George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 5th December 2025

It's hard to believe how quickly this term has flown by — we now have just two weeks left before the Christmas break! The children have continued to work incredibly hard, showing excitement and real enthusiasm for their learning. It has been a hugely successful term, and we are incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved.

Next week marks the moment when our Christmas countdown truly begins. We'll be putting up our school Christmas tree and filling the corridors with festive cheer. The children will be busy singing a wonderful mixture of both traditional carols and modern Christmas favourites, and the excitement is already building.

We also have plenty of seasonal events ahead, including our Christmas lunch, Christmas Jumper Day, and of course our much-loved Christmas Fair and Carols Round the Tree. These celebrations are always a highlight of the year and provide a lovely opportunity for our whole school community to come together. We hope to see as many parents as possible at our fair on Thursday.

As we head into the final fortnight, we want to thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a joyful and memorable finish to what has been a fantastic term.

A huge thank you to all our parents and children who supported us today by bringing in items for our Christmas Fair tombola and raffle. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and helps make our festive events such a success for the whole school community.

Thank you!

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.

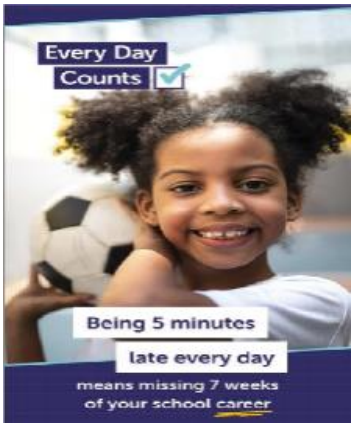
Well-done to 3C this week, for having the highest attendance.

6E: 94%
6W: 94%
5W: 89%
5D: 91%
4T: 96%
4B: 95%
3C: 98%
3L: 94%

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:

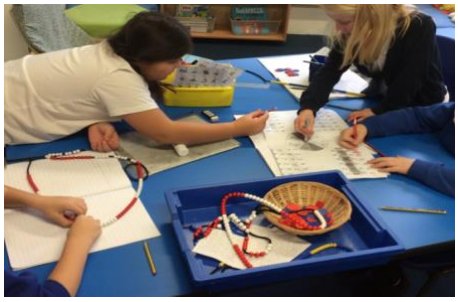
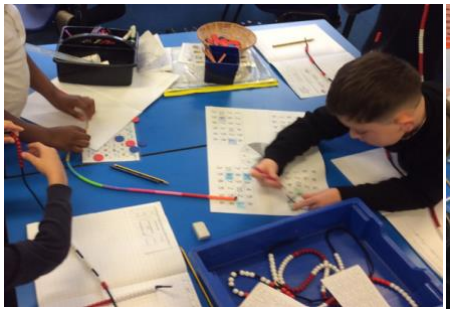
CADS – Children's Advice and Duty Service – 0344 800 8020



Look at what we're learning

Year 3

We've had a very busy and exciting week in Maths!
Year 3 have been learning how to multiply and divide by 3 and 4, using lots of practical equipment to help deepen their understanding. We used counters to practise grouping and sharing for division, and bead strings to explore the patterns in our times tables. The children have also been enthusiastically chanting their 3- and 4-times tables to build confidence and fluency. Well done, Year 3!


Year 4

This week in Art the children studied the Mona Lisa, we analaysed the Leonardo Da Vinici painting closely and recreated his work by using watercolours. Today, we had the Reverend visit from St Mary Magdalen Church; Carol came to speak to us about Christingle. This is linked to our Christianity learning this half term. Children then had the opportunity to create a Christingle; we then sang some traditional Christmas songs.

