George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 19th June 2026

This week, our Year 6 pupils have been incredibly busy taking part in **Enterprise Week**, and what a fantastic success it has been! The children have demonstrated amazing entrepreneurial skills as they planned, designed, marketed and sold a variety of products to raise funds for their Leavers' Disco next month.

It has been wonderful to see the creativity, teamwork, problem-solving and determination shown by our Year 6 pupils throughout the week. They have embraced the challenge with enthusiasm and professionalism, showing many of the qualities that successful businesspeople possess. We have certainly seen some budding entrepreneurs amongst our Year 6 cohort, and we are incredibly proud of the effort and commitment they have shown. Well done Year 6!

Warmer Weather Reminder

With the weather continuing to get warmer, please can we ask parents and carers to ensure that children come to school prepared for the sunshine.

Please remember:

- A named sun hat.
- Sun cream applied before school (children may also bring their own named sun cream to reapply where appropriate).
- A named water bottle to help stay hydrated throughout the school day.

These simple measures help ensure that children remain comfortable, safe and ready to learn during periods of warmer weather.

Farewell and Thank You

Today, we say goodbye to Miss Pardon and Miss Dube as they leave George White to begin exciting new chapters in their careers.

On behalf of the entire school, I would like to thank them both for their hard work, dedication and commitment. They have each made a valuable contribution to school life and have supported many pupils during their time with us.

Whilst we will be sad to see them go, we wish them both every success and happiness for the future. We know they will bring the same passion, care and professionalism to their new roles and opportunities, and we thank them for everything they have done for our school.

Wishing all our families a lovely 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.

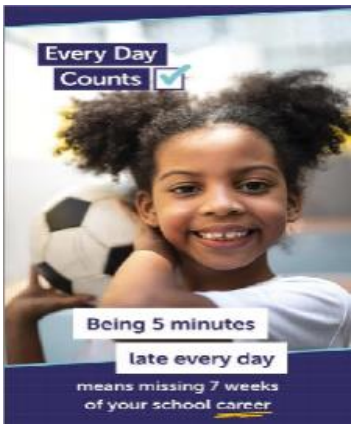
Well-done to 4T & 5D this week, for having the highest attendance.

6E:92%
6W: 92%
5W: 93%
5D: 98%
4T: 98%
4B: 91%
3C: 96%
3L: 96%

Whole school attendance for this week: 94%

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

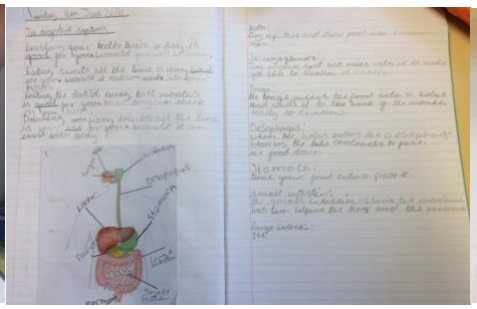
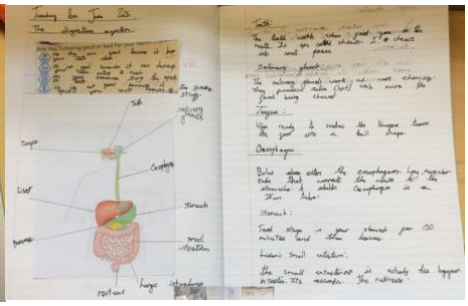
What a fantastic week it has been in Year 3! We were incredibly lucky to take part in a workshop with Biffa and even had the opportunity to explore one of their recycling lorries up close. We had so much fun while learning all about recycling and the importance of looking after our planet. In Geography, we have been focusing on bee conservation and discussing ways to make our school more bee-friendly. As part of our learning, we conducted fieldwork around the playground, identifying bee-friendly features and considering improvements we could make to create a better habitat for pollinators.





