George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 17th April 2026

It has been such a positive start to the final term of this academic year 25/26. The children returned to school on Tuesday full of stories about their Easter holiday and it has been wonderful to hear about all the wonderful things they have been up to over the past few weeks. Most children have settled back to routines and school expectations smoothly and quickly, this has enabled the week to be productive, positive and full of enthusiasm.

With the warmer weather and lighter evenings now upon us, some children may begin to start to walk to and from school without adult supervision. If your child will be starting this from this term, please ensure you complete a permission form from the school office.

A gentle reminder to please ensure that children bring healthy snacks for breaktimes and as part of their packed lunches.

We would also like to remind families that we are a nut-free school, as we have a few children with severe nut allergies. Please ensure that no items containing nuts are included in lunchboxes or breaktime snacks. Thank you for your support in helping us keep all children safe and promote healthy choices.

We hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday from 8:30am.

Rights Respecting School News

Article of the week – Earth Day



Earth Day is celebrated each year on April 22 and is a wonderful opportunity for children and families to learn about caring for our planet. Since it began in 1970, Earth Day has brought people around the world together to make positive choices that help protect the environment. It reminds us that even small actions—at home, at school, or in our community—can make a big difference. This year's theme is **"Our Power, Our Planet,"** which highlights how the everyday choices we make can shape a better future for our world. It encourages everyone—especially young people and families—to take simple, meaningful actions and work together to care for the environment.

The activity the children will explore for Earth Day link to Articles 6 and 24. Under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, **Article 6** recognises every child's right to life and to grow and develop in a

safe and healthy environment, while **Article 24** highlights children's right to good health, including access to clean water, nutritious food and a safe environment. By caring for our planet, we are also supporting these important rights for all children, now and in the future. We encourage our students and families to get involved by taking small steps such as recycling, saving energy, or spending time in nature. By working together, we can help create a healthier, more sustainable world for everyone.

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.

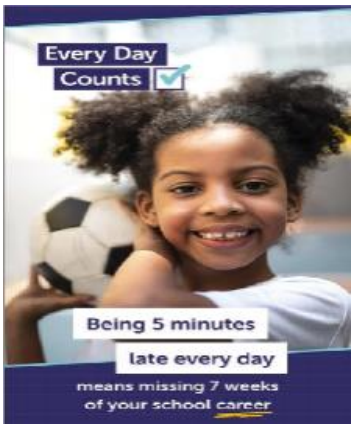
Well-done to 3L, 4B & 6E this week, for having the highest attendance.

6E: 98%
6W: 95%
5W: 96%
5D: 89%
4T: 97%
4B: 98%
3C: 97%
3L: 98%

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

Year 3 have had a fantastic start to the summer term after the Easter break. The children returned full of energy and enthusiasm, settling quickly back into their learning routines. This week, we were excited to begin learning the recorder in music. The class showed great focus as they were introduced to how to hold the instrument correctly and produce a clear sound. We started by learning the note B, practising carefully and listening closely to each other.





Year 4

Year 4 have settled back into school enthusiastically and are keen to get stuck into their learning. There have been lots of positive things happening this week. On Tuesday, we carried out a science experiment using different liquids. We are testing to see which liquid evaporates the quickest. On Wednesday, we went onto the field to practice events for Sports Day. The children showed great teamwork while working together. We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

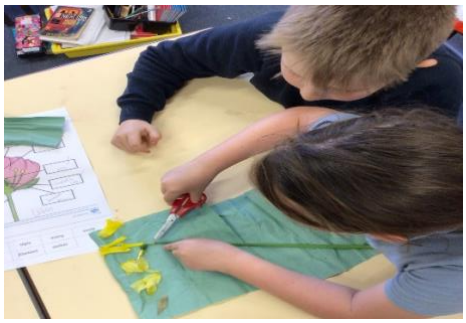




Year 5

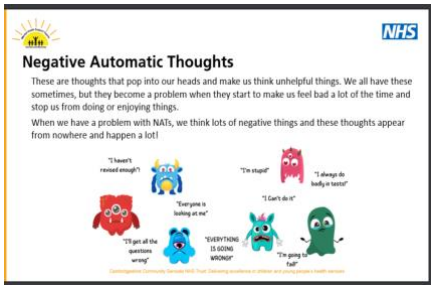
We have settled back into school wonderfully and it has been a pleasure to see everyone return with such enthusiasm and positivity. The children have quickly re-established routines and are already demonstrating a fantastic attitude towards their learning. This term, we have been completely captivated by *The Highwayman*. The class has thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves in the story, exploring its rich language, and developing a deeper understanding of the characters and plot. It has been exciting to see their curiosity grow as they discuss key events, make predictions, and share thoughtful insights.

We look forward to building on this strong start as the term continues!


Year 6

It has been so good to have everyone returned rested after a well-earned Easter break. This week both Year 6 classes had workshops run by the NHS funded Mental Health Support Team. The visitors talked specifically about strategies for dealing with anxiety or worries on the run up to SATs. We have begun a new topic in English and History – World War Two. The children have been so engaged with their learning already so we cannot wait to see the depth of discussion and quality of writing as the weeks progress. What a great start to our last term in George White!







SRB

In the SRB, we have been learning how to solve multiplication and division problems. We know that we need to learn times tables but we are also finding strategies to help us. We use equipment such as hundred square pop-its to identify multiples, and draw circles on tables to see grouping and sharing. When we then move on to questions on paper, we can visualise the solution!





Dates for the Diary 2025/2026

Wednesday 22nd April	Mental Health School Team, *Anxiety in Children* workshop for parents at 9:00am
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
Tuesday 5th May	Year 5 trip to Whitlingham
Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May	Half term holiday
Monday 1 June – Wednesday 3rd June	Year 6 Residential trip to Eaton Vale
Monday 8th June	Aspirations Week- Details to follow