George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 20th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has certainly been a week of trips across the school, with lots of exciting learning taking place beyond the classroom.

Our Year 3 children enjoyed a fantastic visit to the castle, where they were able to bring their Ancient Egyptian learning to life and explore history in a hands-on way. Meanwhile, Year 6 visited Sewell Park, taking part in a science themed day filled with memorable learning experiences and activities and a small group of children from Year 4 and 5 took part in an orienteering morning at Langley School.

We were also incredibly proud of our school choir, who represented the school brilliantly at the Norfolk County Music Festival at the King's Centre yesterday. Their performance was a real highlight and a wonderful opportunity to showcase their talent and hard work. Well done to all the children who took part in this event, where they were awarded a Highly Commended grade. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Thirtle who leads our school choir and music curriculum across the school with such enthusiasm and energy.



A huge thank you also to all staff involved in organising and supporting these trips, and to parents for your continued support in making these opportunities possible for our children.

A quick reminder that if your child is taking part in the Easter bonnet competition on Thursday, all bonnets can be brought into school from this coming Monday.

Today we celebrated Red Nose Day, this has been a wonderful opportunity for us as a school to come together, have fun, to support this important national charitable event. Thank you to all the parents who generously contributed food donations for our local food bank at the Silver Road Rooms. Your kindness and support are truly appreciated and will make a meaningful impact in our community.

Finally, all of us at George White Junior School would like to extend our warmest wishes to everyone celebrating Eid today—Eid Mubarak! We hope your day is filled with joy, peace, and time with loved ones.

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 4T this week, for having the highest attendance.

6E: 92%
6W: 94%
5W: 95%
5D: 96%
4T: 99%
4B: 97%
3C: 96%
3L: 90%

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, 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

This week we visited the Castle Museum. We met two Victorian women who were engaged in a debate: should archaeologists remove items from Ancient Egyptian tombs? To help us decide we engaged in a range of activities. We examined artefacts, found out about food and clothing and made replica jewellery. We also found out about all the items that were needed in the process of mummification. At the end of the day, most of us agreed that it would be best to leave artefacts in the tombs but have replicas for people to see in museums and learn from.





Year 4

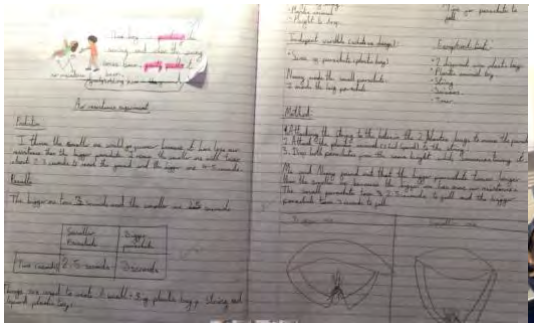
Year 4 has had another brilliant week! In science, we focused our learning on how to change from one state of matter to another state of matter. To learn about this, we had to get our hands messy... We melted solid chocolate to create liquid chocolate because we wanted to find the best way to melt chocolate so that we could inform Mr Willy Wonka how to melt his solid chocolate to create his chocolate river. We held the chocolate in our hand, microwaved chocolate and added chocolate to warm water. I'm sure you can guess the children's favourite method...






Year 5

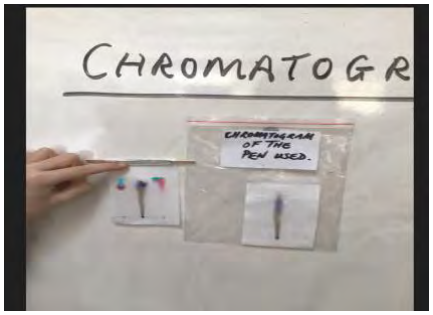
We've had a wonderful week in Year 5 and have enjoyed continuing to explore our topic of natural hazards. In English, we've been working on our explanation texts, explaining how volcanoes are formed. In geography, we've been exploring why people still choose to live near tectonically hazardous areas despite the risks. In DT, the children have really enjoyed beginning to create their prototypes of natural hazard warning systems and have really impressed us with the way they have applied their knowledge about cams to create these – well done Year 5!





Year 6

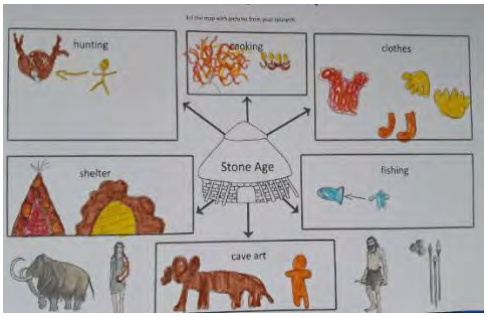
Year 6 had an amazing day at Sewell Park Academy on Wednesday, taking part in their CSI activities to narrow down suspects. The children completed activities to measure the speed of a car, to test urine samples (fake!) using chemicals, and investigate the different colours in ink using chromatography. Our children engaged so well with the high school teachers and impressed them with their knowledge and overall behaviour. Well done Year 6.

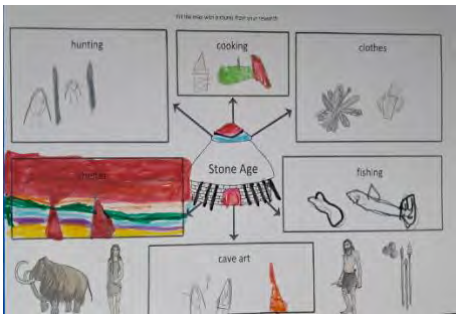


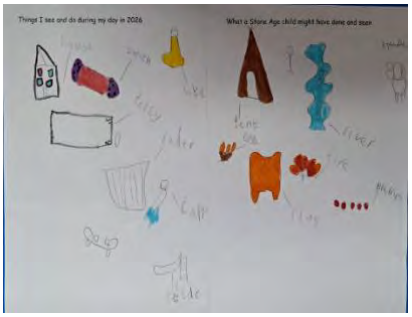



SRB

In preparation to write their diary entry in role as a child in the Stone Age, children have been thinking about what daily life looked like. They put information into categories and will now come up with words and phrases to describe what they did, saw and heard. They have also started using chronology words to ordr their writing. We look forward to reading these next week.







Dates for the Diary 2025/2026

Tuesday 24th March	School Photographer 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
Wednesday 29th April	Year 3 and 4 Sports Day 9:30 on the school field at the corner of Crome Road and Mousehold Avenue. After sports day, all parents of children in Year 3 and 4 are invited to bring a picnic lunch to school to share with their child(ren).
Thursday 30th April	Year 5 and 6 Sports Day 9:30 on the school field at the corner of Crome Road and Mousehold Avenue. After sports day, all parents of children in Year 5 and 6 are invited to bring a picnic lunch to school to share with their child(ren).
Monday 4th May	Bank holiday Monday – school is not open on this day
Monday 1 June – Wednesday 3rd June	Year 6 Residential trip to Eaton Vale
Monday 8th June	Aspirations Week- Details to follow