George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 24th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the children have all been busy practising for our sports morning event, which is taking place next Wednesday and Thursday morning. It has been wonderful to see how excited, focused and enthusiastic the children are as they prepare, and there is a real sense of anticipation across the school, with some children even using playtimes and lunchtimes to practice together.

Keeping on the sporting theme, yesterday, a group of Year 4 and 5 children took part in a schools mixed netball event at the UEA. Miss Waller, who led this event, said the children represented our school brilliantly, showing great teamwork, sportsmanship and enthusiasm throughout the day. A huge well done to those children who took part yesterday!

We are very much looking forward to welcoming as many parents and carers as possible next week to our sports morning with Year 3 and 4 taking part on Wednesday morning and Year 5 and 6 taking part on Thursday morning. We are now hoping that the weather remains as it is currently predicted with sunshine on both days. Don't forget, if you are joining us for a picnic lunch after sports morning to let Mrs Chester in the school office know as soon as possible so we have a list of the number of adults who will be on our school site during lunchtime.

We hope you all 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: 96%
6W: 95%
5W: 96%
5D: 95%
4T: 99%
4B: 98%
3C: 94%
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

Year 3 carried out an exciting experiment in science to investigate the properties of different types of rocks. We tested each rock by adding water and vinegar and by scratching them to observe their hardness and durability. Using our results, we discussed which rocks would be most suitable for different purposes, such as roof tiles, statues and kitchen worktops. The children showed great curiosity and worked scientifically to make observations, record their findings and draw thoughtful conclusions.





Year 4

What a brilliant week we have had in Year 4! In our English learning, we are focusing on writing instructions on how to slay the Minotaur. To teach the children the importance of instructions being clear – using imperative verbs and command sentences – they were asked to write a set of instructions on how to make a jam sandwich. Once written, Miss Butterfant and Mrs Thirtle followed their instructions to create the sandwiches. It was such an enjoyable – and messy – lesson!





Year 5

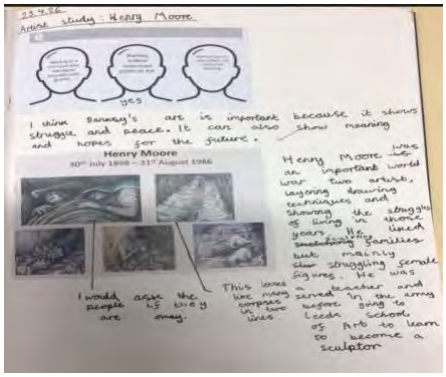
We've had a really lovely week in Year 5 and the children have been full of enthusiasm throughout. A particular highlight has been our Sports Day practice in P.E, where we have been working on javelin, hurdles, obstacle courses and sprinting. It has been great to see the children growing in confidence, building their stamina, and showing great resilience and teamwork skills! We are so excited for them to showcase all their amazing skills on sports day next week!

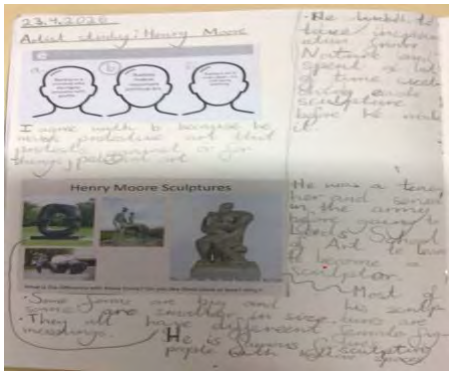


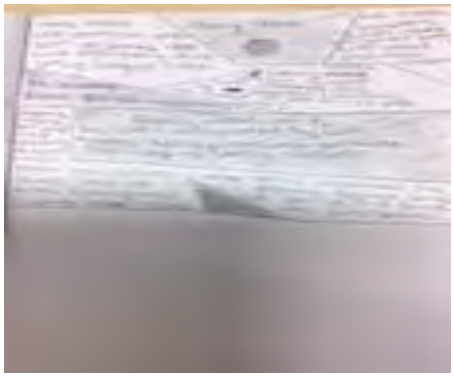


Year 6

In Year 6 we have had a fantastic week of learning and revising. In English, we have been planning our own Blitz stories, learning how to characterise speech in order to develop characters. We also began a new Art topic this week – learning about the artist Henry Moore. We're going to be taking inspiration from his sketches during wartime London to create our own Air Raid shelter collages. Today, we learnt about his life and discussed what we liked about his pieces of work.

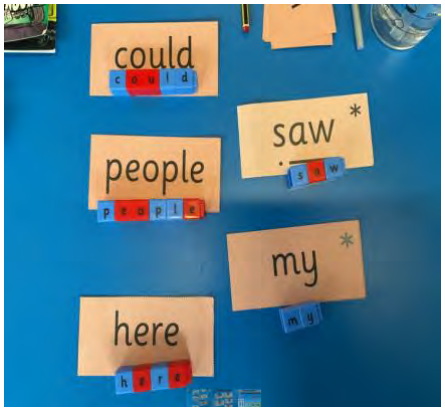


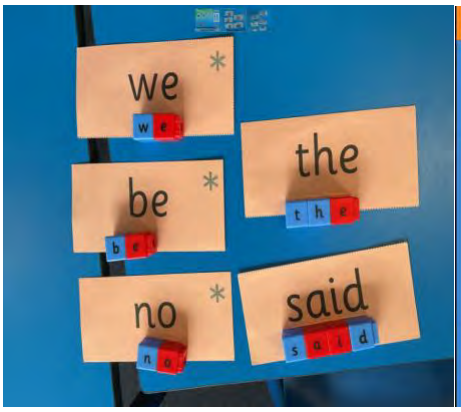




SRB

Children in the SRB have been working hard on whole word recognition this week. We have been using RNIB Bookshare to print pages which they can then highlight to find high frequency words they already know, which takes a lot of the stress out of reading full paragraphs. We have also looked at consonants and vowels and started to recognise these within words which helps us to visualise them when it comes to reading and spelling. Where children find initial/medial/final sounds tricky, Topmarks has some great phonics games to play where children use pictures to identify sounds within words. A great week of reading!







Dates for the Diary 2025/2026

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 1 June – Wednesday 3rd June	Year 6 Residential trip to Eaton Vale
Monday 8th June	Aspirations Week- Details to follow
Monday 6th July	Welcome meeting for New Year 3 parent & children 5-6pm
Tuesday 7th July	Dance for Rights event – Whole school event
Monday 13th July	George White's Got Talent Year 3 and 4 auditions in school
Tuesday 14th July	George White's Got Talent Year 5 and 6 auditions in school
Wednesday 15th July	Year 6 Leavers show to Parents
Thursday 16th July	George White Got Talent Grand Final
Friday 17th July	End of term