George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 12th June 2026

This week, we have all been taking part in Aspirations Week, and what an incredible week it has been!

Throughout the week, children have had the opportunity to meet and learn from visitors representing a wide range of professions and careers. These visitors generously gave their time to share their experiences, explain their roles and provide an insight into the many exciting opportunities available to our pupils in the future.

A huge thank you to Mrs Waller for organising such an inspiring and impactful week. Her hard work has enabled our children to engage with professionals from a variety of fields, helping them to broaden their horizons and think about future possibilities. It has been wonderful to hear children talking enthusiastically about future careers, interests and ambitions.

At George White Junior School, we believe that developing aspirations is an important part of our curriculum. Aspirations Week encourages children to dream big, recognise their own potential and understand that there are many different pathways to success. By exposing children to a wide range of careers, experiences and role models, we help them to see that their future is full of opportunities and that with hard work, determination and resilience, they can achieve their goals.

The impact of this week has been felt across the whole school. Children have felt inspired and excited about what their future may hold. More importantly, they have developed a greater understanding of the skills, qualities and attitudes that will help them achieve their ambitions.

Looking Ahead: Year 6 Enterprise Week

Next week, our Year 6 pupils will be taking part in Enterprise Week. Working in teams, the children will be designing, creating and selling a range of products in order to raise funds for their Year 6 Leavers' Disco next month.

Enterprise Week provides a fantastic opportunity for pupils to develop a wide range of valuable life skills, including teamwork, communication, problem-solving, creativity, financial awareness and leadership. The children have been working hard to plan their products and consider how best to market them to their customers. We thank parents and carers in advance for supporting this exciting initiative and helping the children work towards creating a memorable celebration at the end of their primary school journey.

Aspirations week a message from Mrs Waller

During Aspirations Week, our children were inspired by a fantastic range of professionals who generously shared their experiences and career journeys. We welcomed a sound designer, a GP, a police officer, an operations manager, a customer service professional, a singer and actor, a pharmacist, and a podcaster, each providing valuable insights into their roles and the skills needed to succeed. Through engaging talks and discussions, the children learned about the many different pathways available to them and discovered how determination, resilience, and hard work can help them achieve their goals. Meeting such a diverse group of role models helped broaden the children's understanding of future career opportunities, challenged stereotypes, and encouraged them to think ambitiously about their own futures. Aspirations Week was a wonderful opportunity to raise aspirations, build confidence, and inspire children to believe in their potential and the exciting possibilities that lie ahead.









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.

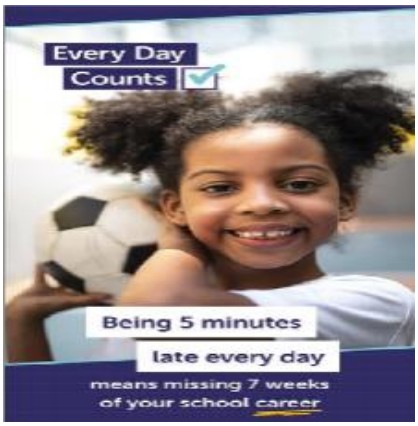
Well-done to 4T & 5W this week, for having the highest attendance.

6E:90%
6W: 93%
5W: 96%
5D: 95%
4T: 96%
4B: 93%
3C: 94%
3L: 94%

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:

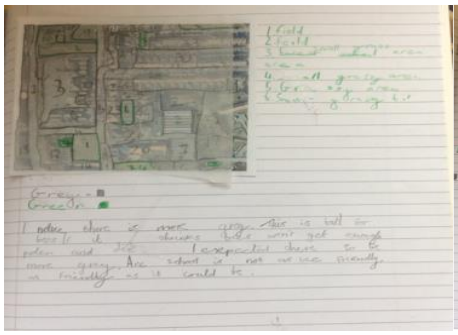
CADS – Children's Advice and Duty Service – 0344 800 8020

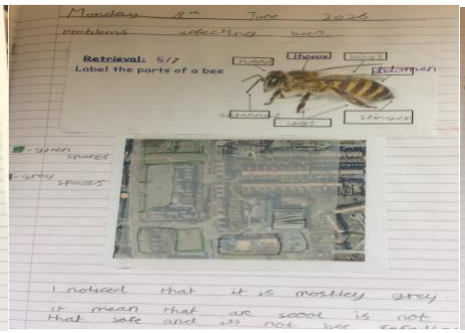


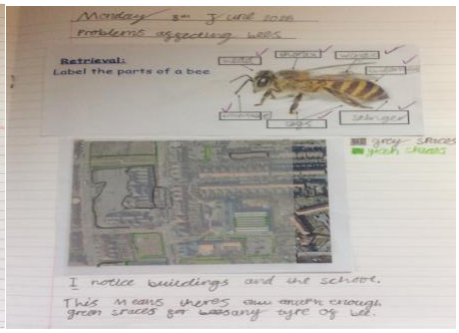
Look at what we're learning

Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic week and have continued to dive deeper into their Geography unit on the conservation of bees. This week, the children explored an aerial view of our school and local area, identifying grey spaces (such as buildings and roads) and green spaces (such as fields, gardens and trees). They discussed how these different environments can impact bees and considered ways we can make our surroundings more bee-friendly to support their conservation.







