George White Junior School Newsletter

Thursday 22nd October 2026

What a fantastic first half term!

We have had an excellent first half term at George White Junior School! The children have settled beautifully into their new classes, and it has been wonderful to see them learning, growing in confidence and making such a positive start to the school year.



It has certainly been a busy half term, and we have finished on a real high with our **House Singing Competition!** Our school hall was transformed into an ABBA tribute concert, with fantastic performances, plenty of enthusiasm and some wonderful singing from all four houses. A huge thank you to **Mrs Thirtle** for organising such a brilliant event, and to our special guest musical judges, **Mrs Chester and Mrs Watts (aka our very own office team!)** for taking on the difficult task of judging. The competition was incredibly close, but the final results were:

- **Otter House:** 100 house points
- **Owl House:** 75 house points
- **Eagle House:** 50 house points
- **Badger House:** 25 house points

Well done to everyone who took part and helped make the event such a memorable end to the half term!



We also ended the week as a **sea of pink** as children and staff dressed up to support *Wear It Pink Day*. Thank you to everyone who joined in and helped us raise an amazing **£114.05 for Breast Cancer**. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated.

As we reach the end of our first half term, we would like to thank all our children, families and staff for making it such a positive and successful start to the year. We hope you all enjoy a well-deserved rest over half term.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Monday 2nd November**.
Have a wonderful half term, everyone!

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.

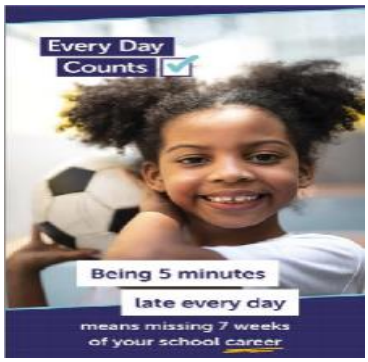
Well-done to 4T this week, for having the highest attendance.

6E: 86%
6W: 96%
5W: 93%
5M: 94%
4T: 97%
4B: 82%
3C: 86%
3P: 88%

Whole school attendance for this week: 90%

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

Please note that, after half term, CCTV will be in operation during the following hours: 9.30am – 2.30pm / 5.30pm – 7.30am.



Dates for the Diary 2026/2027

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