George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 8th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and enjoyable week in school. The weeks are going by so quickly. We can't believe there are only two weeks left of this half term!

This week our Year 4 and Year 5 children had the opportunity to take part in two wonderful trips to Whitlingham Lake as part of their Geography and Science learning. The children thoroughly enjoyed being outdoors, exploring and learning about the flora and fauna of the area as part of their fieldwork. It was fantastic to see their curiosity, enthusiasm and engagement in such a rich learning environment.

As we look ahead to next week, our Year 6 children will be taking their SATs. Year 6 have all worked incredibly hard and have shown great determination. They are more than ready, and all staff would like to wish them the very best. This morning, year 6 came together ahead of Monday, where I shared how amazing they all are and how proud I am of them. I reminded them that these tests are simply a chance to show what they know, and that they should feel proud of everything they have achieved already. I ended by saying *"do your best, be proud of your effort, and remember how far you've come. Believe you can and you're halfway there."*

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

MESSAGE FROM ONE OF OUR YEAR 4 PARENTS - ELLIE

Dear families, we are excited to share that we hope to plan and fundraise for a brand-new playground. This is a big project that will take time, but it is absolutely achievable with our community's support.

To move forward, we need at least four parents or carers to form a Friends Group. This group can be formally registered to work alongside the school, helping to plan, organise, and drive this wonderful project.

If you're unable to commit regularly but would still like to be involved—perhaps by baking for a fundraiser, helping at an event, or offering a few hours for painting or gardening—there will be plenty of opportunities to contribute.

If you're interested or would like to find out more, please contact Mrs Chester in the school office who will pass your message on to Ellie. Thank you.

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.

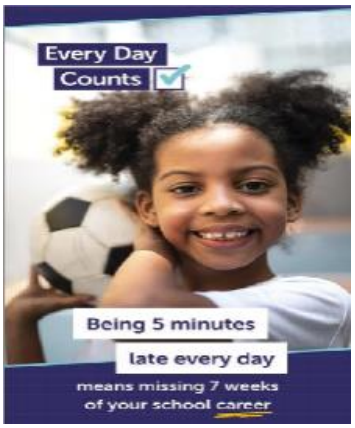
Well-done to 4T & 6E this week, for having the highest attendance.

6E: 97%
6W: 93%
5W: 96%
5D: 96%
4T: 97%
4B: 95%
3C: 93%
3L: 92%

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



Supporting Documents for Leave of Absence Requests

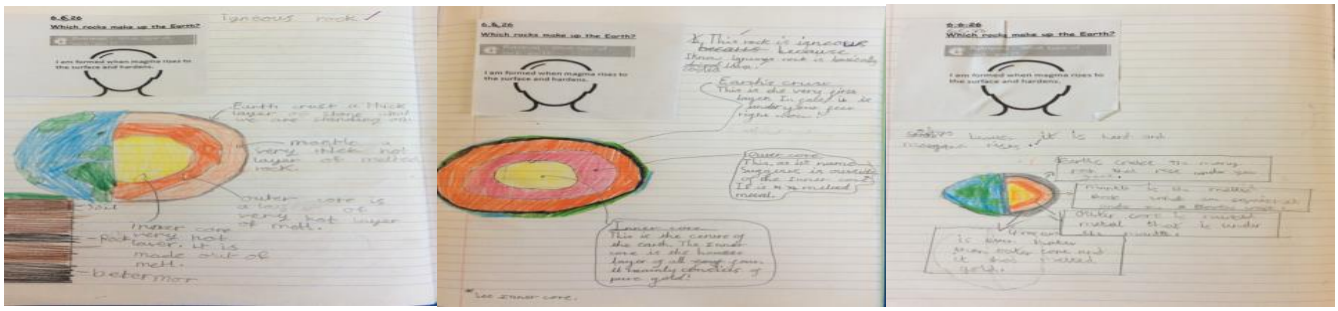
Please could we remind everyone that when submitting a request for a leave of absence, any relevant supporting documentation should be included. Providing this information helps us to fully consider your request and make an informed decision on whether it can be authorised.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Year 3

This week in Year 3, we explored the fascinating structure of the Earth and learned about the different layers that make up our planet. The children discovered that the Earth is made up of the crust, mantle, outer core and inner core, and they enjoyed finding out what each layer is like. The classes showed great curiosity and enthusiasm during our discussions and activities, and they worked hard to use new scientific vocabulary confidently.



Year 4

Yesterday, Year 4 had a wonderful morning at Whitlingham Country Park. We took part in three different activities in the meadow: bug hunting, grid work, and observational drawing. It was lovely for the two classes to come together and experience these activities as a team. The children worked brilliantly together and behaved impeccably throughout the trip. After lunch, they had the opportunity to explore the meadow further before we headed back to school. Well done, Year 4!



Year 5

Year 5 has enjoyed another fantastic week, with the highlight undoubtedly being our trip to Whitlingham Country Park on Tuesday. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in nature exploration and bug-hunting activities, and they impressed us all with their ability to identify a wide range of plants and insects—from dandelions to dragonflies. It was especially rewarding to see the children applying their science learning on plant reproduction in a real-world setting, bringing their classroom knowledge to life in nature. A huge well done to Year 5 for their enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the trip!





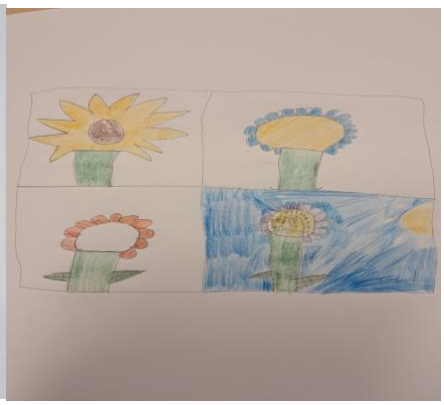
Year 6

Our incredible Year 6s have made it to the last week before SATs and we could not be prouder of their hard work, resilience and determination you have shown. These traits do not reflect a SATs score, but rather a strength of character, a growth of mindset and stretch of courage. It is not your test marks but the people who you are and who you will become that we are most proud of. Next week is just another opportunity to show what you can do. You are all amazing. Have a super week of rest!

SRB

In art this week, children looked at the work of Georgia O'Keefe, an American artist famous for her close-up paintings of flowers. They went to the nature garden, took some photos of plants and flowers, and then used these to create their own artwork. They considered shape, colour and perspective. The children loved this activity and have been drawing more through the week to share with us!





Dates for the Diary 2025/2026

Monday 11th May	Year 6 SATs Week, Breakfast club starts at 8am
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

NATIONAL
TENNIS ASSOCIATION

JUNIOR
TENNIS CAMP



Reepham Tennis Club
Hellesdon Community Tennis
Taverham Tennis Club

25 - 29 May 2026
9-11:30am / 12-2:30pm
5-10 / 11-15 years

Action packed holiday camps with team challenges, tennis skills, games and prizes.

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