George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 30th January 2026

As part of our ongoing commitment to being a Healthy School, we would like to share a few important reminders with families.

Healthy Snacks at Playtime

We encourage children to bring healthy snacks for playtimes. Suitable snacks include fruit, vegetables, yoghurt, rice cakes, sandwiches, breadsticks or similar nutritious options. These help to support children's concentration, energy levels and overall wellbeing throughout the school day. We kindly ask that sweets, chocolate and crisps are kept for after school.

Smart Watches in School

Please note that smart watches are not permitted in school. Many smart watches have messaging, camera or internet access, which can pose safeguarding and distraction concerns during the school day. To help us maintain a safe and focused learning environment, we ask that children do not bring these devices into school.

Dogs on School Grounds

For the safety and comfort of all members of our school community, dogs in arms or on a lead are not permitted on school grounds, including at drop-off and pick-up times. This helps protect children who may be nervous around dogs and supports good hygiene and safeguarding practices.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our school safe, healthy and welcoming for everyone. Have 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.

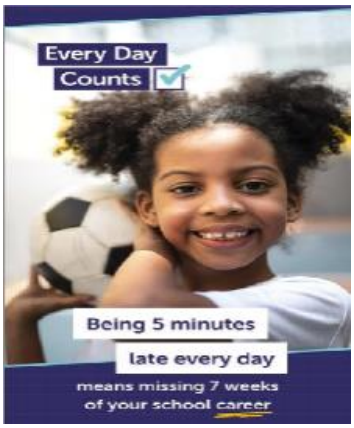
Well-done to 3L this week, for having the highest attendance.

6E: 97%
6W: 88%
5W: 97%
5D: 90%
4T: 94%
4B: 94%
3C: 95%
3L: 98%

Whole school attendance for this week: 95%

School Target: 96%

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:

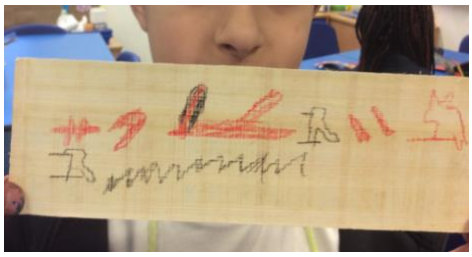
CADS – Children's Advice and Duty Service – 0344 800 8020



Look at what we're learning

Year 3

Year 3 had a fantastic Egyptian Day packed with hands-on learning and creativity! We explored the ancient mummification process by mummifying tomatoes, helping us understand how the Egyptians preserved bodies. The children also designed and created beautiful Egyptian necklaces and produced their own tomb paintings inspired by ancient art. It was a fun, memorable day that really brought our history learning to life.


Year 4

This week in year 4, we have been working hard in DT on creating our River Models. The children have had the opportunity to use various resources to apply the skills that they have learnt over the past few weeks to score, fold and measure materials. The children have studied rivers and have learnt the vocabulary for labelling their river models. Next week, the children will be testing their river models.

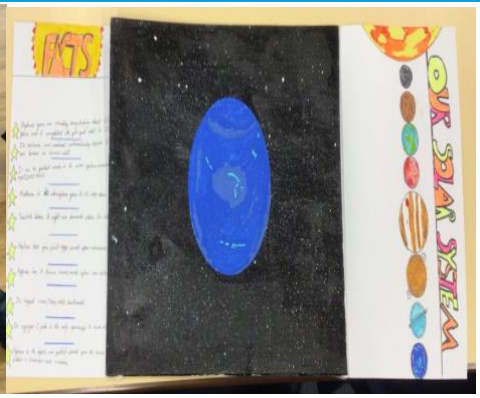




Year 5

The highlight for year 5 this week was most definitely our virtual reality experience. The children enjoyed two sessions throughout the day – both valuable opportunities to make their learning come to life! One session was based on our Solar System, and the other on minibeasts (preparing us for our learning in the Summer Term). The experience was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children; they learned so many amazing facts and impressed us with their insightful questions.





Year 6

In PE this half term we have been looking at physical health and how to improve our levels of fitness. The children have been working closely with their partner to record their times and number of repetitions in order to track their improvement week by week. We have continued our writing on Newspaper reports, focusing on how to write using cohesion between our ideas in one paragraph and across paragraphs.

In History, we have looked at how knowledge and goods were traded across the Early Islamic Empire, and in our Science we have planned an experiment to test whether yeast is living or not.





SRB

This week, children have been working on rapid recall of number bonds to 10 after realising it underpins all other addition and subtraction! They found many different ways to represent the number bonds and to challenge each other to build speed of recall. They then used this knowledge to complete larger addition and subtraction calculations where they had to cross over a 10.






Dates for the Diary 2025/2026

Monday 2nd February	International Day of Heritage
Monday 2nd February	Children's Mental Health week
Tuesday 3rd February	Year 5 Star Gazing Event 4.30 – 5.30pm at George White
Friday 6th February	NSPCC Number Day Inviting all children to come in dressed as a number of their choice
Friday 6th February	Year 3 Cake Sale
Tuesday 10th February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 10Th February	Parents Evening 3.30 - 5.00pm
Wednesday 11th February	Parents Evening 3.30 -7.00pm
Friday 13th February	End of Term at 3.20pm
Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February	Half term holiday
Monday 23rd February	Back to school – gates open at 8:30am
Monday 23rd February	Year 4 Multiplication Timetable Check Meeting with Parents at 3.30pm
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day – Details to follow
Tuesday 17th March	Open Classroom for all year groups 3.20pm
Tuesday 24th March	School Photographer in taking Class group photos and Year 6 Leavers Portraits
Thursday 26th March	Easter Bonnet Competition and parade
Friday 27th March	End of Spring Term – 3.20pm
Tuesday 14th April	Start of Summer term 1 – gates open at 8.30am
Monday 4th May	Bank holiday Monday – school is not open on this day
Monday 1st June – Wednesday 3rd June	Year 6 Residential trip to Eaton Vale
Monday 8th June	Aspirations Week- Details to follow

NATIONAL
TENNIS ASSOCIATION

JUNIOR TENNIS CAMP



Reepham Tennis Club
Taverham Tennis Club
Hellesdon Community Tennis

17th - 20th February 2026
9:00-11:30am / 12:00-2:30pm
5-15 years

Action packed holiday camps with team challenges, tennis skills, games and prizes.

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