George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 14th November 2025

Children in Need – Thank You!

Today our school proudly took part in Children in Need, and we are delighted to share that together **we have raised £144** for this fantastic charity. A huge thank you to all parents, carers, and families for your generosity and support. Your contributions help to make a real difference to children and young people across the UK. It was wonderful to see the children's creative designs around 'Challenge Yourself to 25'.












On Monday the school and Partnership took part in Odd Socks Day. Children and staff were spotted wearing odd socks in support of the start of our anti-bullying week and to also celebrate individuality and promote kindness and respect.

On Wednesday morning there was such a buzz around school as the children all went into their new house group for the very first time to listen to some of our Year 6 children who put themselves forward to become House Captains deliver their speeches. The Year 6 children who spoke delivered their vision with such a sense of leadership, and commitment to supporting their peers – this was truly impressive, and we are very proud of every one of them. A huge well done to every child who put themselves forward for nomination. Congratulations to our new Year 6 captains as follows:

Badger House – Captain Zina and Vice Captain Eva

Eagle House – Captain Stanley and Vice Captain Oleksandr

Otter House – Captain Lily and Vice Captains Tom & Kindness (this was a tie in votes)

Owl House – Captain Jana and Vice Captain Leo

We are thrilled to announce that this week, the school has been awarded the **Dyslexia Quality Mark**, recognising our commitment to inclusion to support every learner. This accreditation is a significant achievement and reflects two years of evidence gathering, school development, and thoughtful adjustments across our provision. It also stands as an important recognition of how inclusive and adaptive our school is to the needs of all children, ensuring every pupil is supported to thrive. A heartfelt thank you goes to Ms Collison who has led this work from the very beginning and Mrs Greenwood who has worked closely with Ms Collison. Their hard work, dedication and leadership have been central to securing this mark. We are incredibly proud of this achievement for our children.

Finally, today we say a warm farewell to Miss Webber, who is leaving her role as Teaching Assistant as she continues her journey in education beyond George White. We thank Miss Webber for all she has brought to our school community and wish her every success in the exciting next step of her career.

Wishing all families a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday morning.

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.

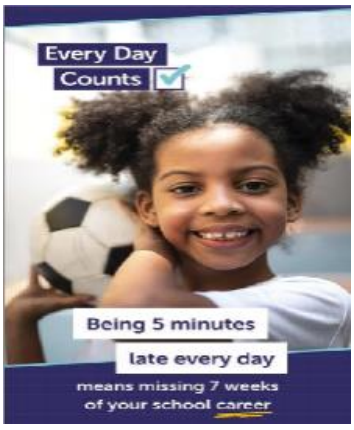
Well-done to 4T this week, for having the highest attendance.

6E: 98%
6W: 97%
5W: 95%
5D: 94%
4T: 99%
4B: 95%
3C: 97%
3L: 95%

Whole school attendance for this week: 95%

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





Year 3

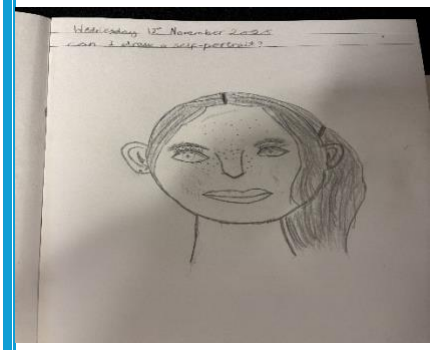
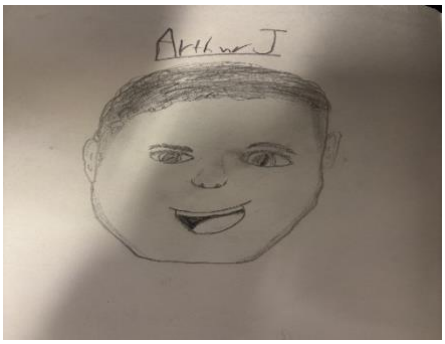
This week, we have been finding out about reflection. We have investigated different objects using torches and mirrors to find out if they reflect lots of light or not. We decided that smooth, shiny surfaces reflect more light.





