George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 15th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been SATs week in school for our year 6 children. A huge well done to our Year 6 children, who have been absolutely amazing this week. All staff in school have been incredibly proud of the way they approached each day with such maturity, resilience and positivity. The children have worked so hard throughout the year, and this week they truly demonstrated just how much progress they have made. Our SATs breakfasts were hugely popular and a lovely way to start each day, with a calm atmosphere filled with positivity, conversation and reassurance before the children began their tests.

It was also lovely to bring the whole school together during celebration assembly this morning to recognise and celebrate Year 6 and all their hard work and achievements throughout the week and year.

A huge thank you also goes to all staff involved in supporting the children. From preparing breakfasts each morning to providing encouragement, reassurance and high-quality teaching, the teamwork and dedication shown has been fantastic.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend but especially to our Year 6 children who thoroughly deserve a rest!

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: 97%
6W: 97%
5W: 96%
5D: 94%
4T: 100%
4B: 97%
3C: 97%
3L: 97%

Whole school attendance for this week: 97%

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

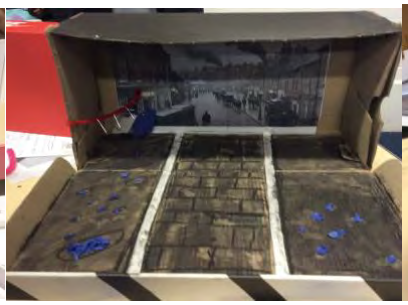
In Year 3 Science, we became soil investigators and explored a range of different soil types. We examined their texture by feeling and describing whether they were rough, smooth, grainy or sticky, and then observed how the soils changed when water was added. The children carried out permeability tests to discover which soils allowed water to pass through quickly and which held onto water for longer.





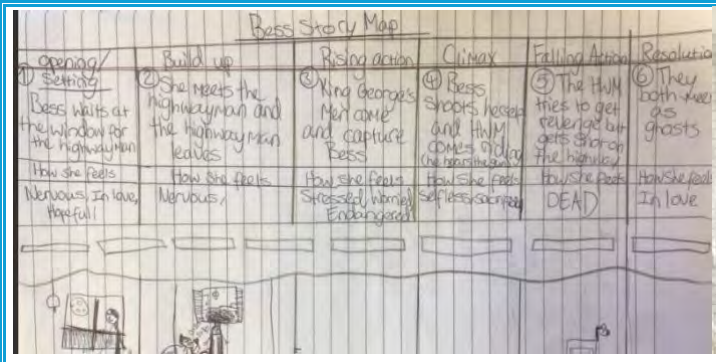
Year 4

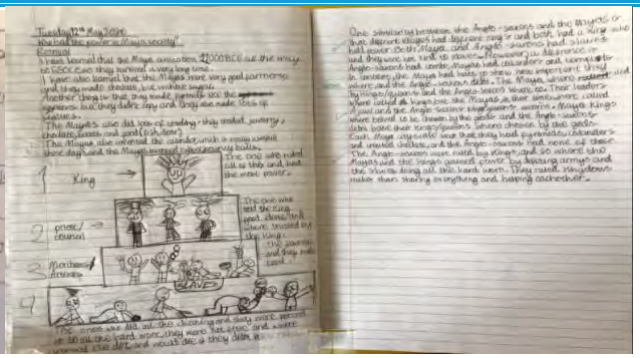
This week, Year 4 have been creating their dioramas in DT. The children had a fun afternoon on Monday using lots of different materials and resources to create their Victorian street scenes. The dioramas are looking great, and there are some very imaginative ideas. We look forward to seeing the final products next week.


Year 5

This week, Year 5 have had a really positive and productive week across their learning. In English, we have been working hard on preparing to write our own narrative based on *The Highwayman*. The children have really enjoyed exploring the poem in detail and considering how the characters might have felt at different points in the story. We have also been developing our understanding of story structure by creating story maps to help us plan our narratives. The children have carefully sequenced key events, including the build-up, problem, and resolution, to support their writing - it has been fantastic to see their creativity and confidence growing as they get ready to write their own versions of the story!



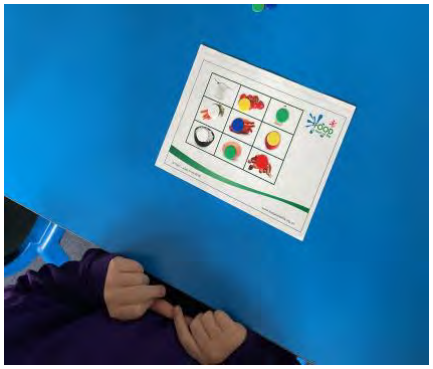


Year 6

There really are no words to describe this week other than **Well Done, you bunch of superstars.**
You have completed your SATs and we are so proud of you! On to the final chapter of George White – finishing the exciting Year 6 curriculum and getting ready for High School.
If you would like to order your child a leavers hoodie, The online shop is now live and ready to take orders: https://www.hoodiehut.co.uk/leavers-hoodies/george-white-junior-school-leavers-hoodies-2026/

SRB

As part of their cookery lessons, children in the SRB have been learning about smells and how they can affect taste. They smelled various ingredients and had to guess what they were. Some of the vocabulary used was strong, spicy, bitter, many words which we associate with taste. They then learned about nutritional value of foods and ended with a game of bingo!







Dates for the Diary 2025/2026

Monday 1 June – Wednesday 3rd June	Year 6 Residential trip to Eaton Vale
Monday 8th June	Aspirations Week- Details to follow
Monday 15th June	Year 6 Enterprise Week
Friday 3rd July	Annual reports out to all parents for years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Monday 6th July	Welcome meeting for New Year 3 parent & children 5-6pm
Tuesday 7th July	Dance for Rights event – Whole school event
Wednesday 8th July	Transition day 1 for years 2, 3, 4 and 5
Thursday 9th July	Transition day 2 for years 2, 3, 4 and 5
Friday 10th July	Transition day 3 for years 2, 3, 4 and 5
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 1:15-3:00
Thursday 16th July	George White Got Talent Grand Final
Friday 17th July	End of term