George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 22nd May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy half term, I would like to thank all our children, families and staff for their continued hard work and support in making this another successful half term. All staff at George White Junior School are incredibly proud of the children's achievements and contributions to school life over the past 6 weeks.

We would like to wish all of our families a safe, happy and restful half term break. With some very warm weather forecast, please remember to stay sun safe, including wearing hats, applying sun cream and keeping hydrated when outdoors.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 1st June after the half term holiday, refreshed and ready for the final half term of the academic year.

Supporting Documents for Leave of Absence Requests

Please could we remind everyone that when submitting a request for a leave of absence, any relevant supporting documentation should be included. Providing this information helps us to fully consider your request and make an informed decision on whether it can be authorised.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

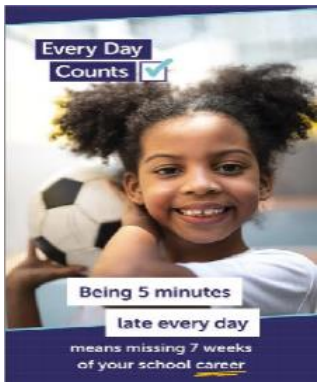
Well-done to 3C this week, for having the highest attendance.

6E: 97%
6W: 94%
5W: 95%
5D: 91%
4T: 92%
4B: 95%
3C: 99%
3L: 98%

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:

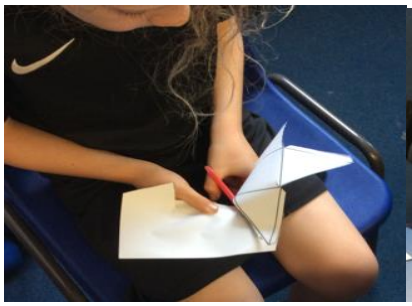
CADS – Children's Advice and Duty Service – 0344 800 8020

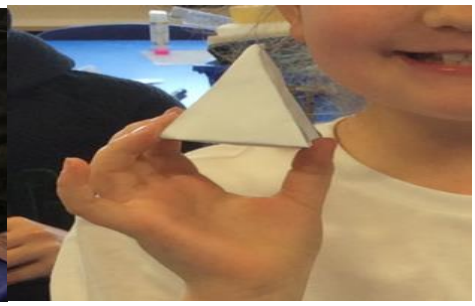


Look at what we're learning

Year 3

In Maths this week, Year 3 have been exploring shape. We have been learning to identify and describe the properties of 2-D and 3-D shapes, including counting sides, vertices and faces. The children enjoyed comparing different shapes and discussing how they are similar and different. We also investigated nets and used them to create our own 3-D shapes, carefully folding and assembling them to see how flat shapes can transform into solid objects.





Year 4

This week, Year 4 completed their summer assessments, and we are incredibly proud of the hard work, focus, and determination they demonstrated throughout. In DT, the children also finished their diorama projects. They showed fantastic creativity by using a variety of materials and resources to bring their ideas to life. It was wonderful to see every child so engaged and enthusiastic in their learning. We wish all families a lovely half-term and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday June 1st where the children will be sitting their Official Multiplication Timetables Check.



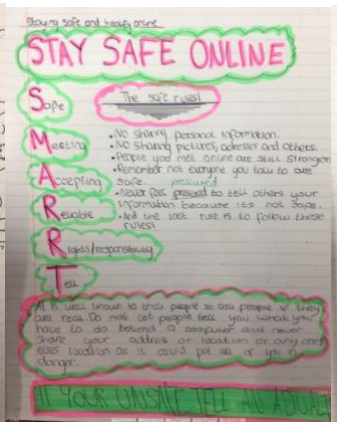


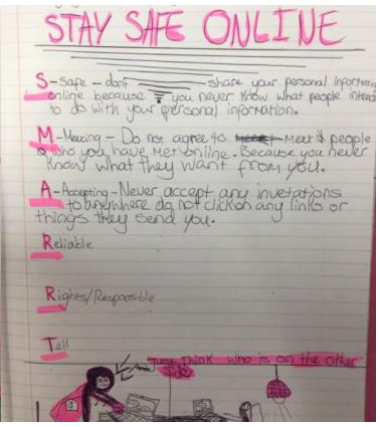
Year 5

This week, Year 5 completed their summer assessments, and we are incredibly proud of the hard work and determination the children have shown. They approached each assessment with confidence, demonstrating all they have learned throughout the year and applying their knowledge brilliantly. We have also spent time focusing on the importance of internet safety, discussing what should and should not be shared online and why this is so important. The children created some fantastic online safety posters, and we were very impressed with their creativity and understanding. Overall, it has been a wonderful half term in Year 5. We hope everyone has a lovely and restful week off!



