George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 11th September 2026

What a wonderful and positive start we have had to the new academic year! It has been fantastic to welcome the children back into school, and there is already such a positive and engaging atmosphere across our classrooms. It is lovely to once again hear the sounds of laughter, learning and children enjoying being together throughout the school.

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to join us for our Years 4, 5 and 6 Welcome Meetings this week. We really value the opportunity to work closely with our families and appreciate your continued support. The information slides shared by class teachers will be available on our school website next week.

We are all incredibly excited about the term and year ahead. Teachers have planned fantastic learning opportunities, and we are looking forward to seeing the children learn, grow and challenge themselves as they make the most of everything this new school year has to offer.

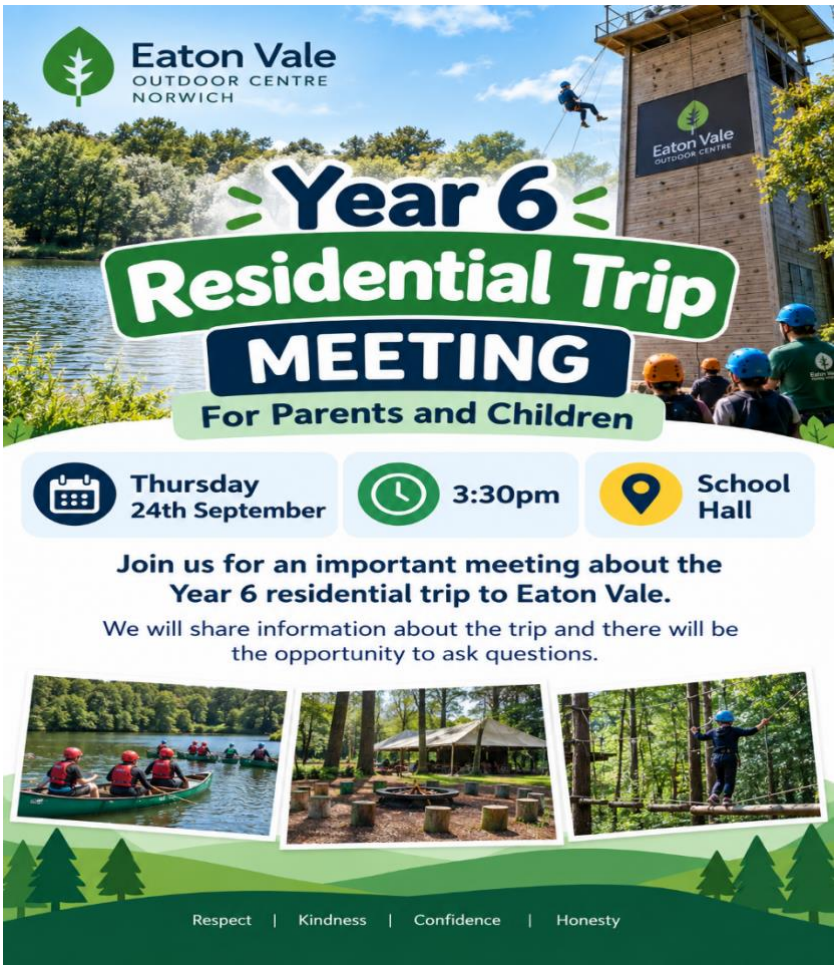
Thank you to our children, families and staff for making the beginning of the year 26/27 such a happy and successful one.

Have a lovely weekend!

JEANS for GENES DAY – FRIDAY 18th SEPTEMBER

A reminder that next Friday 18th September we are taking part in Jeans for Genes Day. Children are invited to come to school wearing non-school uniform to include either a pair of jeans, jean shorts, jean jacket, shirt etc. We ask for a £1 donation to support this charity. More information about this event and how fundraising supports this cause can be found linked www.jeansforgenes.org Thank you for your support.

Year 6 parents and carers





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.

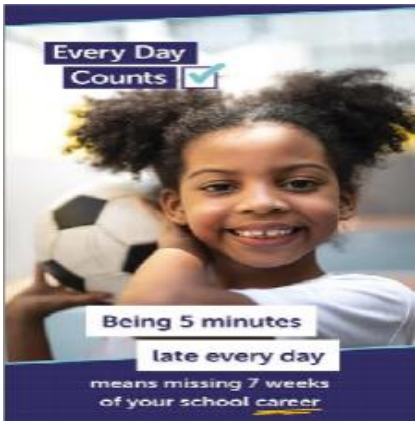
Well-done to 5M this week, for having the highest attendance.