Year 4

Year 4 had a brilliant second week! In geography, we looked at 'Farming in Norfolk and the UK'. We learnt about different types of farming, what climates are best for different types of farming (Norfolk has fertile soil so we are best for growing and harvesting crops!) and what Norfolk and the UK produce through farming. To aid with our learning, we completed lots of different activities from our 'Farm in a Box'. We completed a minibeast hunt, a poo trail, and investigated wheat, wheat grains, flour, and other dried crops and vegetation. We hope everyone has a lovely weekend, ready for week 3!









Year 5

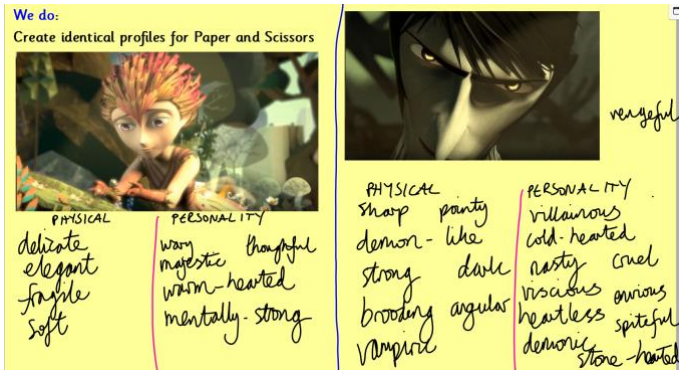
This week, Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed all of the inspiring visits from our Aspirations Week guests, who shared their careers and experiences with us. We also took part in an exciting team-building workshop, where the children worked together to build the tallest tower possible using only spaghetti and marshmallows. It was wonderful to see their communication, cooperation, and problem-solving skills in action. Across the curriculum, the children have continued to work hard and show great enthusiasm in their learning, and we are looking forward to another exciting week ahead.






Year 6

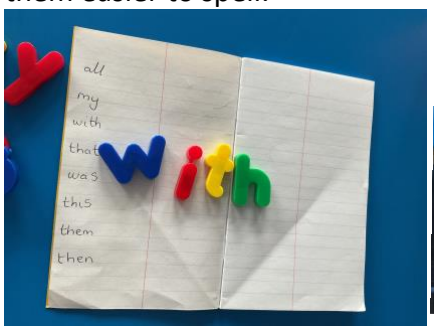
This week, we have been using dialogue to advance the action in our writing inspired by the short film 'Broken: Rock, Paper, Scissors.' Our children have been showcasing all of their excellent Year 6 writing skills in order to produce some high-quality pieces of writing. The year group also took part in workshops on Thursday as part of Aspirations Week. Our children worked with pharmaceutical technicians from the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital to better understand how medication is used to fight illnesses. Thank you to Mrs Waller for organising this event for us.

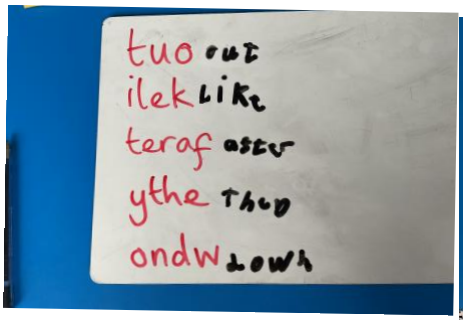


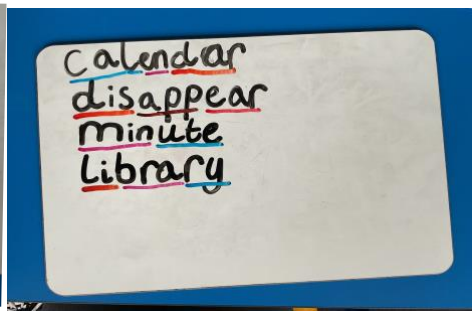



SRB

In the SRB, we are always looking for fun ways to practise our spellings. Children test each other and use a variety of resources to make the word and see it. This whole word reading can help children to visualise the word which works especially well with tricky words which can't be sounded out. Children working on the year 3/4 common exception words have been separating them into syllables to make them easier to spell.







Dates for the Diary 2025/2026

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

Dates for the Diary 2026/2027

Tuesday 1st September	Inset Day – school shut for all children
Wednesday 2nd September	Inset Day – school shut for all children
Thursday 3rd September	Start of the autumn term. Gates open for all children at 8:30am
Monday 7th September	Year 4 welcome meeting for all parents from 3:30pm in the school hall
Tuesday 8th September	Year 5 welcome meeting for all parents from 3:30pm in the school hall
Wednesday 9th September	Year 6 welcome meeting for all parents from 3:30pm in the school hall
Tuesday 20th October	Parents evening 3:30pm-5pm
Wednesday 21st October	Parents evening 3:30pm – 7pm

Norfolk County Council 2026-2027 Norfolk Model Calendar

This calendar applies to community schools, community special schools, VC schools and nursery schools and sets the days on which school transport will be provided. While most Foundation, VA, foundation special, free schools and academy trusts who are able to set their own dates, adopt the Norfolk Model, we advise you to check with your child's school before making holiday or other commitments.

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Key : White dates - schools open to pupils
Yellow dates - pupil holiday
Red dates - bank holiday

Five staff training days will be selected from yellow dates, we suggest 1 & 2 September, 23 October, 4 January and 12 April . Some may choose to use twilight hours for staff training instead of some or all of these.

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