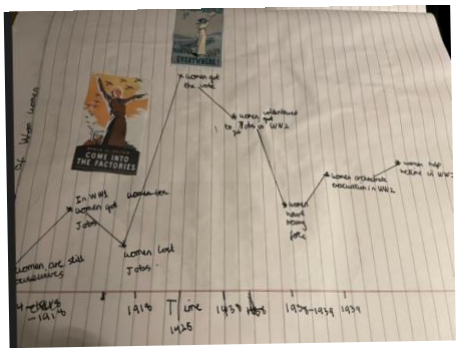


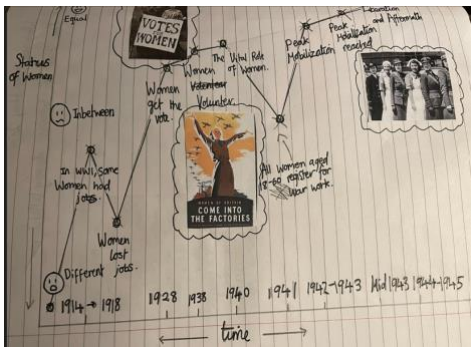


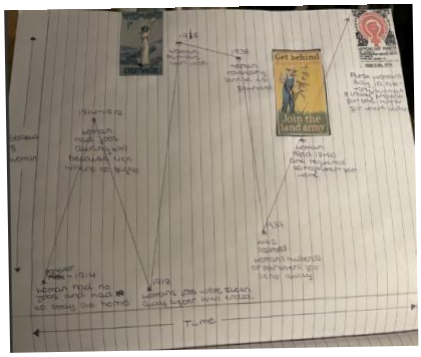


Year 6

This week we continued our learning on the topic of World War Two in History. We looked at how the role of women has changed over the last 100 years in Great Britain, especially during World War One and the period between the two world wars. We then examined primary sources from 1939-1945 including propaganda posters and photos and diaries from land girls. The children showed an understanding of the shifting social value of women through creating 'living graphs'. We were very impressed with their reflections during the discussions and the task. Happy half term everyone.

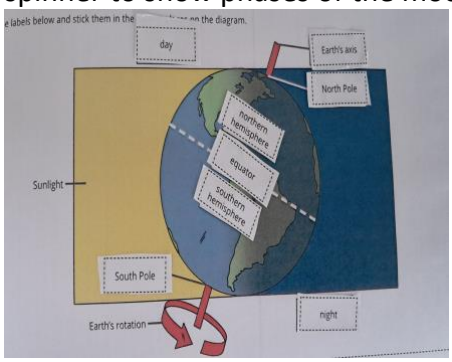




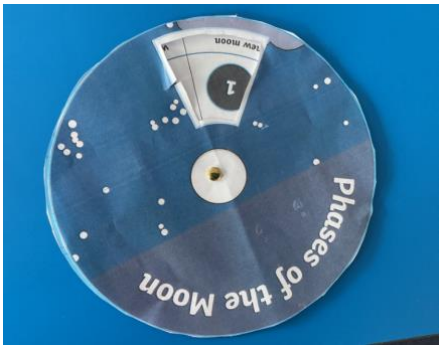


SRB

Children in the SRB have been learning scientific terms for our space topic. They made fortune tellers with facts about the solar system and took these home to test parents' knowledge! They also made a spinner to show phases of the moon. Lots of learning, lots of activities, lots of fun!







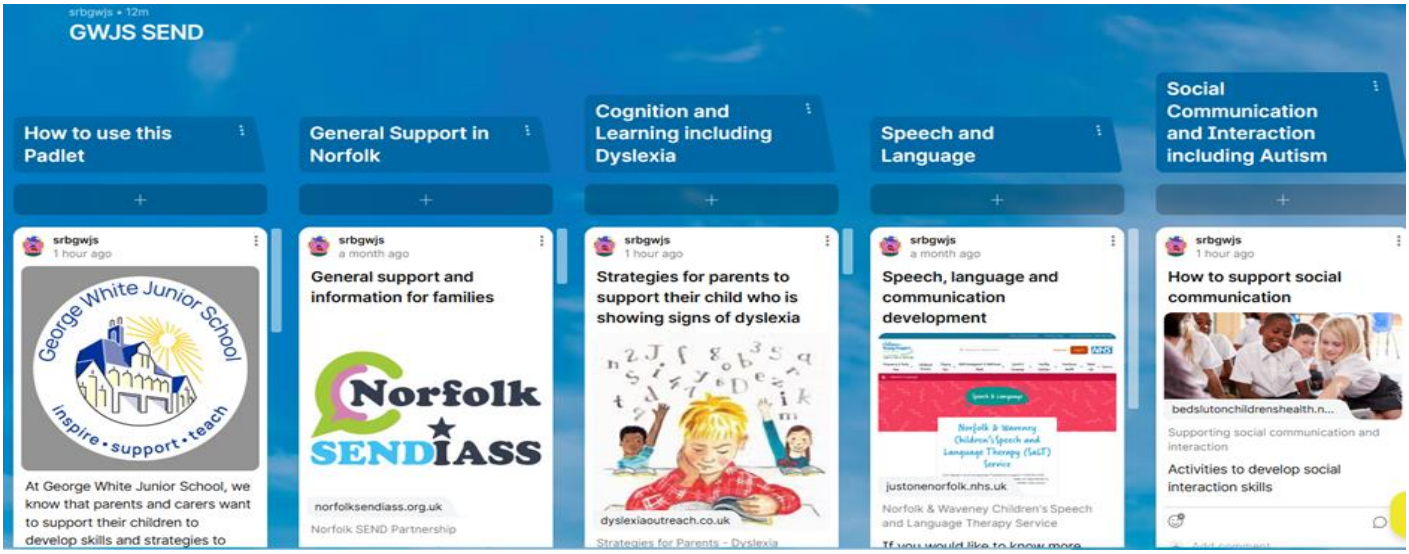
Dates for the Diary 2025/2026

Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May	Half Term- school is closed
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

SEND news



At the end of each half term, we include an article about supporting children with special educational needs and disabilities. This half term, we have included some information about our new SEND Padlet.



At George White Junior School, we know that parents and carers want to support their children to develop skills and strategies to support them in learning and in life. Charlotte Collison, lead teacher in our Specialist Resource Base (SRB), has created a Padlet which you can use to find information, advice and support for different areas of need.

Each section has a column with links to organisations, professionals, charities and other Padlets which provide a wealth of information. Most of this is aimed at parents and provides advice on how you can support your child from home. There is also a section on support available in Norfolk for both children and their parents/carers.

Please click on the link below to access the Padlet. We hope you find it useful in supporting your child.

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