George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 13th November 2026

Anti-Bullying Week – Monday 16th November

Next week, we will be celebrating **Anti-Bullying Week**, supported by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. This year's theme is **'Break the Silence'**, encouraging everyone to speak out about bullying, listen to others and make sure that nobody feels they must face bullying alone. We will kick-start the week on **Monday 16th November with Odd Socks Day!** We are inviting all children (and staff!) to come to school wearing odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. But why odd socks? Odd Socks Day is a fun way to remind us that everyone is different and that our differences should be celebrated. Whether it is our appearance, interests, backgrounds, personalities or the things that make us special, we all have something unique to bring to our school community. By wearing odd socks, we are showing that it is okay to stand out, be ourselves and embrace our individuality. Throughout the week, children will take part in activities and discussions linked to the Anti-Bullying Alliance's theme, **'Break the Silence'**. We will explore what bullying is, why it is important to speak up if we experience or witness bullying, and how we can support others who may be finding things difficult. We want every child to know that their voice matters, that they will be listened to and that asking for help is a sign of strength. As a school, we are committed to creating a safe, happy and inclusive environment where everyone feels valued, respected and that they belong. We all have a part to play in standing up to bullying, showing kindness and making sure that nobody suffers in silence.

Let's pull on our odd socks, celebrate our differences and break the silence together!



Christmas Fair 2026



We are pleased to announce our Christmas Fair is taking place on Thursday 10th December from 3.30pm. We are renting stall tables at £5 per table and all businesses are welcome. Please contact the school office if you wish to hire a table. To Support our Christmas Fair, we are holding a Non-School Uniform Day on Friday 4th December. This is an opportunity for children to come to school in Non-school uniform and pay in Chocolate or donate a prize to go towards our raffle/tombola, these can be biscuits, soap, bottle of wine, bubble bath, toys, games, puzzles, soft toys and vouchers

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.

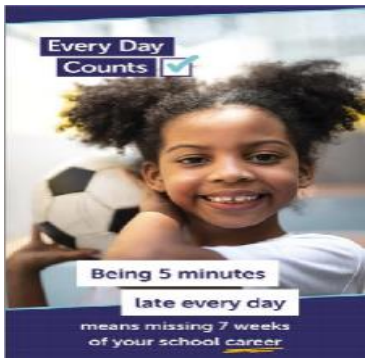
Well-done to 5M this week, for having the highest attendance.

6E: 92%
6W: 90%
5W: 90%
5M: 97%
4T: 92%
4B: 95%
3C: 95%
3P: 93%

Whole school attendance for this week: 93%

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

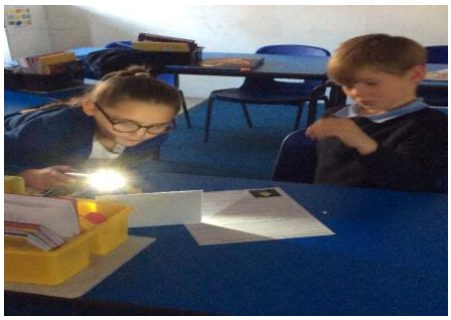


Look at what we're learning

Year 3

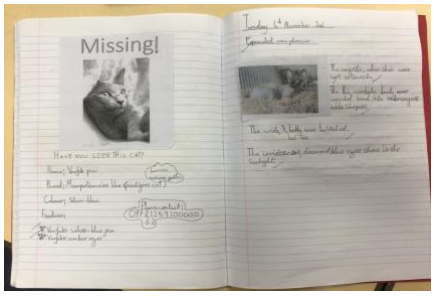
This week in Year 3 has been super busy! In English, we have started planning and writing our physical character descriptions of Om from *Stone Age Boy*. We have been thinking carefully about how to use exciting vocabulary and descriptive language to bring our character to life. In Maths, we have been practising adding and subtracting with exchange across tens and hundreds, developing our confidence with these methods. In Science, we have been exploring the brightness of different objects and investigating how well they reflect light. We have had another fantastic week of learning!

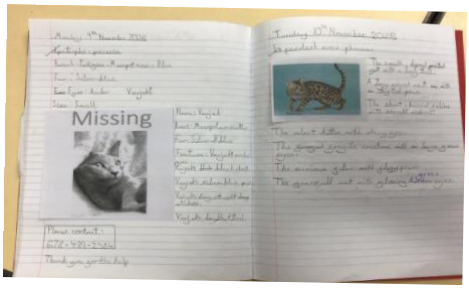


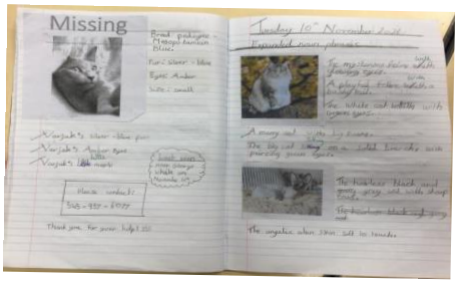


Year 4

Year 4 have had a brilliant week, full of learning, curiosity and inspiring one another with their fantastic ideas! In English, we have been delving deeper into our class text, *Varjak Paw*. The children have created some fantastic posters and explored the use of expanded noun phrases to describe a missing cat, developing their descriptive writing skills. In Science, we continued our learning about sound and vibrations. The children demonstrated their understanding by creating comic strips to show how sound travels through the air. In Geography, we explored the Eastern Region, learning about its human and physical features and discovering more about the area. In Art, we have begun exploring how to draw the human body, with a particular focus on capturing movement and different poses. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, creativity and curiosity the children have shown throughout the week. We hope you all have a wonderful, restful weekend!





