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Newsletter – Friday 13th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another superb week at Georgeham CofE Primary School, and I am incredibly proud of all that the children have achieved. Across the school, pupils have enthusiastically begun exploring their new Geography topics. Children are learning about Australia, Mountains and Volcanoes, and South America, developing their understanding of different environments, cultures and physical features around the world. It has been wonderful to see such curiosity, excitement and engagement in their learning.

This week also provided an important opportunity for reflection as we marked Remembrance Day. I was extremely proud of the children during our two-minute silence. They conducted themselves with great maturity and respect, creating a calm and reflective atmosphere as we remembered those who have fought, served and sacrificed in times of war. It was a very special moment for our school community.

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week, and we will be exploring this year's theme, *Break the Silence*. Through a range of activities and discussions, we will be encouraging children to speak up, support one another and help create a culture where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.

Congratulations to Millie, who received this week's Flourishing Award for her amazing attitude to learning. Well done also to House **FIRE** for winning this week's House Cup, and a special congratulations to Year 4 for achieving 100% attendance.

Finally, a huge thank you in advance to our fantastic FROGS team for organising Friday's cinema evening. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Wishing all our children, parents and carers a happy and restful weekend.

Warm regards,

Kevin Fry, Head Teacher

STARS OF THIS WEEK

Jellyfish: Zennoby for curiosity and really ambitious work !

Manta Ray: Annie for excellent talk expectations and some amazing maths doubles.

Dolphins: Jesse for consistently working hard and contributing to class ideas.

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P.E days and Clubs Timetable				
	ACTIVITY	**TIME**	**LEADER**	**AGE / year group**
MONDAY				
	Walking Bus	08:00	Teacher led	R-Y6
	Breakfast Club	8am to 8.45	Judith Ash	R-Y6
	P.E. DAY	pm	Teacher	Jellyfish (R,1,2)
Tuesday				
	Walking Bus	08:00	Teacher led	R-Y6
	Breakfast Club	8am to 8.45	Judith Ash	R-Y6
Sign up with DTA	Tennis Club	8am to 8.45	DTA (external provider)	R-Y6
	P.E. DAY	pm	Teachers	Mantarays (3,4) Dolphins (5,6)
	ASC	3:15 to 5pm	Gemma Langrish	R-Y6
	Ukelele Club	3:15 to 4.15	Mrs Parker	Years 2-6
Wednesday				
	Cross Country Running.	07.50	Ms Hill Ms Chugg + volunteer	Yrs 3-6 max 20
	Walking Bus	08:00	Teacher led	R-Y6
	Breakfast Club	8am to 8.45	Judith Ash	R-Y6
	ASC	3:15 to 5pm	Helen Cooper	R-Y6
Thursday				
	Walking Bus	08:00	Teacher led	R-Y6
	Breakfast Club	8am to 8.45	Helen Cooper	R-Y6
	P.E. DAY	pm	Teachers	Mantarays (3,4) Dolphins (5,6)
	ASC	3:15 to 5pm	Helen & Gemma	R-Y6
Sign up with SCox	French Club	3.15 to 4.00	Sarah Cox (external provider)	
Friday				
	Walking Bus	08:00	Teacher led	R-Y6
	Breakfast Club	8am to 8.45	Helen Cooper	R-Y6
Sign up with DTA	Basketball Club	8am to 8.45	DTA (external provider)	R-Y6
	P.E. DAY	pm	Teacher	Jellyfish (R,1,2)

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NOTICES and REMINDERS

- **COATS at school:** Please ensure all children have a coat every day. At lunch time they are outside for a while and it can be damp, and is certainly getting colder.
  Appropriate clothing too please. Leggings or black tracksuit bottoms over shorts on PE days.
  Maybe even pop a spare pair of socks in their bags in case it's a wee bit wet.

- **Admissions Policy for 2028–2029: Annual Consultation.** Alongside all other schools and academies in Devon, we are consulting on our admissions policy for 2028–2029. The Local Authority is also consulting on its own admission arrangements. You are invited to review the proposals and share your views. Our proposed policy is available on our admissions page: Georgeham CofE Primary School - Admissions
  You can view all policies at http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy , and further information is available at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements.
  The formal consultation period runs until 15th January 2027.
  All policies will be determined on 10th February 2027 and published by 15th March 2027.

THANK YOU

for logging in to Arbor on Fridays and settling your accounts so promptly.

It is very much appreciated by both GHM and THSP ☺

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Extra-Curricular Sports and Music

for any questions or to sign up please contact the club leader directly. (see timetable on p2)

Rob Cook: Devonshire Tennis Academy
Early morning Sports coaching (tennis/gym/basketball)
rob@devonshiretennisacademy.com
07852 370637 www.devonshiretennisacademy.com

Sarah Cox: Guitar, Singing, and French Club
sarahcoxtutoring@gmail.com 07891 844 923

Amy Redfern: Piano, Flute or Saxophone 07702 620181
amyredfern@

Please note that music lessons are part of the school day. The teachers will try to mix it up so children are not missing the same lesson every week.

FRIENDS OF GEORGEHAM SCHOOL (aka FROGS!)

FROGS (Friends of Georgeham School on Facebook!

