George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2026

Welcome Back!

We have had a fantastic start to the new half term, and it has been lovely to welcome the children back to school. They have settled really well into their learning and routines and have returned with a positive and purposeful attitude.

Our Year 6 children enjoyed a fantastic visit to the Norfolk coast, where they were able to see first-hand the impact of coastal erosion and further embed their learning from the classroom. It was a brilliant opportunity for them to apply their knowledge in a real-world setting.

This week, the children have also been learning about the meaning and traditions behind Bonfire Night, as well as how to stay safe around fireworks and sparklers. We have discussed the importance of making safe choices and following the guidance of trusted adults.

A big thank you to Mr Tame for completing our school fencing. We are very grateful for all his hard work in helping to improve our school site and make it a safe and welcoming environment for our children.

As the weather has certainly started to change, please remember to send your child to school with a warm, waterproof coat each day. We want to make sure the children are comfortable and able to enjoy their learning and playtimes whatever the weather!

We look forward to another busy and exciting half term at George White Junior School.

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.

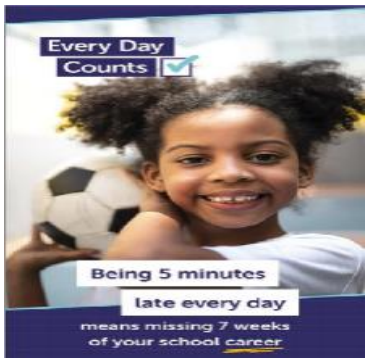
Well-done to 4T this week, for having the highest attendance.

6E: 87%
6W: 93%
5W: 94%
5M: 97%
4T: 98%
4B: 91%
3C: 90%
3P: 92%

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

It's been a busy first week, with lots of exciting learning happening across the curriculum. In Maths, we have been getting to grips with adding and subtracting numbers using the column method, practising how to set out our calculations carefully and accurately. Our week took an unexpected prehistoric turn when we received a mysterious letter from Om! This has sparked our curiosity and set us off on a new adventure, with plenty of questions and discoveries ahead. In Geography, we have been exploring the countries that make up the United Kingdom and learning about the different regions of England. In Reading, we have been practising reading with expression, getting into character and thinking about how the way we read can help us understand a story more deeply. Our DT learning has taken us into the world of autumn root vegetables. We have been investigating their various characteristics and are ready to put our knowledge into practice when we design and make our very own healthy snack rolls. We can't wait!

Wishing everyone a fantastic Bonfire Night weekend. Wrap up warm, enjoy the fireworks, stay safe and remember to look up - the sky is putting on a show!

Year 3 Team





Year 4

What a fantastic first week back after the half-term break! We have had a busy week filled with lots of exciting learning across the curriculum. In Maths, we have begun exploring subtraction, focusing on calculations both with and without exchanges. In English, we have started our new class text, Varjak Paw by SF Said. We are looking forward to exploring the story and discovering more about its characters and adventures. In Science, we kicked off our new topic on sound. We learnt that sounds are made by vibrations and took our learning outdoors, listening carefully to the different sounds around us and identifying what was vibrating to produce them. In Geography, we explored maps and globes as we began learning about different regions around the world. This is the start of our exciting journey towards comparing our own region with Campania in Italy. It has been a brilliant first week back, with lots of curiosity, enthusiasm and new learning!

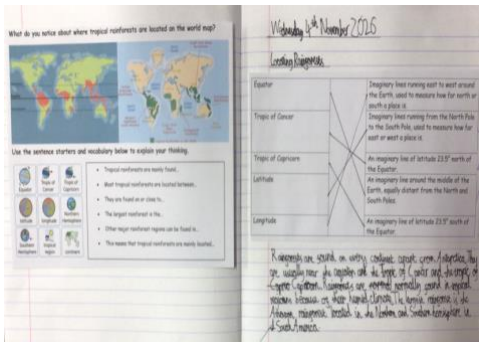
We hope all our families have a lovely weekend, enjoy some well-deserved time to relax and recharge, and return ready for another exciting week of learning!





Year 5

What a fantastic start to the half term! The children have settled back into school brilliantly, showing enthusiasm, positivity, and a wonderful attitude towards their learning. In Math's, our new topic is multiplication and division. We have been exploring multiples and factors through practical activities and will soon move on to developing our skills with formal written methods. Our new English unit has certainly got us thinking! We have been debating the question *Is space tourism worthwhile?* and exploring arguments for and against. This will lead to writing a balanced argument, presenting different viewpoints before reaching a conclusion. In Geography, we have started investigating the world's biomes, with a particular focus on tropical rainforests. We are discovering their climates, vegetation, wildlife, and unique features. Our upcoming Art learning will introduce us to the artist Morysetta. Using her work as inspiration, we will be creating our own space-themed artwork, experimenting with colour and different artistic techniques. Meanwhile, Science has taken us on a journey through our solar system! We have been discovering the fascinating features of the planets and exploring Earth's place in space. We are looking forward to another exciting few weeks of learning as the children continue to build their knowledge, confidence and curiosity. Well done, Year 5!

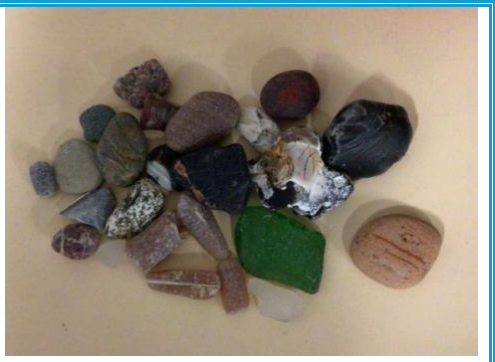





Year 6

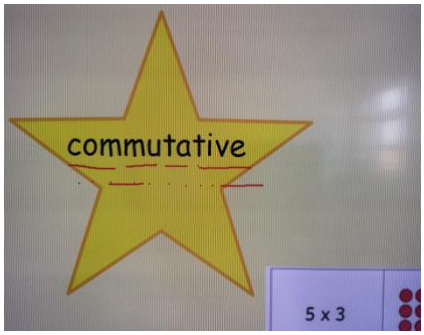
We have had an amazing week in Year 6 but our highlight was the incredible beach walk that took place on Wednesday. The British weather was mainly kind to us; we had a strong headwind but thankfully no rain! Throughout our walk, our children looked at the devastating effects of coastal erosion on our local coastline and asked insightful questions to better understand the cause of the erosion and some of the preventative measures that we saw. Along the beach, we also hunted for fossils and interesting rocks showing how the coastline was formed. All the adults were proud of how well the children presented themselves as representatives of our school. Well done Year 6!





SRB

We are so proud of how the children in the SRB have settled back into their learning. In maths this week, children have been learning about commutative operations. Some calculations can be done in any order, meaning we can choose the method which works for us! Children checked this using arrays of cubes and found that for multiplication and addition, we can put either number first.








Dates for the Diary 2026/2027

Tuesday 10th November	Parents Evening for 5M 3.30 – 6pm
Wednesday 11th November	Parents Evening for 5M 3.30 – 6pm
Wednesday 11th November	New Year 3 Open Morning @ 9.30am
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