George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2026

We are heading into the final four days of this half term, and there is plenty to look forward to before we enjoy a well-deserved break!

As the weather turns colder and the rainy days begin to set in, please remember to send children to school with a **warm, waterproof coat** each day so they can stay comfortable during outdoor play and activities.

A gentle reminder to all parents and carers to **sign up for our October Parents' Evening** if you haven't already done so. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate their achievements and share any next steps in their learning.

We are also very excited about our **ABBA-themed House Singing Competition on Tuesday!** We can't wait to see the children showcase their fantastic singing talents. We are delighted to be welcoming some special guest judges, who will help make the occasion even more exciting!

We will round off the week by supporting **Wear It Pink Day**! It will be wonderful to see everyone wearing pink as we come together to raise awareness and show our support for such an important cause. We are asking for a £1 donation.

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.

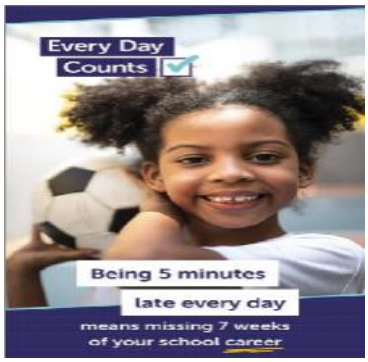
Well-done to 5M this week, for having the highest attendance.

6E: 94%
6W: 96%
5W: 98%
5M: 100%
4T: 98%
4B: 90%
3C: 97%
3P: 97%

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.

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 busy and brilliant week we've had in Year 3!

In Maths, we've started Addition and Subtraction, practising number bonds to 10 and adding ones, tens and hundreds. We've also been solving reasoning problems using our key vocabulary: more than, less than, total and difference.

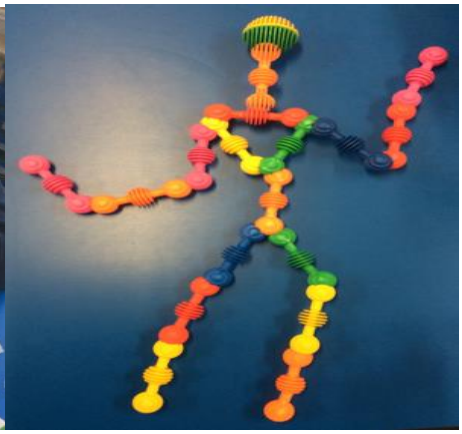
In English, our Visit Norwich adverts are taking shape as we explore the fantastic things our city has to offer. The children have been full of ideas!

In PSHE, we explored our Learning Charter, and after discussing our rights, responsibilities, rewards, and consequences, we created posters to help new children feel part of our school community.

We are so proud of everyone's hard work and enthusiasm this week. Have a lovely, restful weekend, and see you all next week!

Year 3 Team





Year 4

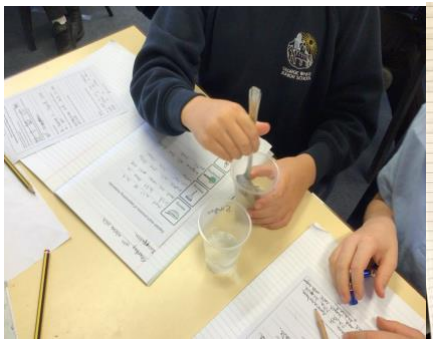
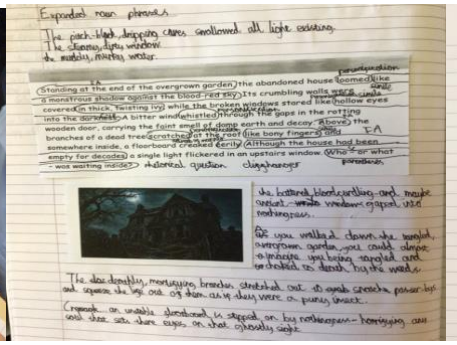
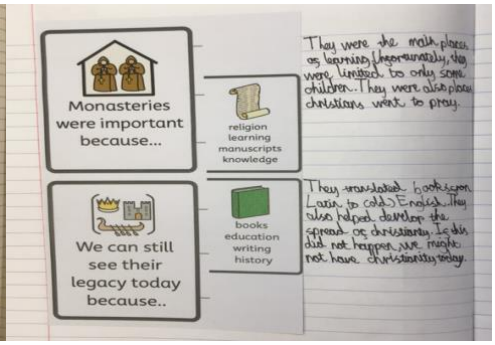
What a fantastic week we have had in Year 4! The highlight of our week has been our Design and Technology (DT) learning, where the children had the opportunity to make their very own Greek flatbread! They developed a range of practical skills, including measuring ingredients, rolling dough and chopping salad. The children thoroughly enjoyed putting their skills into practice and creating their delicious flatbreads. In Science, we learnt about Benjamin Franklin and his important contributions to our understanding of electricity. The children enjoyed discovering more about his life and scientific achievements. In History, we explored some of the greatest achievements of the Ancient Greeks, discovering how their ideas and inventions have influenced the world we live in today. Well done, Year 4, for another fantastic week of learning, curiosity and enthusiasm! We are looking forward to another exciting week ahead.