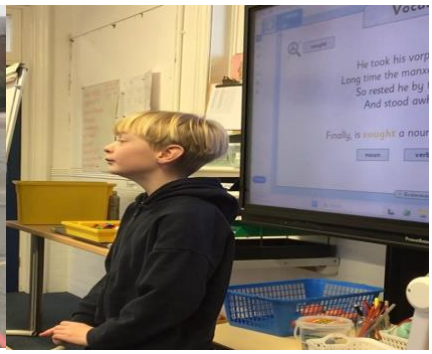


Year 5

What a fantastic week of learning Year 5 have had! We have been busy exploring new ideas, developing our skills and asking lots of curious questions. In Maths, we have been investigating different types of numbers, including prime numbers, square numbers and cube numbers. In English, we have been

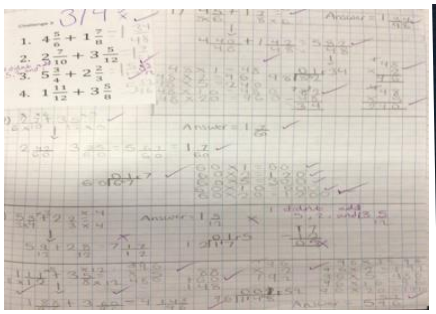
working hard to develop our balanced arguments, learning to distinguish between fact and opinion and using a range of cohesive devices to link our ideas together. Our Geography learning has taken us into the rainforest, where we have been exploring its climate and comparing it with the weather and climate we experience here in the UK. In English we have continued to explore the 'Jabberwocky' poem and have even heard some people recite the poem from memory! It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm, thoughtful discussions, and a real thirst for knowledge throughout the week. Well done, Year 5 – keep up the fantastic learning!





Year 6

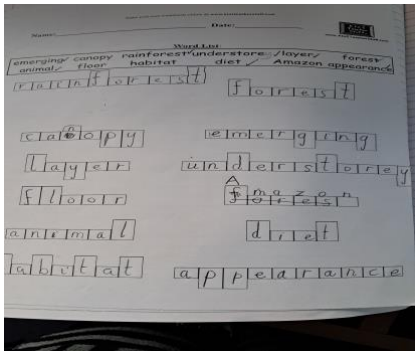
We've had a cracking week in Year 6. Our children have been learning how to add and subtract mixed numbers, as well as multiplying fractions. It has been so great to see their confidence grow through the week; well done everyone. In English, we interviewed 'local residents' to hear about their experience of a 'new species at Mousehold' and then used direct and indirect speech to record their answers. Our science lesson this week focused on Charles Darwin and we read about the publication of his ground-breaking Theory of Evolution. A special well done to all of our House Captains, and also Bobby and Isobel, who represented our school so well to the new Year 3 parents.






SRB

Our topic this half term is Rainforests, with a focus on the Amazon. Children have looked at the shape of vocabulary and used a boxing up technique to think about letter formation. They have used a classification grid to sort Amazon animals and have created rainforest art in the style of John Dyer. Children are asking thoughtful questions through this topic and beginning to think about issues such as deforestation and fair trade.








On Wednesday 9th December, Mrs Greenwood (SENCo) and Ms Collison (SRB teacher) will be holding a parent cafe to talk about how we support learners with dyslexia or similar needs at George White Junior School. This event is for parents who would like to know what we do in classrooms and across the school to support reading, writing development and working memory. If you would like to come, please come to the school office after morning drop off to sign in.

Dates for the Diary 2026/2027	
Wednesday 18th November	New Year 3 Open Morning @ 9.30am
Wednesday 18th November	First Aid training for year 3 - 5
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.
Tuesday 24th November	Parent Cafe – Supporting Behaviour at GWJS – 8.50am
Thursday 26th November	Open Classrooms for all parents and carers from 3:20pm
Friday 27th November	VR Experience for Year 5
Friday 4th December	Non School Uniform – Pay in chocolate or donate a prize to go towards our raffle/tombola, these can be biscuits, soap, bottle of wine, bubble bath, toys, games, puzzles, soft toys and vouchers.
Wednesday 9th December	Parent cafe – supporting dyslexia at GWJS – 8:50am
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day and whole school Christmas lunch
Thursday 10th December	GWJS Christmas Fayre from 3:30pm
Wednesday 16th December	Carols round the Tree Year 3 & 5 Performance at 9.15am Year 4 & 6 Performance at 2.30pm
Friday 18th December	End of Term at 3:20pm
Tuesday 5th January	Start of the Spring Term from 8.30am