George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 12th December 2025

As we nearly reach the end of this term, we wanted to take a moment to reflect on what a positive, productive and incredibly busy few months it has been. The children have worked so hard, shown great enthusiasm for their learning, and taken part in a wide range of opportunities across the school. We are extremely proud of them all.

We have ended the term in true festive style, with Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas lunch, and of course our wonderful Christmas Fair yesterday. It was fantastic to see families from across our partnership joining us, as well as many former GW pupils returning with their families. These festive events are so memorable for our children and our staff, and it's been lovely to share them together as a community and a partnership.

Thanks to your generosity and support, we are delighted to share that we have raised £794.83.
This simply would not have been possible without you.

A huge thank you must go to Mrs Chester and Mrs Watts for planning, organising and leading our hugely successful Christmas fair. Their hard work, dedication and creativity have made a real difference, and we are so grateful for everything they have done. We would also like to thank Mrs Waller, who has been out in all weathers over the past few weeks selling raffle tickets with her usual enthusiasm and positivity.

We are now very much looking forward to Carols Round the Tree on Wednesday, which will be a perfect and heart-warming way to round off the term together as a school community. We hope to see as many parents and carers as possible on Wednesday for a sing song together with the children.

With one more week to go until the end of term, the children are understandably tired, and we are making sure they feel supported as we head into the final few days.

Wishing you a lovely 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 6W this week, for having the highest attendance.

6E: 93%

6W: 99%

5W: 90%

5D: 93%

4T: 88%

4B: 90%

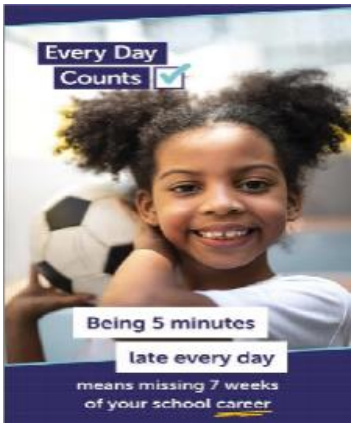
3C: 92%

3L: 89%

Whole school attendance for this week: 92%

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 term has been full of great learning across all subjects. In geography, we explored where Norfolk and Norwich are in the UK and learned about the city's human and physical features, land use, and why Norwich has grown and changed over time. In history, we looked at Norwich from 1066, focusing on the castle and cathedral. In maths, we strengthened our understanding of place value within 1,000 and became confident with column addition and subtraction. In English, we developed our writing skills through letters, poetry, and persuasive texts.

Year 4

This term has been full of opportunities, experiences, and achievements. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about all things Italy! From our Roman Day to pizza making, some fantastic Roman Villas were made through our homework project to exploring Italy in our Humanities learning to delving into the book *Escape from Pompeii* in our English lessons. The children are working incredibly hard on their Timetables which we look forward to seeing this enthusiasm continue into the New Year. Next term we are looking forward to our How Hill trip and our new topic on rivers. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Year 5

This term, Year 5 have enjoyed a fantastic range of learning experiences. In history, we explored the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons, bringing our knowledge to life during our exciting visit to West Stowe Village which was certainly a highlight of the term. In maths, we strengthened our understanding of place value and developed our confidence working with fractions. Our science work focused on animals including humans, where we learned about all the stages of the human life cycle. In English, we practised writing clear instructions and created detailed setting descriptions to build atmosphere in our work. It's been a busy and brilliant term full of curiosity and creativity – well done Year 5!

Year 6

We can't quite believe that our Year 6s have been with us for only a term – it feels like they have achieved so much in such a short space of time. We have consolidated their understanding of the 4 operations, as well as finding equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages. In English, we used quality Year 6 grammar in our non-chronological texts about endangered animals, and in our explanation texts on volcanoes. In Science, History and Geography, we have been looking at the formation of the Galapagos Islands and their significance in the work of Charles Darwin, and the significance of his work on Victorian Britain. We have been bowled over by the depth and understanding our children have shown in their cross-curricular learning. Well done Year 6, and have a very Merry Christmas to all who celebrated.

SRB

As we come to the end of this term, we want to celebrate the incredible effort and resilience of all our children in the SRB. They have worked exceptionally hard across all areas of learning, showing determination, curiosity, and creativity every day.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to those children who have joined us this term. They have quickly settled into life at George White, adapting with confidence and enthusiasm, and it has been wonderful to see them become part of our SRB and whole school community so seamlessly.

We are looking forward to another term filled with exciting learning opportunities, new experiences, and continued growth. Well done to all our children for their achievements this term – we can't wait to see what next term brings!

Dates for the Diary 2025/2026

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
Monday 5th January 2026	School closed for all children – staff training day
Tuesday 6th January 2026	Start of the Spring Term – gates open at 8:30am