George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2026

What a week of collaboration at GWJS!

This week has been full of opportunities for our children to work together, share their voices and experience democracy in action.
On Monday, our children learnt about democracy during assembly. On Tuesday, we heard our Year 6 pupils deliver their campaign speeches as they stood for House Captaincy. This was followed by a full voting process, with children casting their votes and eagerly awaiting the results.
It has been wonderful to see our children developing an understanding of how their voices can be used to influence decisions and create positive change within their school community. A huge well done to all of our Year 6 candidates for their confidence and enthusiasm, and congratulations to our newly elected House Captains and Vice House Captains. Wear your badges with pride!
Alongside this, GWJS also took part in an Internet Safety Workshop, helping our children to develop their knowledge and understanding of staying safe online. We were also delighted to welcome our local MP to school, providing another valuable opportunity for our children to engage with democracy and learn more about how our local community is represented.
Today, we are celebrating Jeans for Genes Day! It has been wonderful to see so many children getting involved and helping to raise money for such a good cause. Well done for collectively raising **£146.25**

A polite reminder – bikes and scooters

A polite reminder that bikes and scooters should not be ridden on the school site. This includes siblings and adults.
Please support us in maintaining a safe school environment by ensuring that bikes and scooters are walked from the school gates to the bike shed.
Thank you for your continued support in helping us to keep everyone safe on our school site.

Times Table Rock Stars Relaunch – Wednesday 30th September

We are excited to be relaunching **Times Table Rock Stars** on **Wednesday 30th September**! To help celebrate and build excitement for practising times tables, we would like to invite children to come to school dressed as a **rock star** for the day. This could be anything from a colourful outfit and sunglasses to a homemade guitar or other fun accessories. We look forward to seeing our pupils ready to rock their times tables! 🎸⭐

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.

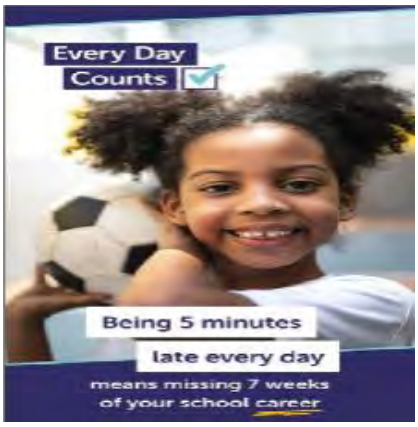
Well-done to 5W, 4T, 3C this week, for having the highest attendance.

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

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



Look at what we're learning

Year 3

What a fantastic week in Year 3!

It has been wonderful to be in Year 3 this week! We have been busy mathematicians, starting our new Place Value topic, and historians, tackling the tricky question: *Would we rather live in the Palaeolithic or Mesolithic period?*

In PE, we have been developing our teamwork skills, while in Science we investigated whether longer legs help us jump further. In Art, we have started exploring Norwich landmarks and discovered how illustrator Helena Carrington uses lines, shapes and colour to create beautiful artwork.

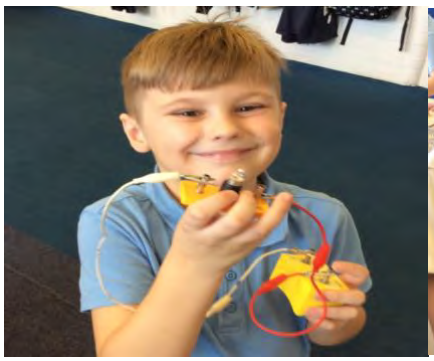
We are so proud of the children's curiosity, enthusiasm and hard work this week. Well done, Year 3!





Year 4

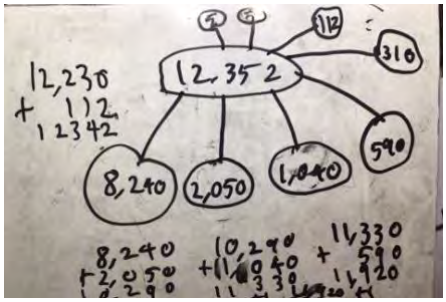
It has been another fabulous week here in Year 4! We have looked at a variety of differing things within our learning. This has ranged from representing and partitioning numbers to 10,000 in Maths, to learning about subordinating and coordinating conjunctions in English, to finding out about how the Minoans lived on the island of Crete during Ancient Greece in History! Our highlight of this week was our science lesson where we began to create simple circuits using different electrical components. The children had to use their problem-solving skills to find out why their circuit did not work and then to see if they could fix it. We hope you have a wonderful weekend!





Year 5

Year 5 have had another fantastic week, with lots of exciting learning taking place. We have been developing our collaborative learning skills, working together and sharing ideas across a range of lessons. In English, we have been exploring *Queen of the Falls* and the children have particularly enjoyed hot seating characters from the story. They are really getting into the book and are enjoying finding out more about the characters! In Maths, we have been continuing our work on place value, developing our understanding of numbers up to 1,000,000 and exploring flexible partitioning. Well done, Year 5 – another brilliant week!







Year 6

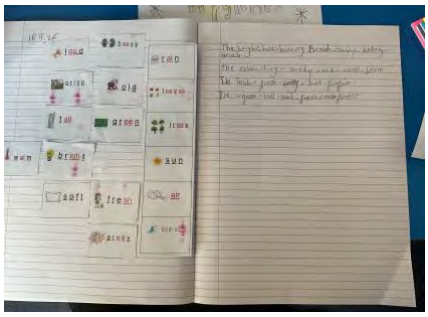
Another busy week in year 6. In our Art lesson this week, we investigated different art techniques including creating different textures using tools. In Science, we learnt all about the heart and how it pumps blood to different parts of the body. We found out that the heart consists of 4 chambers, all playing different roles in keeping us alive. We continued our learning about the Early Islamic Civilisation by finding out about the ancient city of Baghdad and how it was the center of a vast trading network. In English this week, we have continued learning about Ernest Shackleton and using this to write using subordinating conjunctions and speech. Math's this week has been looking at place value including numbers up to 10,000,000, rounding and negative numbers.





SRB

This week the SRB have been looking at new vocabulary in English around the focus of setting descriptions. They have matched adjectives to nouns and practiced writing descriptive sentences. Our Artist of the week was George Seurat, the SRB children created pointillism art with cotton buds and paint. In PSHE this half term the children are looking at taking care of our bodies, minds and emotions starting with hygiene.


Dates for the Diary 2026/2027

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
Wednesday 30th September	**Times Table Rock Stars** - Dress like a rock star for the day
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



Please come along and help make our Coffee Morning

Please join us for refreshments, cakes, GRAND raffle, tombola, crafts, and more.

Sit and relax with a refillable hot drink for £1.50, prizes to be won, bargains to be had. Enjoy the atmosphere and make new friends.
Hosts – Paula and Jill

Your generosity will help raise vital funds so that Macmillan can continue to support people with cancer, whoever and wherever they are.

When – Friday, 25th September – 09:15 to 11:00
Where – Silver Road Community Centre,
Silver Rd, Norwich. NR3 4TB