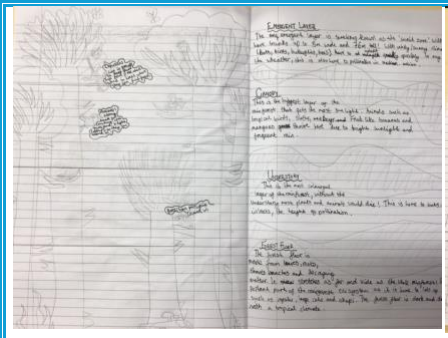
Year 4

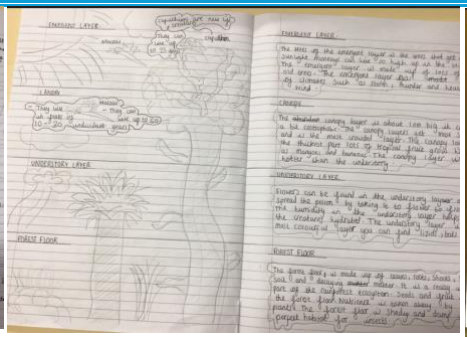
What a fabulous week we have had in Year 4! In our science this week, we delved into the digestive system. We began our journey by discussing the mouth and how digestion starts here. We then continued to work our way through the digestive system – learning the name and the functions of each internal organ as we went. The children then labelled their diagrams with the name and functions. We also created the digestive system using a mini figure of the human body!

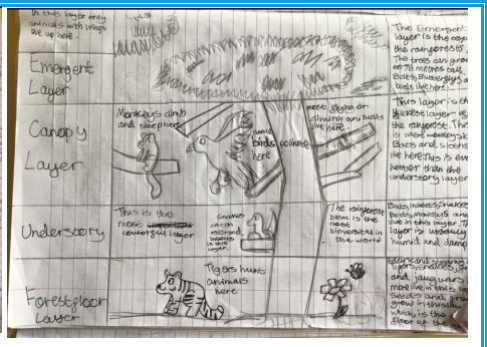




Year 5

In Geography, we have continued our learning about rainforests. We explored the four different layers of the rainforest – the emergent layer, canopy, understory and forest floor – and learned about the unique climate conditions found in each one. We discovered how temperature, sunlight and rainfall can vary throughout the layers and how this affects the plants and animals that live there. We also learned about a range of rainforest animals and the adaptations that help them survive. For example, we explored how some animals use camouflage to hide from predators, while others have strong limbs for climbing or gliding between trees. It has been fascinating to see how both plants and animals are specially adapted to thrive in the rainforest environment.



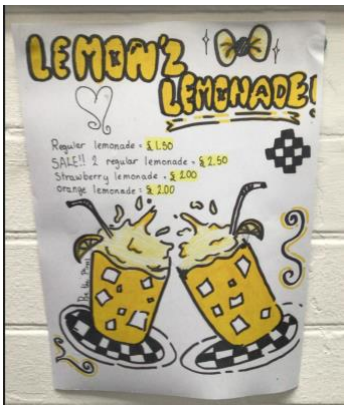




Year 6

Wow! What an amazing week it has been in Year 6! The children have created their own business, researched their product and pitched their costings to a Dragon (thank you, Mrs Greenwood!). They have also designed their marketing strategy, costed and ordered their resources and produced an incredible range of products. We have been so impressed with their teamwork, creative planning and entrepreneurial thinking. Well done everybody.





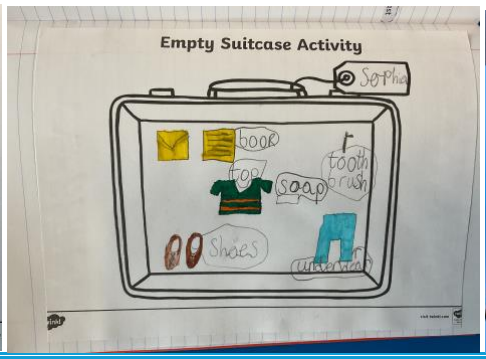




SRB

Children in the SRB have been learning about what life was like for children during WWII and comparing their experiences in 2026 to life during the war. They learned about children being evacuated and what they may have taken with them. It made us realise how much 'stuff' we have now! Children packed items from a list into a small case and it really showed how little evacuees were able to take. They were very thoughtful and reflective when considering experiences of children many years ago.







Dates for the Diary 2025/2026

Tuesday 23rd June	Year 3 Trip to Whitlingham
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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