Our FROGS charity committee are:

- Joe and Reinhart Conle-Paelinck
- Anna Arnold/Sweet
- Gemma and Peter Langrish
- Nina Griffiths
- Tiff Mackenzie-Hall
- Amy Redfern
- Lennie Smith (Treasurer)

There's always room for more - if you'd like to get involved have a chat with any of the members above. They'll be more than happy to tell you more. **On-the-day helpers are crucial**, if you'd prefer to support occasionally, do ask to be added to that group.

Safeguarding

It is the responsibility of each parent or guardian to inform the school of any changes concerning their own child. This responsibility should not fall to the child or to another parent, unless there is an exceptional circumstance that prevents the primary guardian from making contact.

** You may register other parents on your child's Arbor profile as a friend who 'can collect'.
Go to **Family/Guardian/Contacts, add contact, enter details** and register them as a '**friend'** and then choose '**can collect**'. (Ensure is legal or primary parent is unchecked) **

Absence Reporting

If your child is absent please let us know **before 08.30am** by either:

Email: georgeham@thsp.org.uk
Phone: **01271 890 440 then option 1**

Please speak clearly and always give details about the reason for the absence. **You must report in everyday** even if you think we know the reason why.

Parent Reps

WHATS APP GROUPS

These groups are our jungle drums, for the purpose of quickly circulating **vital school information**. A rare but necessary function.

The parent rep should really be the only one to post but do of course ask for clarity if needed. No need to post thank you's, just give it a thumbs up to acknowledge. (Lots of replies detract from the important, or urgent message)

- **Cohort 27** Kate Woodeson (6)
- **Cohort 28** Tiff Mackenzie Hall (5)
- **Cohort 29** Harriet Krarup (4)
- **Cohort 30** Tiff Mackenzie Hall (3)
- **Cohort 31** Jayne Carter (2)
- **Cohort 32** Lyndsay Walton (1)
- **Cohort 33** Emma Seels (R)
- **Cohort 34** Gemma Langrish (N2)
- **Cohort 35** Gemma Langrish (N1)

Ideally we have a different parent for cohort 28 and 30, 34 and 35
Please let Tiff or Gemma know if you are happy to take over a group.

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DIARY and NOTICES

- AUTUMN TERM #2
  - **Tues 17th Nov:** PM Yr 5/6 TAG rugby tournament (email sent to those concerned)
  - **Tues 17th Nov:** yr 5/6 Robot workshop
  - **Mon 23rd Nov:** AM Yr 3&4 Basketball festival, (details to come).
  - **Fri 27th Nov:** pm Visit from Ian Frome MP
  - **Tues 1st Dec:** PM yr 5&6 Indoor athletics (details to come)
  - **Thurs 10th Dec:** Nativity x2 (both an afternoon and evening performance).
  - **Wed 16th Dec:** whole school Christmas lunch
  - **Thurs 17th Dec:** 9.30 AM Christmas service in the church; Christmas parties in the afternoon!
  - **End Term 2:** Fri 18th December 2026
- SPRING TERM #3
  - **Mon 4th Jan = INSET DAY**
  - **Term #3 students start:** Tuesday 5th Jan 2027

Swimming for Manta Rays will be on Wednesdays (tbc)

Devon Family Hub FREE family advice and guidance for parents/carers
for children aged 0-13, or young people aged 13-19,
or up to 25yrs for young people with SEND

Single session appointments available in person, via phone or online.

0800 538 5458 Mon-Friday 10am-4pm

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September 2026 to July 2027

Half term break	**Mon 26th Oct to Fri 30th Oct 2026**
Start Autumn Term 2	Mon 2nd Nov 2026
End Term 2	Fri 18th December 2026
INSET DAY	Mon 4th January 2027
Start Spring Term 3 2027	Tues 5th January 2027
End Term 3	Fri 12th Feb 2027
Half term break	**Mon 15th Feb to Fri 19th Feb 2027**
Start Spring Term 4 2027	Mon 22nd February 2027
End Term 4	Thurs 25th March 2027
Easter Holidays	Fri 26th March to Fri 9th April 2027
Start Summer Term 5 2027	Mon 12th April 2027
May Day Bank Holiday	Mon 3rd May 2027
End Term 5	Fri 28th May 2027
Half term break	**Mon 31st May to Fri 4th June 2027**
Start Summer Term 6 2027	Mon 7th June 2027
End Term 6	Thurs 22nd July 2027
INSET DAY	Fri 23rd July 2027

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INSET DAY	Thurs 2nd September 2027
INSET DAY	Fri 3rd September 2027
Start Autumn Term 1 2027	Mon 6th September 2027
INSET DAY	Fri 22nd October 2027
Half term break	**Mon 25th Oct to Fri 29th Oct 2027**
Start Autumn Term 2 2027	Monday 1st November 2027
End Term 2027	Friday 17th December 2027
INSET DAY	Monday 20th December 2027
Start Spring Term 3 2028	Tuesday 4th January 2028
End Spring term 3	Friday 11th Feb 2028
Half term break	**Mon 14th Feb to Fri 18th Feb 2028**
Start Spring Term 4 2028	Monday 21st Feb 2028
End Term 4	Friday 31st March 2028
Easter Holidays	Mon 3rd April to Friday 18th April 28
INSET DAY	Tues 18th April 2028
Start Summer Term 5 2028	Wed 19th April 2028
May Day Bank Holiday	Mon 1st May 2028
End Term 5	Fri 26th May 2028
Half term break	**Mon 29th May to Fri 2nd June 2028**
Start Summer Term 6 2028	Monday 5th June 2028
End Term 2027	Fri 21st July 2028