we have delved further into the story of Beowulf and learned how he defeated the evil monster Grendel. We became warriors in his battle and wrote letters home explaining what we saw and felt. In Science we have learned about soluble and insoluble materials. We experimented with various materials and discussed fair testing.



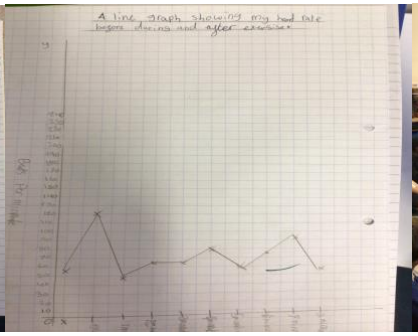


**Year 6 :**

Another busy week in year 6. In our maths work we have been working on multiplying 4-digit numbers by a 1- and 2-digit number. We have then moved onto dividing 4-digit numbers by 1- and 2-digit numbers using formal written methods. In English this week we have been learning to write with different levels of formality, using the book Shackleton's journey as a stimulus. We have also learnt about subjunctive voice to express wishes, dreams and hypothetical situations.

Our Science this week focussed on how our hearts react after exercise. We did some exercise for a minute and recorded out heart rates over the following minutes to see what happened.

In our humanities this week we have studied sea defences and coastal management. In music we have continued with our Ukulele lessons and have been sharing our own musical talents.


**SRB**

This week in science, we have been checking on our experiments. Last week, children in the SRB predicted that the cress we put on the windowsill and watered regularly would grow the best – and they were right! One with no water, one with no light and one with no light or water had all either shriveled or turned yellow. We also wanted to test whether stems really did transport water around the plant and our experiment of putting a white flower in red food colouring did just that. Children were very excited to see the change of colour on the petals.





# Dates for the Diary 2025/2026

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| 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. |
| Monday 20th October | Parents Evening 3.30-5pm Class 4B only |
| Tuesday 21st October | Parents Evening 3.30- 5pm – Bookings available via Weduc |
| Wednesday 22nd October | Parents Evening 3.30 - 7pm – Bookings available via Weduc |
| 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 |
| Friday 7th November | Year 5 Trip to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village |
| Wednesday 12th November | New year 3 Open Morning 9-10am |
| 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 |
| Wednesday 19th November | New year 3 Open Morning 9-10am |
| 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 |