George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 5th June 2026

What a busy and exciting start we have had to the final half term of this academic year!

One of the highlights of the week has undoubtedly been our **Year 6 residential visit to Eaton Vale**. The trip was a huge success, with all children who took part embracing the experience with enthusiasm and positivity. Throughout the week, the children challenged themselves, developed their teamwork skills and created lasting memories with their friends. We are incredibly proud of the way they worked together and would like to thank Mrs Waters, Mr Elias, Miss Dawson and Mr Michell who gave their time to ensure the children not only had an amazing time, but they made some life-long memories before they start their transition to high school next month.

Yesterday, a group of our pupils took part in a **cricket sporting event at Langley Prep School** in Taverham. It was an opportunity for those who took part to show their batting and fielding skills as well as fantastic teamwork and determination whilst representing our school. Events such as these provide valuable moments for children to develop their confidence, skills and love of sport.

Today, we have been celebrating **Arts Day**, centred around the theme of **JOY**. Throughout the day, pupils have taken part in a range of exciting creative experiences designed to inspire imagination, self-expression and confidence. Children have explored the vibrant work of artist and designer Morag Myerscough, learning about the stories behind her joyful installations before creating and sharing their own happy moments through film and photography.

Pupils have also immersed themselves in storytelling and poetry, exploring rhythm, rhyme and self-expression, as well as joining Michael Rosen for a workshop using sounds, silliness and everyday experiences to create a shared poem. Through dance and drama activities inspired by Artis, the National Youth Theatre, Jaime Amour and KIDZ BOP, children developed their creativity and storytelling skills. Alongside this, pupils have explored music and performance through opera, jazz and African lullabies, encouraging listening, rhythm, vocal expression and cultural appreciation.

A huge thank you must go to Mrs Cojoc for organising such a wonderful day.

As we move into the final weeks of the academic year 25-26, our calendar remains packed with exciting learning opportunities, trips, performances and celebrations.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We wish you all a wonderful 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.

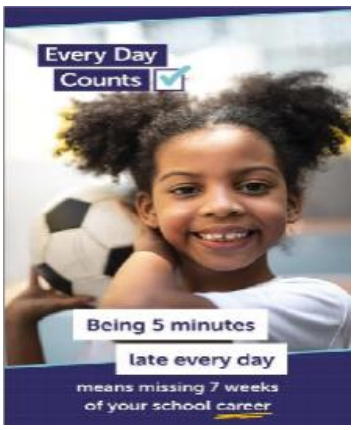
Well-done to 5W this week, for having the highest attendance.

6E: 91%
6W: 87%
5W: 97%
5D: 96%
4T: 92%
4B: 93%
3C: 94%
3L: 88%

Whole school attendance for this week: 92%

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 first week back and have worked incredibly hard during their assessments. We are very proud of the positive attitude and determination they have shown throughout the week. In Computing, we began our exciting new unit on programming, using the iPads to explore Scratch. The children enjoyed investigating the different features and creating their first simple programs, and we are looking forward to developing these skills further over the coming weeks.





Year 4

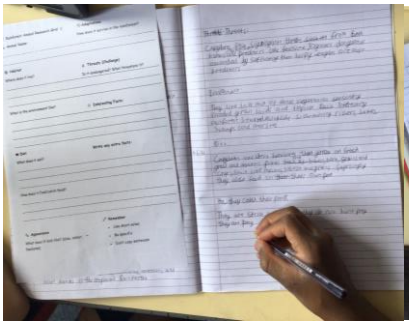
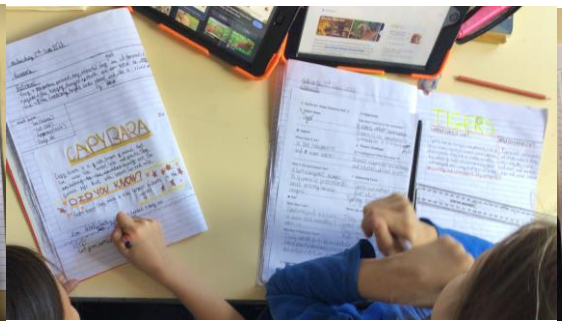
What a fantastic week of learning we have had in Year 4! This week, the children completed their Multiplication Times Tables Check. We are incredibly proud of all the children who showed such confidence, resilience, and determination whilst sitting the check. They worked hard to prepare and approached the challenge with a positive attitude. Well done, Year 4! In English, we have begun an exciting new unit on non-chronological reports, focusing on mythical creatures. The children have enjoyed exploring the features of this text type and have been working hard to develop their grammar skills. This week, we have focused on understanding and using the present perfect tense, including the correct use of words such as *have* and *has* within our writing. In PE, the children have started their Gymnastics unit. This week's lessons focused on balancing, where the children explored different ways to create strong, controlled balances using a variety of body shapes and positions. In Art, we have started our new topic on shape and form. The children have been exploring how artists use shape to create three-dimensional forms. We are looking forward to developing these skills further and, by the end of the half term, the children will be creating their own clay food plates. Well done, Year 4, for another fantastic week of learning and achievement. Keep up the excellent work!

