# George White Junior School Newsletter

## Friday 17th October 2025

Dear parents and carers,

With our new school library up and running, it has been wonderful to see the children enjoying spending time in this vibrant, welcoming space over the past few weeks. The shelves are filled with exciting new books to spark imaginations and inspire a love of reading across the school.

As part of setting up our new library space, we've reviewed our collection and found we now have a large number of surplus books. Rather than letting them go to waste, we will be selling these books at a low cost to give them a new home. This is a great chance to pick up some well-loved stories while supporting our school to purchase even more new books for our new library. We're excited to let you know that next week we will be holding a Second-Hand Book Sale at school!

**When:** Every lunchtime for all pupils from Monday to Friday and during Parents' Evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday

**Where:** Art Room
**Cost:** 3 books for £1

Please feel free to send your child in with money to purchase as many books as they would like throughout the week. Parents are also welcome to browse and buy during our Parents' Evenings next Tuesday and Wednesday too.

### Pink Day – Friday 24th October

On Friday 24th October, we will be celebrating Pink Day to help raise awareness and show kindness to people who are affected by breast cancer—by wearing pink, we're standing together to show that we care. Children are invited to come to school wearing something pink—this is a non-uniform day, and we welcome all shades of pink, from headbands to socks! This event is a partnership event with the children and staff from MIANS also taking part.

### Absence requests

At George White, parents/carers are required to submit an absence request form to the Head of School if a child is to be absent during term time. A leave of absence during term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances, with each request treated on a case-by-case basis. The request should be made 4 weeks prior to the intended absence. Request forms are available on the school website or as a hard copy from the school office. You may be asked to meet the Senior Attendance Champion to discuss this absence in more detail

Absence-request-form.pdf

## 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.

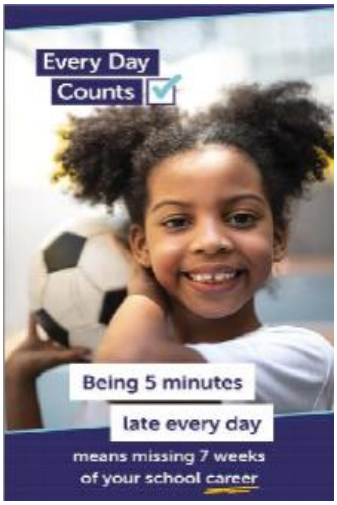
Well-done to 4T & 6W this week, for having the highest attendance.

6E: 91%
6W: 97%
5W: 95%
5D: 92%
4T: 97%
4B: 94%
3C: 91%
3L: 91%

**Whole school attendance for this week: 96%**

**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:

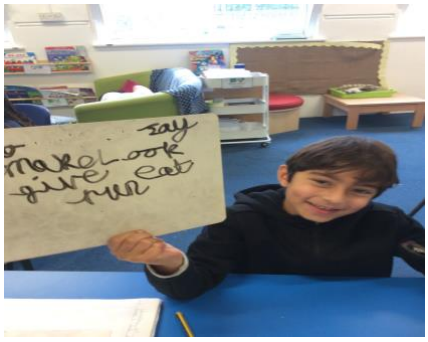
**CADS – Children's Advice and Duty Service – 0344 800 8020**

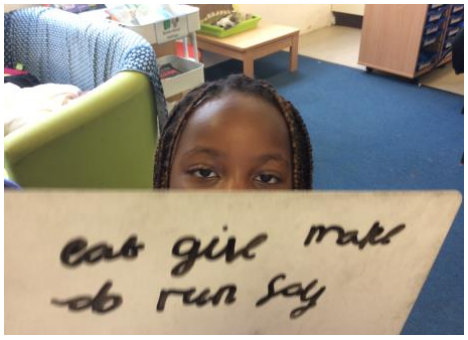


# Look at what we're learning

**Year 3**

We have been finding out about the past tense of irregular verbs. We know that these don't just have the suffix 'ed' added to them but that the root words will change. We have worked on identifying irregular verbs and matching them to their past tense.






**Year 4**

This week, children have been getting creative in our afternoon lessons. In Music, children have listened to some Italian Opera composed by Puccini and created some drawings around the piece Nessun Dorma. In Art we have started to look at Michelangelo and his sculptures. We have created some sculptures out of plasticine, focusing on the head of David.