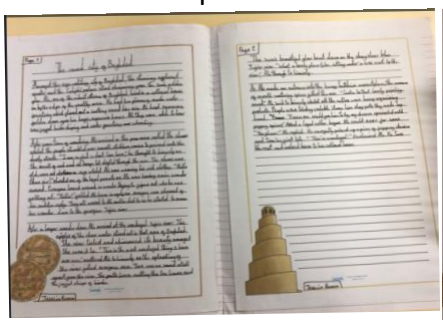
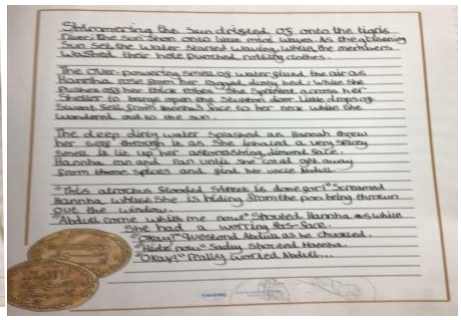
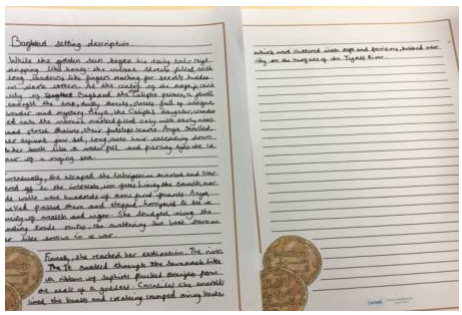
Year 5

Year 5 have worked incredibly hard this week and should be very proud of themselves! In History, we have been exploring the legacy of the Anglo-Saxons and getting hands-on by sewing our own Anglo-Saxon tunics. In English, the children have been developing their descriptive writing skills, building amazing imagery and using imaginative language to create atmospheric horror settings with a focus on using parenthesis, rhetorical questions and short sentences for effect. In Maths, we have been tackling multi-step addition and subtraction problems, developing our accuracy and reasoning skills. It has been another busy week full of fantastic learning - well done, Year 5, for another fabulous week!

Year 6

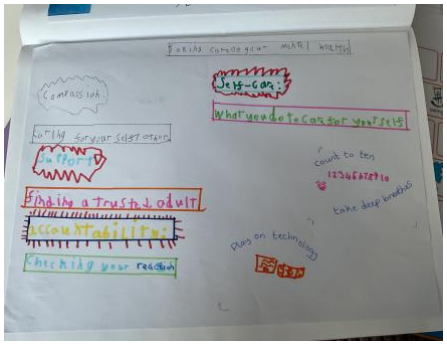
Another great week in Year 6! We finished our setting descriptions on Baghdad, showing excellent use of figurative language and writing up in neat, joined handwriting. Smashing job everyone. In Science, we talked about how healthy living has an impact on our hearts. For History and Art this week, we designed and made our own Ancient Islamic Artefacts, inspired by our learning of what was significant from that time. Hopefully you have seen that parents and carers are invited in to view these next Wednesday after school as part of our Year 6 Museum.

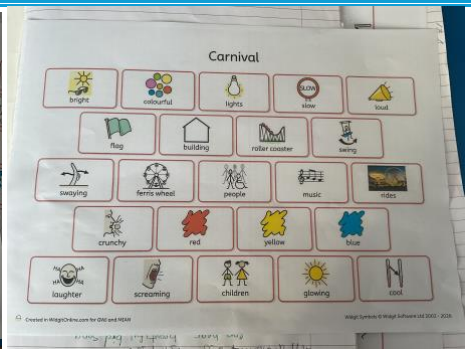




SRB

This week the SRB have build word maps full of adjectives and nouns related to their setting description pictures. We have Finished our PSHE focus on taking care of our bodies with a look at our mental health and creating posters to have around our classroom and the school. We have finished our science experiment this week looking at the different affects of light and water on our cress plants.







Dates for the Diary 2026/2027	
Tuesday 20th October	House singing competition
Tuesday 20th October	Flu Vaccination team in 2nd visit
Tuesday 20th October	Parents evening 3:30pm-6pm
Wednesday 21st October	Parents evening 3:30pm – 6pm
Wednesday 21st October	Year 6 Artefact Museum – after school in the Small Hall. Parents and Carers invited.
Thursday 22nd 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