George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 28th November 2025

What a lovely week it has been in school as we begin to feel that early sparkle of the festive season. On Tuesday, our whole school singing assembly marked the start of our Christmas singing as we practised 'Oh Come all Ye Faithful'. We look forward to hearing their confidence grow as we move closer to our Carols Round the Tree singing events in a few weeks' time.

This week I have been fortunate enough to have read some truly impressive pieces of writing. Across the school, the children have been demonstrating thoughtful vocabulary choices and imaginative ideas. It is always a privilege to see how their writing develops, and this week's work has shown just how much progress they are making.

A special mention must also go to Mrs Waller's sewing lunchtime club, which has become a real hub of calmness and tranquillity. Children have been quietly focused on their stitching, creating small but beautiful pieces while enjoying a gentle, reflective space in the middle of the busy school day. It is inspiring to see the patience, concentration, and creativity the children bring to this club.

Thank you for your continued support, and we hope you enjoy a restful weekend.

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.

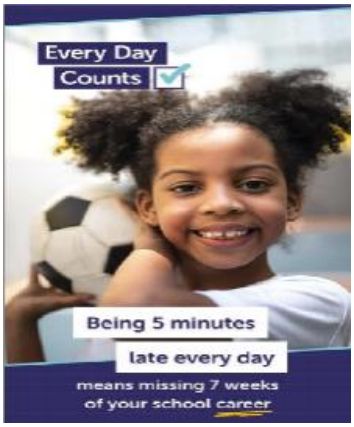
Well-done to 6E this week, for having the highest attendance.

6E: 97%
6W: 92%
5W: 90%
5D: 93%
4T: 96%
4B: 94%
3C: 95%
3L: 92%

Whole school attendance for this week: 94%

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:

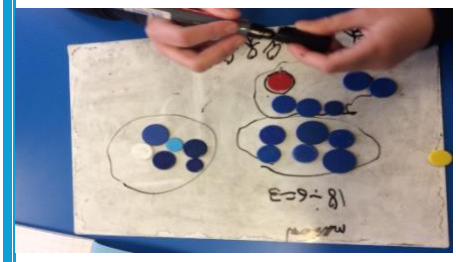
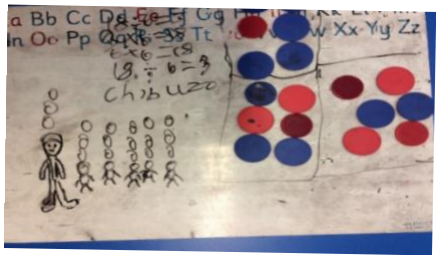
CADS – Children's Advice and Duty Service – 0344 800 8020



Look at what we're learning

Year 3

We have been working very hard in Maths. We have now moved into our multiplication and division unit of learning. We began the week looking at arrays and equal groups. We are now dividing by sharing and grouping and must use all our knowledge about equal groups to make sure that we are working accurately.


Year 4

In Science this week we have focused on the ear; we completed an investigation into how the Pinnae affects sounds that we hear. We made some Pinnae out of card and tested if the bigger the Pinnae the louder the sound. We have also completed our Christmas craft for the Christmas Fair, all will be revealed soon...





Year 5

We've had another fantastic week in Year 5! We've been especially impressed with the children's hard work, enthusiasm, and the positive way they've embraced collaborative learning opportunities. In math's, the class has been focusing on identifying equivalent fractions and has begun learning how to convert between improper fractions and mixed numbers. We are very proud of their progress and look forward to building on these skills next week.

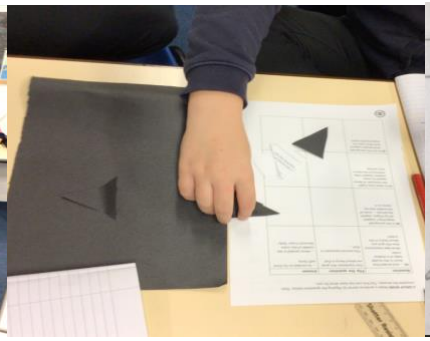


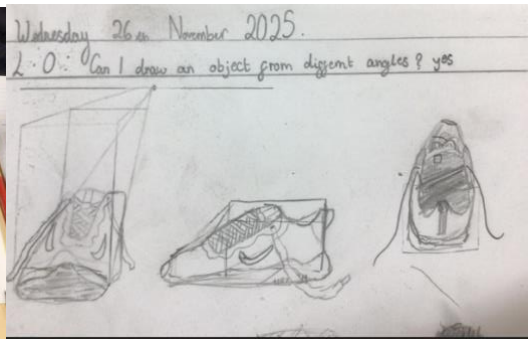


Year 6

In our Maths and English lessons this week, we have been spending time looking over our assessments from last week. There have been some real light-bulb moments and fantastic learning opportunities. In our Science, we built on our learning on Darwin's finches to explore how other species have adapted. We looked at the case study of the Peppered moths and took part in a simulation to explain the impact of the Industrial Revolution on Natural Selection. In Art, we've continued to look at realistic drawing by using perspective and drawing an object from different angles.







SRB

This week in PSHE to carry on the topic of Taking Care of our Planet the SRB children became ocean conservationists and cleared up Collison Beach and ran an animal cleaning centre for an oil spill. In art the children looked at Keith Haring and created their own versions of his iconic characters and linking to his television adverts about healthy eating they learnt more about their knife safety and how to safely cut vegetables.







FAMILY HUBS



Family hubs a support for parents and carers, of children and young people. For more information, please scan the QR code or search via Facebook.

Sleep Café

George White Junior School will be hosting a *Sleep Café* on **Thursday 4th at 2:20pm**. This session will offer parents practical information and guidance on supporting children with healthy sleep routines and smoother bedtimes at home.

The café will be run by our **School Mental Health Team**, who will be available to answer questions and provide personalised advice.

If you have any questions before the event, please feel free to ask.

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	
Thursday 4th December	Sleep Café at 2.20pm, offer parents practical information and guidance on supporting children with healthy sleep routines and smoother bedtimes at home.
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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