George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 1st May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week of sport we have had this week! The weather has been delightful for both our sports mornings and picnic lunches. The children were absolutely brilliant on Wednesday and Thursday morning, showing great encouragement, determination and sportsmanship throughout all of the events. It was lovely to see the children encouraging one another and taking part with such positive attitudes.

It was also fantastic to see so many parents and carers attending to support the children and staying for the picnic lunch – the atmosphere across both days was incredibly positive and really added to the success of the events.

On Thursday, a small group of our year 3 and 4 children took part in a football event at Goals, where they represented the school superbly, showing great teamwork and enthusiasm. The team won two games and lost one, this is a huge achievement, and we are so proud of them all.

With the warmer and brighter weather now here, please can we remind families to ensure children bring a named water bottle and a sun hat to school each day so they can stay safe and comfortable when outside at playtime, lunchtime and for PE lessons.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and have a lovely bank holiday 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 3L this week, for having the highest attendance.

6E: 94%
6W: 97%
5W: 93%
5D: 90%
4T: 93%
4B: 96%
3C: 96%
3L: 99%

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:

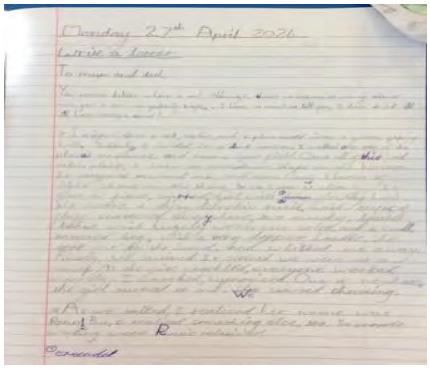
CADS – Children's Advice and Duty Service – 0344 800 8020

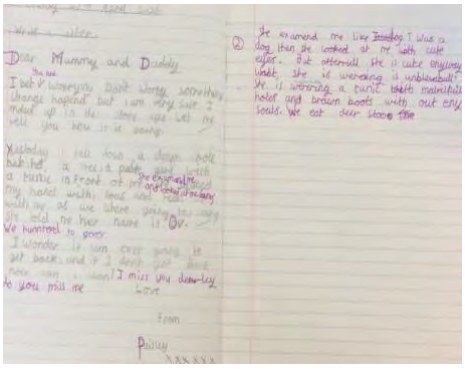


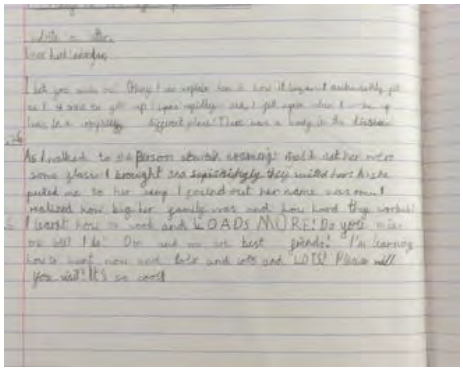
Look at what we're learning

Year 3

What a great week year 3 have had! It has been incredibly busy this week, starting off with practicing our Sports Day activities. Year 3 worked incredibly hard on our Sports Day and really did the school and themselves proud. We have also been planning and completing our plan and our first draft of our letter in English. The children have been writing to loved ones, telling them how they have travelled back in time to the Stone Age!



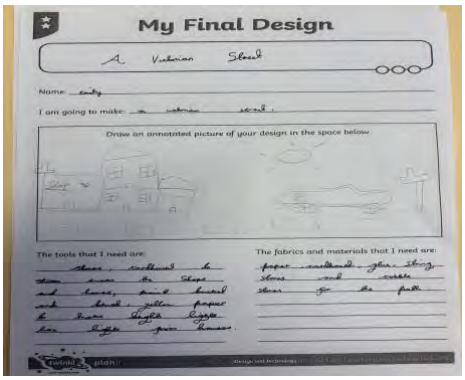


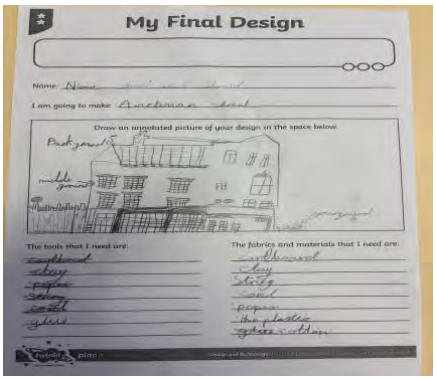


Year 4

We had a brilliant week in year 4! We started off our week practicing our Sports Day events, the children worked well as a team and showed a lot of perseverance and resilience. This was seen during Sports Morning on Wednesday, well done to all the children for a successful Sports Morning thoroughly enjoyed by all. On Monday we started to design our Victorian Street scene for our Dioramas. We are looking forward to seeing the final product. Have a lovely weekend.







Year 5

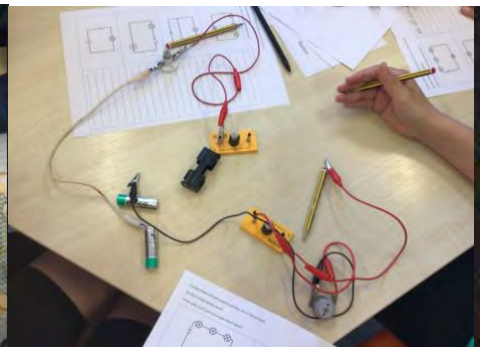
We've had another fabulous week in Year 5! The children have been working incredibly hard and should be very proud of all they have achieved. In RSHE, we spent time learning about self-esteem, recognising our personal qualities, and thinking about what is most important to us. The children shared their ideas thoughtfully and showed great maturity during our discussions. We have also been so impressed with the way the children have demonstrated resilience, determination, and excellent teamwork while practising for Sports Day. They showed fantastic enthusiasm and sportsmanship as they developed and demonstrated their skills on Thursday. Well done, Year 5!





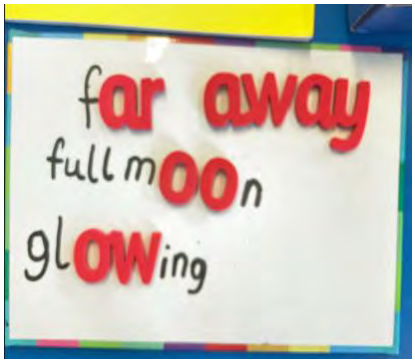
Year 6

In Year 6 we have been working hard writing stories that characterise speech. Children have successfully developed characters through writing accurate and descriptive dialogue. In Science, we have continued our work on the Electricity unit, building circuits from diagrams and then problem-solving circuits that won't work. Finally, a big well done to all of Year 6 for how well they joined in and supported each other during our Sports Morning, and an extended Thank You to all of the families who were able to join us.


SRB

Children in the SRB have been working hard on identifying phonics sounds this week. We used a word bank with pictures to match vocabulary and then used our magnet letters to create these words showing the 'special friends' within them. This really helps with spelling as it allows the children to see the sounds in a different colour and the shape stands out.







Dates for the Diary 2025/2026

Monday 4th May	Bank holiday Monday – school is not open on this day
Tuesday 5th May	Year 5 Trip to Whitlingham
Thursday 7th May	Year 4 Trip to Whitlingham
Friday 8th May	David Attenborough 100th birthday – whole school event to celebrate
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