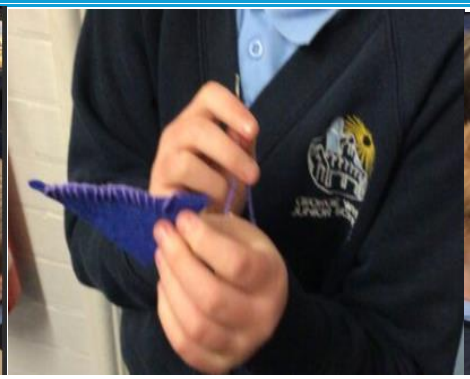
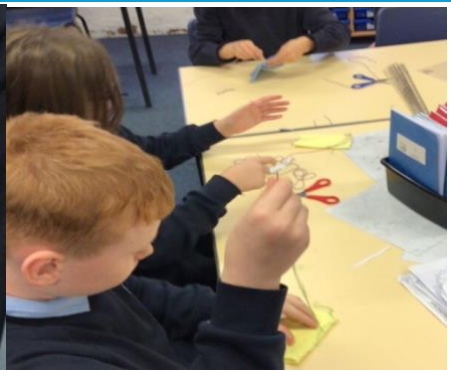






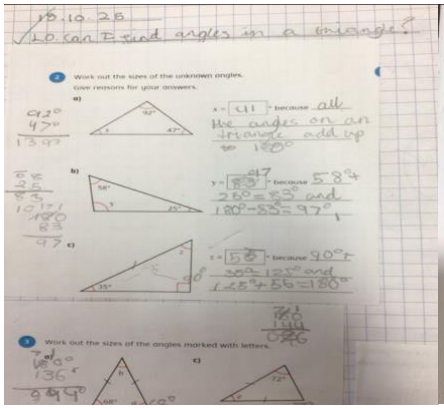
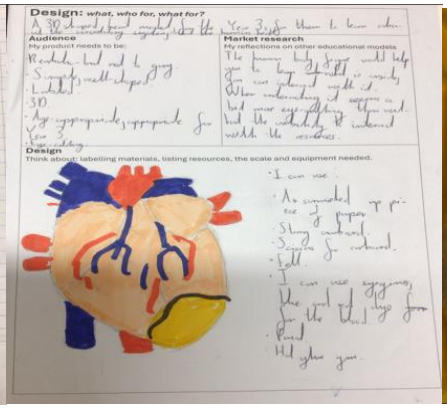
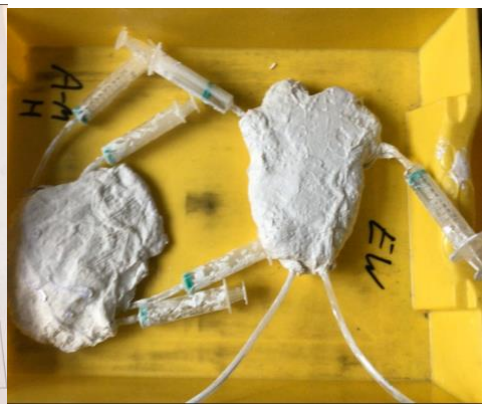
**Year 5**

We have had another great week in Year 5 where the children have been working hard to learn new stitching skills—back stitch, blanket stitch, and whip stitch— in preparation for making their very own Anglo-Saxon tunics. The children have shown patience, creativity, and determination, helping each other along the way. Well done Year 5!

**Year 6**

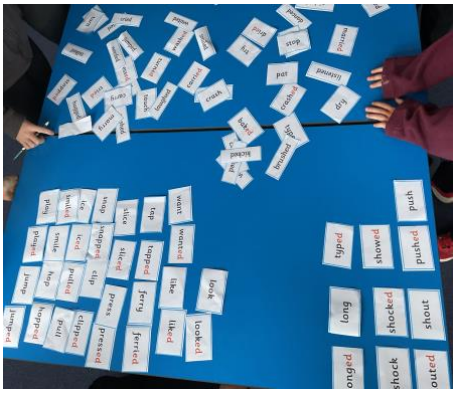
We've been working hard on angles in Maths this week; measuring, calculating and finding missing angles. In English, we have been looking at features to build suspense as we describe a setting. Ask your children about the 'power of 3' or how to use pronouns to make their writing ambiguous! The highlight of the week has been the 'make' phase of our D&T projects - a 3D model of a heart. We have some fantastic designs being brought to life, with excellent evaluation skills about resources and joins being shown. Well done Year 6.

**SRB**

This week, we have been working on past and present tense. Children have played lots of games trying to match up verbs and then use them in sentences. We will be using these skills when we do our final piece of writing next week. We have also finished our science topic on plants and children all have a sunflower to take home next week. We look forward to the photos as they grow!





# Dates for the Diary 2025/2026

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| 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 |