6E:90%
6W: 95%
5W: 94%
5M: 99%
4T: 98%
4B: 96%
3C: 97%
3P: 96%

Whole school attendance for this week: 96%

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





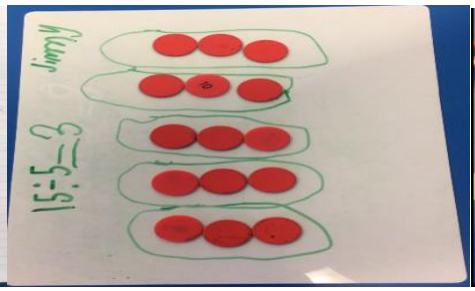
Year 3

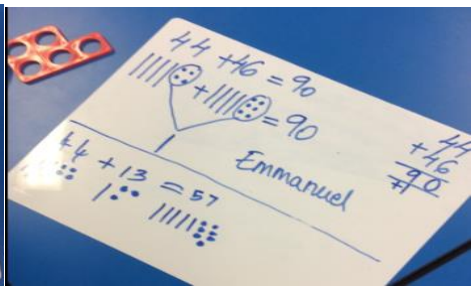
What a fantastic week we have had in Year 3! The children have been busy learning, exploring and making new discoveries. In Maths, we have developed our calculation skills using concrete resources to support our understanding. In English, we have begun exploring Nyla's creative world while revisiting nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs. In History, we started our exciting Stone Age to Iron Age topic, becoming archaeologists and exploring how artefacts help us discover more about prehistoric Britain. In Science, we investigated how our joints help us move and enjoyed becoming scientists for the day!

We are incredibly proud of how the children are settling into Year 3, following routines, making new friends and showing such enthusiasm and curiosity for learning. We can't wait to see what next week brings!

Have a wonderful weekend!







Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic start to the year! We have been securing the fundamentals in our Maths and English learning, we have learnt about mains-powered and battery-powered devices in science and we have begun honing our ball skills in PE. The highlight of our week was investigating different evidence all about Ancient Greece in our History lesson. We had a look at different artefacts and had to work out which period of time we were focusing on (the children didn't know it was Ancient Greece to begin with!). We hope you have a lovely weekend.



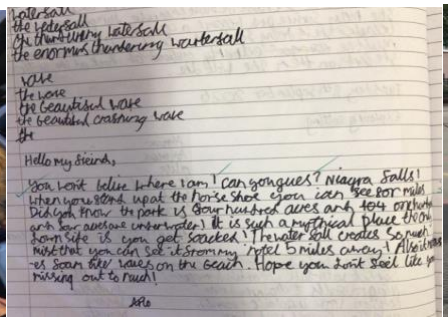




Year 5

What a fantastic start to Year 5! The children have settled into their new routines brilliantly and have impressed us with their enthusiasm, effort and positive attitudes. In PE, we have been developing our hockey skills, focusing on controlling and moving the ball with accuracy. In English, we have been exploring the setting of Niagara Falls, using descriptive language to bring this incredible place to life. In Maths, we have been revisiting and developing our understanding of place value. We have also enjoyed lots of collaborative learning activities, working together, sharing ideas and supporting one another. Well done, Year 5!

