



Georgeham CofE Primary School

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Newsletter – Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an incredible start to the new academic year! In all honesty, it has been the smoothest start to a school year that I have ever experienced. This is a real credit to our wonderful children and dedicated staff, who have settled quickly back into routines and embraced the new term with enthusiasm, positivity and a determination to succeed.

This year, we are placing a strong focus on developing our children's foundational knowledge and skills. In particular, we are prioritising basic writing skills, maths fluency and reading fluency across the school. These core skills are the building blocks for success in all areas of learning, and we are truly striving for excellence following the fantastic achievements of our school during the 2025/26 academic year.

This week, we were delighted to welcome Lucy Swift, Director of Education at the Child of Hope School, Uganda. The children listened beautifully as Lucy shared updates about our link school and the exciting work taking place there. They also asked some thoughtful and insightful questions about life in Africa, demonstrating curiosity, respect and compassion.

Following the introduction of Benedict's Law, we are taking an even more vigilant approach to children sharing food. It is vital that we know exactly what children can and cannot eat to minimise the risk of allergic reactions. Thank you to all parents and carers who have updated their child's Arbor account with any new allergy information.

Congratulations to Mitzy-Rose for receiving this week's Flourishing Award and well done also to Reception and Year 2 for achieving an outstanding 100% attendance this week. Finally, a huge congratulations to House Earth for winning the House Cup.

Have a superb weekend.

Mr Kevin Fry. Head Teacher



CLASS STARS OF THE WEEK



Jellyfish: **Alice** for amazing listening and learning in her first week, a brilliant start .



Manta Ray: **Hubie** for setting such a good example and being so welcoming to a new friend.

Dolphins: **Benji** what a great start ! He has shown an excellent attitude to learning in his new class.



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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
Starts 15th Sept	Ukelele Club	3:15 to 4.15	Mrs Parker	Years 2-6
Wednesday				
Starts 16th Sept	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

- **START TIME:** please arrive in the playground by 08.40 ready to start school (go in) at 08.45am.
- **ARBOR**
 - Its an ARBOR FRIDAY ! Please check and make payments to meal accounts.
 - school lunch = £2.70 for class 3 Manta rays upwards.
 - We expect lunch balances to be cleared every fortnight. You may preload the account with an anticipated amount for the fortnight, month, or full half term if that suits.
 - Add or amend any medical information (inc. your Doctors Surgery information) especially allergy information.
 - Check with office re inhaler expiry dates, request a school inhaler from doctor if nec.
 - Please sign all consents (sorry there are a few, we need them done asap)
- **SCHOOL UNIFORM**
 - Please NAME all school uniform. (or rename if its preloved)
 - Do gift any good quality items to FROGS, (remove the name first), FROGS will plan a uniform sale.
- **HAIR**
 - Long hair must be tied up at all times, not just for PE. It can be a distraction to a child, or even an annoyance to their friends, if hair is falling over their work. This is especially important in art and science; it can also be a health and safety issue for all pupils when cleanliness is concerned.
- **Coughs colds and tummy bugs**
 - **It's that time of year again!** As we head into cough, cold and tummy bug season, we'd appreciate your support in helping to keep germs to a minimum. We regularly remind children to catch coughs and sneezes in a tissue or, if one isn't available, in their elbow or sleeve. This helps prevent germs from spreading around the classroom and to others. We would also kindly remind parents and carers that children should remain at home for **48 hours after their last episode of sickness or diarrhoea** before returning to school.
Thank you for helping us keep our school community healthy. 😊
- **Benedict's Law**
 - The new Benedict's Law introduced important requirements for how schools record, monitor, and respond to allergies. If your child has an allergy, no matter how mild, please ensure it is recorded on their Arbor profile as soon as possible. This is different to a dietary **"preference"**. Please speak to Lottie if you are in any doubt.
 - Any child with a diagnosed allergy will have an individual allergy plan. Do ask if you have questions.
 - All staff have allergy awareness and management training to ensure we provide a safe environment for all pupils. Thank you for your support and cooperation on this both in and out of school. (e.g. on play dates)

Here is a useful resource for families – its free.

[Let's Talk Primary: Building Strong Foundations Tickets, Wednesday, September 30 • 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM GMT+1 | Eventbrite](#)



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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
- **Cohort 28** Tiff Mackenzie Hall
- **Cohort 29** Harriet Krarup
- **Cohort 30** Tiff Mackenzie Hall
- **Cohort 31** Jayne Carter
- **Cohort 32** Lyndsay Walton
- **Cohort 33** Emma Seels
- **Cohort 34** Gemma Langrish
- **Cohort 35** Gemma Langrish

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 DATES

AUTUMN TERM #1 2026-27

- **Tues 15th Sept:** Ukelele club starts sign up on Arbor, 3.15 to 4.15pm
- **Wed 16th Sept:** X Country Club starts sign up on Arbor, 07.50 to 08.40pm
- **Wed 23rd Sept:** meet the teacher – pop in to see your child/ren's teacher(s) in their classroom
nb this is open house and not an opportunity for an individual mtg.
- **Wed 30th Sept:** Appledore Book Festival 2x Author visits.
- **Mon 28th Oct:** We begin to welcome Harvest Festival donations. Thank you.
- **Tues 6th Oct:** A.M. Harvest Festival in Church (time tbc). All are welcome to join us.
- **Wed 14th October:** whole school Flu immunisations – Action required.
- **Fri 23rd Oct: INSET DAY**
- **Half term:** Mon 26th Oct to Fri 30th Oct 2026
- **Term 2 start:** Mon 2nd Nov 2026
- **End Term 2:** Fri 18th December 2026

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

INSET DAY	Thurs 3rd September 2026
INSET DAY	Fri 4th September 2026
Start Autumn Term 1 2026	Mon 7 th September 2026
End Term 1	Thurs 22 nd October 26
INSET DAY	Fri 23rd October 2026
Half term break	Mon 26th Oct to Fri 30th Oct 2026
Start Autumn Term 2	Mon 2 nd Nov 2026
End Term 2	Fri 18 th December 2026
INSET DAY	Mon 4th January 2027
Start Spring Term 3 2027	Tues 5 th January 2027
End Term 3	Fri 12 th Feb 2027
Half term break	Mon 15th Feb to Fri 19th Feb 2027
Start Spring Term 4 2027	Mon 22 nd February 2027
End Term 4	Thurs 25 th March 2027
Easter Holidays	Fri 26 th March to Fri 9 th April 2027
Start Summer Term 5 2027	Mon 12 th April 2027
May Day Bank Holiday	Mon 3 rd May 2027
End Term 5	Fri 28 th May 2027
Half term break	Mon 31st May to Fri 4th June 2027
Start Summer Term 6 2027	Mon 7 th June 2027
End Term 6	Thurs 22 nd July 2027
INSET DAY	Fri 23rd July 2027



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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