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Newsletter – Thursday 22nd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a very difficult half term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been an incredibly emotional week for our school community.

Following the heartbreaking news of Rosamund's passing, the children have shown remarkable maturity, compassion and kindness. Throughout the week, they have been given opportunities to ask questions, share their thoughts and feelings, and listen to a story about how we can support others who are experiencing grief. These discussions have helped us remind one another that there is no right or wrong way to feel, and that being a caring friend can make a tremendous difference to someone who is hurting.

I am immensely proud of every child at Georgeham. Despite the sadness we have all felt, they have continued to support one another, engage positively in their learning and speak openly with trusted adults when they have needed reassurance. Their resilience and empathy have been truly inspiring.

I would also like to pay tribute to our staff team. Whilst carrying their own grief, they have remained incredibly professional, caring and dedicated, ensuring that the children have felt safe, supported and successful throughout the week. I am deeply grateful for their unwavering commitment to our school family.

In the weeks and months ahead, we will continue to support one another and provide opportunities for children to talk and reflect when needed. Our thoughts remain firmly with Rosamund's family and loved ones during this tragic time.

On a more celebratory note, congratulations to House **Earth**, our winning house of the term. Well done also to Jellyfish Class, who achieved the highest attendance this half term with an outstanding 98% attendance rate.

A special congratulations goes to Molly Wright, Evie Pavitt and Myla Blake who received our Flourishing Awards in recognition of their initiative during a safety drill.

Thank you for your continued support. I wish you all a safe, restful and happy half-term holiday, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 2nd November.

Warm regards,

Mr Kevin Fry, Head Teacher

STARS OF THIS WEEK

Jellyfish: Lotta for being so polite every morning, and her FANTASTIC phonics!

Manta Ray: Ben whose handwriting has been brilliant this week. Bravo.

Dolphins: Blossom for exceptional work in maths. Love it !

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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

- Request for donations of infant wellies sizes 7-10, and any no-longer-required clothing age 3-4 years to keep as spares, especially socks, in the preschool. THANK YOU !

- **ARBOR FRIYAY.** Please log on to **clear all meal and wraparound account balances for Term 1.**

- **Keeping warm at school:** please ensure children bring a warm and waterproof coat in **every day.** The price of oil is double what we paid last time we filled the tank. We will of course ensure the school is warm enough, but please ensure your children wear suitable clothing.
  Leggings or black tracksuit bottoms over shorts on PE days, (not just shorts)
  a jumper over the T shirt, and a coat over that too when outside at break times.

- **MEDICAL NEEDS:** A gentle reminder that it is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure that any medical information on their child's Arbor profile is kept up to date. This includes adding new medical conditions, updating existing information, or removing details that are no longer relevant. Arbor is our primary source of medical information and is relied upon by **all** members of staff, particularly in the event of an emergency or if a key staff member, such as Lottie, a class teacher or myself, are unavailable due to training, illness, a school trip, or any other absences. Accurate records are therefore essential to help us provide appropriate care and ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children whilst they are in school.
  Thank you for your support in keeping this information current.

- **WINTER WEATHER :** A useful link from Devon County Council.
  Prepare now for power cuts, flooding and other emergencies

- **On Line safety :** This month's theme is **Online Grooming.**
  See also the monthly newsletter attached to this week's newsletter email.

Description: This video provides a short overview explaining what Online Grooming is, spotting the warning signs and what actions you should take if this is happening to your child.

https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/Online-Grooming-November-2026.mp4

- **Children in Need Day, Fri 13th Nov:** Children may wear their own clothes day, pref something spotty. donations to the charity via official means as we cannot accept cash in school. Donate to BBC Children in Need

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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 #1

- **Fri 23rd Oct**: INSET DAY
- **Half term**: Mon 26th Oct to Fri 30th Oct 2026

AUTUMN TERM #2

- **Term #2 starts:** Mon 2nd Nov 2026
- **Thurs 5th Nov:** Open Wide Dental visit for the Jellyfish class.
- **Thurs 5th Nov**: Early Numbers Parent workshop 3.30pm
- **Tues 10th Nov:** PM Yr 5/6 TAG rugby tournament (details to come)
- **Fri 13th Nov: Children in Need, non-uniform day**
- **Mon 23rd Nov:** AM Yr 3&4 Basketball festival, (details to come).
- **Fri 27th Nov:** Visit from Ian Frome MP
- **Tues 1st Dec:** PM yr 5&6 Indoor athletics (details to come)
- **** Thurs 10th Dec: Nativity x 2 pm and evening performances ****
- **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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School term dates

September 2027 to July 2028

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