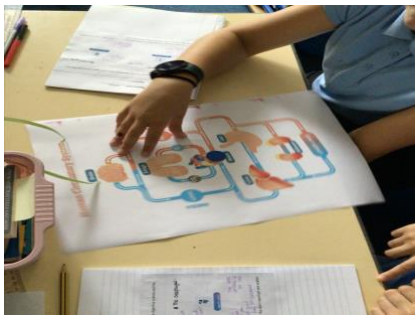


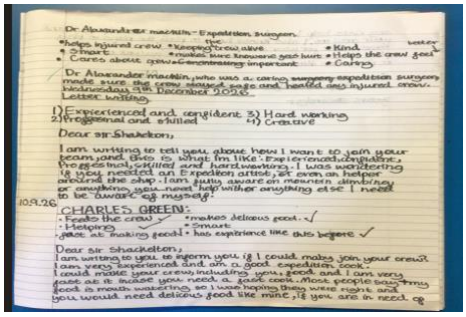


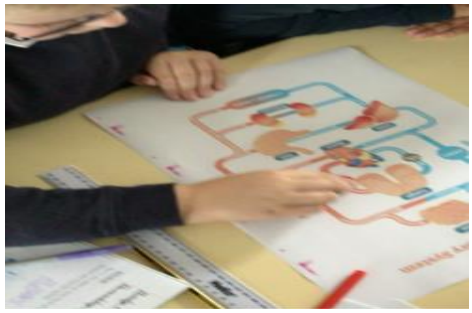


Year 6

Wow, what an amazing first week and a half we have had in Year 6. Our classes are already showcasing mature and responsible Year 6 behaviour towards their learning and each other. We have started the year with checking the fundamentals in Maths and English before we begin new Year 6 learning. This has involved a number of co-operative games in Maths and reading a rich picture book entitled Shackleton's journey to inspire our writing. In science, we have begun to learn about the circulatory system and we played a game with counters to represent how blood becomes oxygenated and deoxygenated. What a fantastic start to academic year – well done everyone!

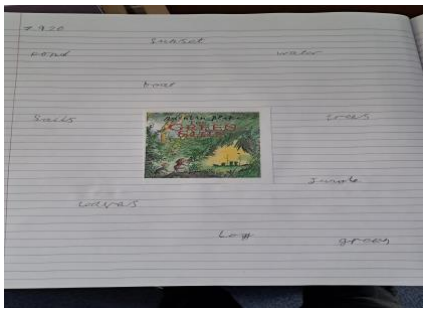


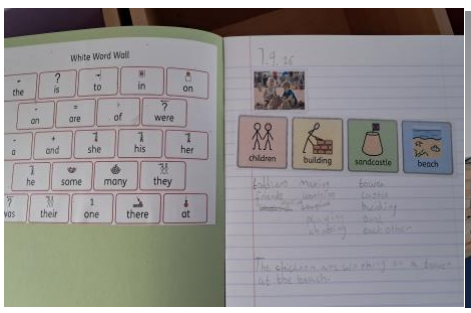




SRB

Children have had a fantastic start to the year in the SRB. They have shown how much they have retained over the holidays through their sentence writing and are already working toward their first piece of writing, a setting description. Children also have the opportunity to add their views to our pupil voice board which serves as a useful reminder of what they enjoy or are proud of.







Dates for the Diary 2026/2027

Friday 18th September	Jeans for Genes Day – children to wear non-school uniform including jeans with a small donation of £1 to support the cause 'Jeans for genes' - more information can be found www.jeansforgenes.org
Wednesday 23rd September	Open Classrooms for all parents and carers from 3:20pm
Thursday 24th September	Year 6 parent and pupil residential information meeting – 3:30pm in the school hall
Thursday 1st October	**OWL HOUSE** cake sale for all children – 3:20 on the school playground. If the weather is wet the sale will take place under the shelter areas.
Monday 5th October – Friday 9th October	Harvest Festival – please bring non-perishable food items to school to support our local foodbank at the Silver Road Rooms.
Tuesday 20th October	House singing competition
Tuesday 20th October	Parents evening 3:30pm-5pm
Wednesday 21st October	Parents evening 3:30pm – 7pm
Thursday 21st October	Wear it Pink Day – children come to school wearing something pink with a £1 donation in support of Breast Cancer – more information can be found https://breastcancernow.org/wear-it-pink/
Thursday 22nd October	End of Half Term – a reminder that Friday 23rd is a non-school day
Monday 2nd November	School starts for the start of Autumn2 half term – gates open at 8:30am
Wednesday 11th November	Parent cafe – supporting dyslexia at GWJS – 8:50am
Thursday 19th November	**BADGER HOUSE** cake sale for all children – 3:20 on the school playground. If the weather is wet the sale will take place under the shelter areas.
Thursday 26th November	Open Classrooms for all parents and carers from 3:20pm
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day and whole school Christmas lunch
Thursday 10th December	GWJS Christmas Fayre from 3:20pm
Friday 18th December	End of Term at 3:20pm
Tuesday 5th January	Start of the Spring term from 8:30am

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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