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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another fantastic week it has been at Georgeham Primary School!

This week, the children have taken part in a range of activities linked to Anti-Bullying Week, exploring what it means to be a good friend, how we can support one another, and who to speak to if they ever feel worried about bullying. Together, we have discussed the importance of using our voices positively and standing up for kindness, inclusion and respect. It has been wonderful to hear the thoughtful contributions from pupils across the school and to see our Christian values in action each day.

As part of the week, our School Council organised an inter-school Kindness Recognition Competition, celebrating children who consistently demonstrate kindness towards others. We are delighted to congratulate the following children who received a special Flourishing Award following nominations from both pupils and staff. We are incredibly proud of each of you for showing such care and consideration for others.

Cicely Rampe, Jesse Matthews, Sampson Hames, Sophie Bargery, Romi Stevenson.

Next week is UK Parliament Week, and children will be learning about the importance of Parliament, democracy and how decisions are made in our country. We are particularly excited that on Friday 27th November, we will welcome Ian Roome MP to Georgeham. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about his role in representing our local community.

Congratulations also go to House Air, who are this week's House Cup winners!

Finally, a huge well done to Year 1 and 5, who achieved 100% attendance this week, our best attendance week of the year so far.

Have a lovely weekend!

Warm regards,

Kevin Fry, Head Teacher

STARS OF THIS WEEK

Jellyfish: Eva for amazing start back in Jellyfish class and settling in so well.

Manta Ray: Bryony who has shown a great attitude to learning and is always kind.

Dolphins: Oscar C is a great role model in our school, he follows school rules is helpful and respectful, and he works hard too !

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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

• **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** FROGS are collecting donated prizes for our Christmas Raffle, to be drawn at the Nativity Celebration on Thursday 10th December. If you have any unused or unwanted gifts tucked away (chocolates, toiletries, candles, toys, bottles or vouchers), we'd love to give them a new home. Please drop donations at the school reception by Monday 7th December. Thank you!

• **FROGS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP**: The Rock Inn Wednesday 9th December at 6pm join us for a relaxed festive evening of wreath making, with music and mulled wine. No experience needed, make 2 wreaths (1 to take home and 1 for FROGS to sell!) Open to the whole community, so bring a friend, a neighbour or your mum! Tickets £20 per person. To book your place, email FROGS on frogs.committee@mail.com

Please bring secateurs and any spare garden foliage you'd particularly like to include in your wreath.

Booking and payment: please make a bank transfer using the details below:

- Account name: Friends of Georgeham School
- Sort code: 30-54-66 Account number: 30596268
- Payment reference: Your first and last name

• **FROGS NATIVITY CELEBRATION**: Thursday 10th December, 3pm to 6pm in Georgeham Village Hall, between the two Nativity performances. Come along for hot and cold food and drinks, festive cakes and treats, craft tables and lantern making, a wreath sale, a cosy wind down corner and a fun Christmas Raffle. To finish, we'll walk together with our homemade lanterns back to the church, in time for the second 6pm performance. Everyone is welcome, just pop in, and bring some change for the raffle and treats!

• **HELPERS** needed on Thursday 10th December: Could you spare some time to help set up, serve food, run a craft table or tidy away? Even half an hour makes a real difference. Grab one of the FROGS team on the playground or ask to join the WhatsApp group or use the QR Code on the attached 'Join Us' poster!

- **FROGS Movie Night: and what a night it was**! Our Movie Night was fully booked, and we're still buzzing from how much everyone enjoyed it. The hall looked like one giant sleepover, full of cosy PJs, beanbags, blankets, giant teddies and even a few dragons! A few connection problems meant we didn't get through the whole film. The children didn't seem to mind though, and made some lovely memories with their friends.
  Sweet jar winners: Molly F, Millie K and Evie P, the closest guessers, each won a dragon to take home!
  With huge thanks to…
  Mr Fry, for staying into his weekend to help with the children, especially when the film stopped.
  Our teachers, for letting us use their classrooms (we hope no popcorn escaped our hoovering!)
  Dan and Gemma at The Rock Inn, for donating the rolls and sauces and cooking all the sausages
  John Dennis at Phillip Dennis Foodservice, for kindly donating the sausages
  Cooper Facey, who went over and above on his own Friday night, both in the hall manning the sweet shop and at tidy up time
  Our Georgeham crew, children included, who got stuck in with the cleaning, huge thanks.
  All the FROGS and Frog Foot Folk, who gave up their time to help run our second event of the year Together we raised an amazing £442 for Georgeham School. Dan at The Rock (yet again!) gave it a boost by very kindly holding a raffle at The Rock with proceeds going to FROGS - and it was a whopping £496! Wow! Thank you all, we're so grateful!

  💚 FROGS (who are jumping on their lily pads with joy right now!)

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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

Now until Mon 7th Dec Christmas Raffle donations to school reception please

- **Fri 27th Nov:** pm Visit from Ian Frome MP
- **Tues 1st Dec: Afternoon** yr 5&6 Indoor athletics (details to come)
- **Wed 9th Dec:** 7pm FROGS Wreath Making Workshop at The Rock Inn (£20)
- **Thurs 10th Dec:** Nativity x2 (both an afternoon and evening performance). FROGS invite you to the Village hall in between, helpers needed for that please.
- **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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School term dates

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