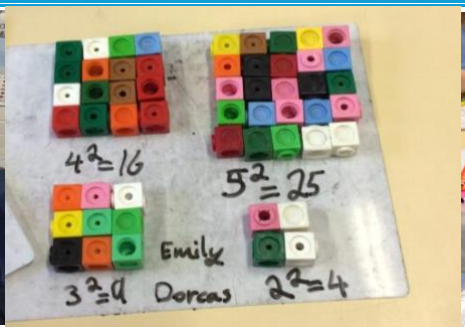
Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been exploring the Roman Legacy in Britian and discovering what is still important in today's world. We found out that Roman Numerals, Roads, Baths, Aqueducts, Sewers and under floor heating amongst many other things are still used today! Thanks to the Romans. In Art children looked at facial features and sketched their own self-portraits.


Year 5

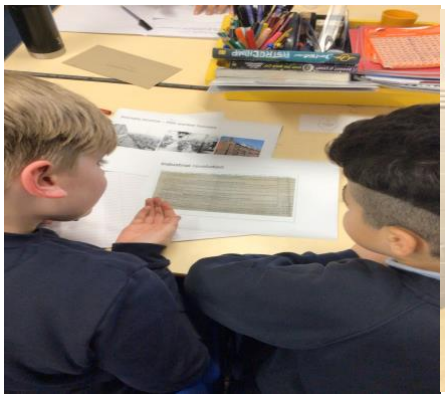
This week, Year 5 have been doing *amazing* work exploring square and cube numbers in maths! The children have been working incredibly hard, using concrete resources like cubes and counters to build their understanding and see patterns come to life. They've shown brilliant focus as they applied their knowledge to solve tricky problems and explain their reasoning. We're so proud of how confidently they're now recognising and using square and cube numbers — fantastic effort, Year 5!



Year 6

We've had a very busy week in Year 6. In Maths, we've looked at fractions all week: adding, subtracting, multiplying and simplifying. Our English work has focused on features to improve a non-chronological report, including relative clauses and subordinate conjunctions to act as adverbs. In our Theme lesson, we learnt about the Victorian Era and the causes and consequences of the Industrial Revolution. Most excitingly, many of our Year 6s gave speeches for House Captaincy; the whole school was listening in their House groups and voted for their chosen representative. We were so proud of everyone who stood up and delivered their campaign.






SRB

Lots of staff from other schools and specialist provisions come to visit the SRB and observe what we do. One of the sessions they come to see is precision teaching, where children have focused 1:1 time each day to learn reading and spelling words. The sessions are multisensory and help the children to visualise the words – and they are lots of fun!





Christmas Fair 2025

We are pleased to announce our Christmas Fair is taking place on Thursday 11th December from 3.20pm. We are renting stall tables at £5 per table and all businesses are welcome. Please contact the school office if you wish to hire a table. To Support our Christmas Fair, we are holding a Non-School Uniform Day on Friday 5th December. This is an opportunity for children to come to school in Non-school uniform and pay in Chocolate or donate a prize to go towards our raffle/tombola, these can be biscuits, soap, bottle of wine, bubble bath, toys, games, puzzles, soft toys and vouchers.



Dates for the Diary 2025/2026	
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
Friday 5th December	Non School Uniform – Pay in chocolate or donate a prize to go towards our raffle/tombola, these can be biscuits, soap, bottle of wine, bubble bath, toys, games, puzzles, soft toys and vouchers.
Thursday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day
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Thursday 11th December	George White Christmas Fair 3.30 -5pm
Wednesday 17th December	Carols round the Tree Year 3 & 4 Performance at 9am & Year 5 & 6 Performance at 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