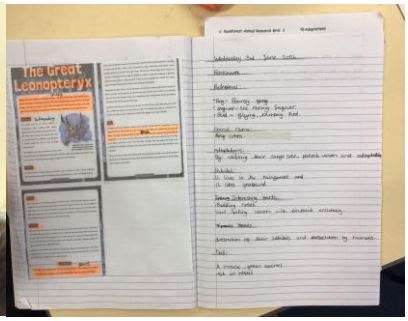




Year 5

We have returned from the half-term break with a brilliant attitude and have settled back into school routines exceptionally well. It has been wonderful to see the children so enthusiastic, focused and ready for the exciting learning ahead. This half term, we are beginning our fascinating new topic on Rainforests, which will be explored across both English and Geography. The children are already showing great curiosity as they discover where rainforests are located around the world and learn about the incredible plants, animals and people that call them home. In English, we have started researching a variety of rainforest animals in preparation for writing our own non-chronological reports. The children have been busy finding interesting facts and developing their research skills, asking thoughtful questions and uncovering some truly amazing information.



Year 6

Wow—what a week! Our residential was a roaring success, full of unforgettable moments that will stay with us for years to come. From backwoods cooking to the cave bus, and from Jacob's Ladder to raft building, every activity brought new challenges and excitement.

Every single child demonstrated incredible bravery, confidence, perseverance and teamwork throughout. They approached each task with determination and a willingness to step outside their comfort zones, and they should be immensely proud of their achievements.

All of the Year 6 staff are extremely proud and impressed by the fantastic attitude and resilience shown by every child who took part in the trip. We returned on Wednesday feeling tired, a little sore at times, but overwhelmingly happy with everything we had accomplished together. Well done everyone!!



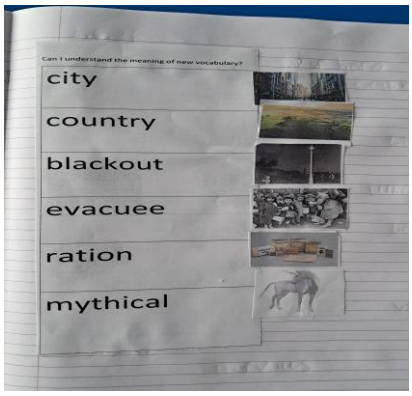


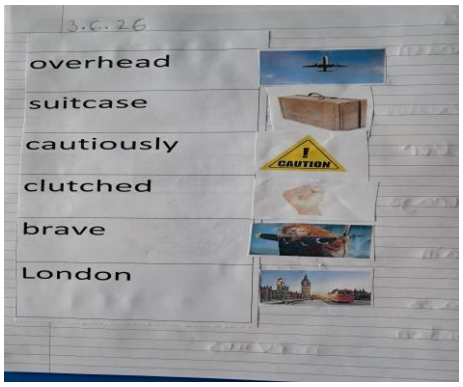


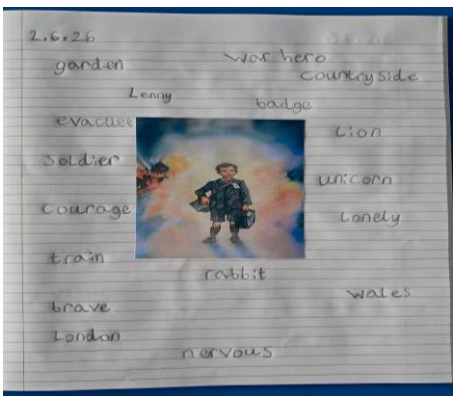


SRB

This week in the SRB, we started our new topic on WWII. We are reading 'The Lion and the Unicorn' by Shirley Hughes. Children listened to the story and made a mind map to show themes from the story. They also matched new and unfamiliar vocabulary to pictures to use later on in our writing in role as an evacuee. Children thought carefully about the meaning of words and discussed where they had heard or used them before.







Dates for the Diary 2025/2026

Monday 8th June	Aspirations Week
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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