George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 6th March 2026

As we move further into the term, there are lovely signs that spring is beginning to arrive. The children have noticed the first blossoms appearing on the trees around the playground, bringing some colour and reminding us that the new season is just around the corner.



On Monday, during our whole school assembly, we learned about the Hindu festival of Holi, often known as the *Festival of Colours*. The children enjoyed discovering some interesting facts about the celebration. We learned that the colourful powders used during Holi are called "gulal." We also explored how different colours have special meanings, such as red representing love and green symbolising new beginnings and harvest. Another interesting fact we discovered is that Holi celebrates the arrival of spring and the victory of good over evil, making it a joyful festival celebrated with music, dancing, and of course lots of colour.

Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day, and it was wonderful to see so many fantastic costumes around the school. The children looked amazing dressed as their favourite book characters and took part in a range of exciting house events throughout the day. There was a real buzz of excitement as everyone shared their love of reading. A huge thank you goes to Miss Whing, our Reading Leader, who organised such a successful day for the whole school. We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

This morning the whole school enjoyed a Rock and Pop assembly led by James, our Rock and Pop teacher. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children who take part in Rock and Pop lessons to showcase their learning and musical talents. The performances were wonderful, and it was also lovely to welcome parents into school to enjoy the assembly and celebrate the children's achievements.

It has also been an exciting week for Year 6, who have received their high school places. The children have been really excited to find out the next stage of their education journey, and it makes this time of year feel even more significant as they begin to look ahead to their transition to high school.

Our school is delighted to celebrate the fantastic achievement of two of our young artists who recently took part in their very first Art competition organised by the Rotary Club, with the theme “Happiness in Nature.” A huge well done to Anais (5W) and Dotty (4T), who represented our school with creativity, enthusiasm and great pride. Taking part in a competition like this is a wonderful accomplishment, and we are incredibly proud of the imagination and effort they put into their artwork. Congratulations – what a brilliant start to your artistic journey!







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.

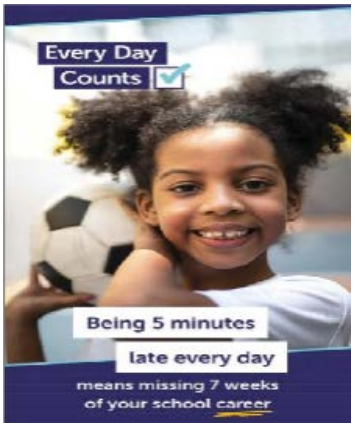
Well-done to 3C & 4T this week, for having the highest attendance.

6E: 97%
6W: 94%
5W: 96%
5D: 96%
4T: 98%
4B: 96%
3C: 98%
3L: 96%

Whole school attendance for this week: 96%

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 in science we have been learning all about gravity. We discovered that gravity is an invisible force that pulls objects towards the centre of the Earth. To explore this further, we tried where we pretended to be rocks different sized meteors. We dropped objects of different size and weight into sand and measured the depth and width of the craters they made.





Year 4

We have had another lovely week in Year 4! This week, we have planned, edited and written up our own Tetractys poems in English and carried out an investigation in science on viscosity of liquids. The highlight of our week was definitely our World Book Day activities and costumes. The children put in so much effort, and it was lovely seeing everyone engage with books and reading. Have a lovely weekend!











Year 5

We've had another fantastic week in Year 5, with the classroom full of hard work and brilliant ideas! In English, we've been writing balanced arguments around the big question: *Is space tourism worthwhile?* The children have enjoyed exploring both sides of the debate, thinking carefully about the exciting opportunities of space travel as well as the costs and environmental impact. We're proud of the

discussions, thoughtful ideas and great effort shown this week. Keep it up, Year 5!

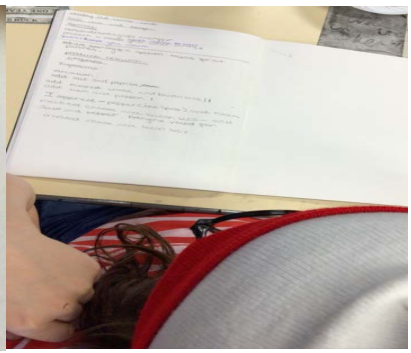




Year 6

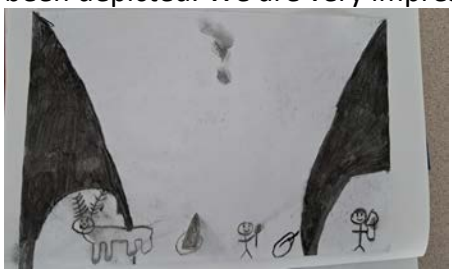
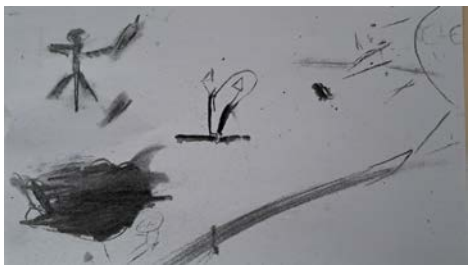
We continued our research on different types of tapas in DT, tasting the Spanish dish pan con tomate and giving feedback about taste and texture. The children then began to design their own personal twist on the dish, surveying their classmates as a sample group. We are looking forward to making these in the coming weeks.





SRB

Linking to our Stone Age topic, children have been exploring ways that everyday life was recorded. They then created their own cave paintings. We discussed materials which would have been used for making marks and children had some great ideas about materials which could be used and what would have been depicted. We are very impressed with their artwork!


Dates for the Diary 2025/2026

Monday 9th March	Year 4 Trip to How Hill
Tuesday 17th March	Year 3 Trip to Norwich Castle Museum
Tuesday 17th March	Open Classroom for all year groups 3.20pm
Wednesday 18th March	Year 6 Visiting Sewell Park Academy Science Experience Day
Friday 20th March	Comic Relief – Red Nose Day
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
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