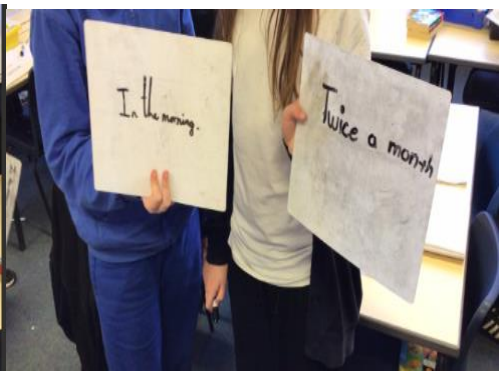




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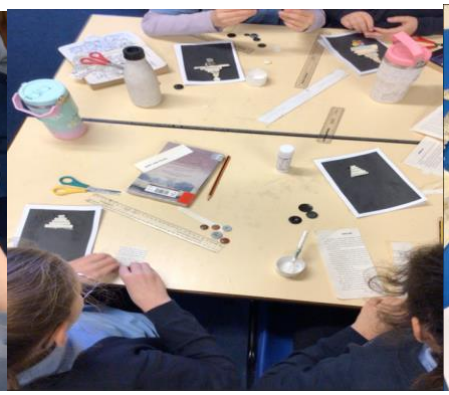
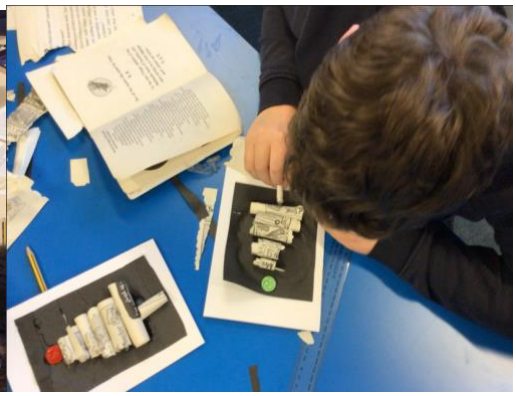
This week, Year 5 have continued to engage enthusiastically in collaborative learning activities – for example using *Catch One Partner* in English where they identified different types of adverbials. We have also been practising songs for carols around the tree, which has been an exciting start to the festive season. We are extremely proud of the dedication and hard work shown by all of Year 5 and look forward to further learning and achievements in the coming week.





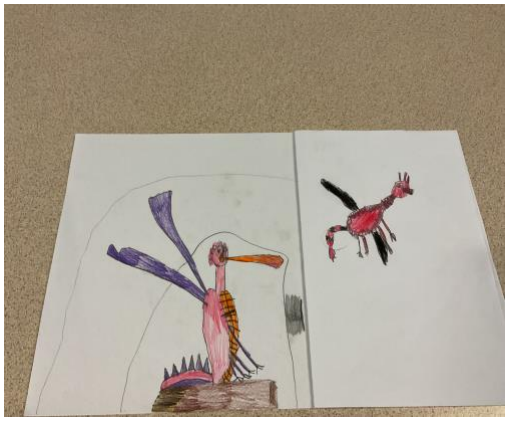
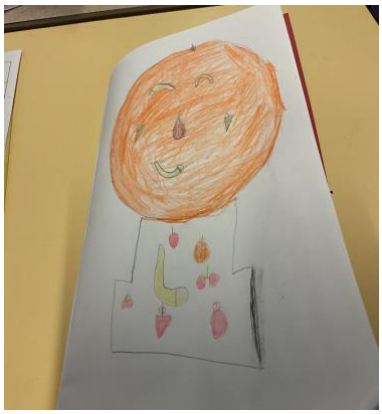
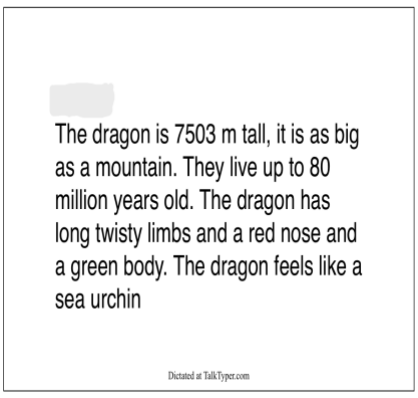
Year 6

A lovely week of Maths in our new Maths groups; all of the children are working in mixed classes which means we're all focussing on slightly different learning to suit everyone's needs. The children have adapted so well to this change and have all been working hard. Very excitingly, in our Art lesson we have created a festive card to sell at the Christmas Fair. The children are very proud of their creative work!

SRB

This week the SRB are focusing on their dragon fact files, starting to build up the sentences for the final pieces of work. Our focus artist for this week was Giuseppe Arcimboldo who created portraits with fruits and vegetables as a joke which ended up being the thing he became famous for!

Christmas Fair 2025

With less than a week until our Christmas Fair we still have a few stalls available to rent at £5 per table; all businesses are welcome. Please contact the school office if you wish to hire a table.



Dates for the Diary 2025/2026	
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