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## NEWSLETTER

### SCHOOL NEWS

#### Staff Update

We are pleased to welcome our new Catering Manager Miss Williams and Lunchtime Supervisor Mrs Mahmood to the school team. A taster menu will be available at Parents Evening so families can sample some of the meals we offer. We would greatly welcome any feedback.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Ali, year one class teacher, who will be leaving us at Easter. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her sincerely for all of her hard work, dedication and commitment to the children. After Easter, the class will be taught by Miss Adries. Miss Adries is already familiar with the children and the school.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Perry from The Albion Foundation, who has done a fantastic job running our after-school clubs. He has been a great addition to the school community, and we are very grateful for his hard work and dedication. As he moves on to a new role, we wish him every success for the future. We are also pleased to share that Mr Boyce will be taking over the running of the clubs. Mr Boyce already knows the children well and is very much looking forward to stepping into the role.

#### Year 3 Trip to National Sea Life Centre

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, Year 3 visited the Sea Life Centre for an exciting and educational trip to support us in our Topic (Planet SOS). The children explored many different sea creatures, including sharks, rays and fish. They learned about how marine animals live, what they eat and how we can help protect our oceans. The pupils were very enthusiastic and asked lots of great questions throughout the visit. Everyone had a wonderful time and it was a fantastic opportunity to learn more about life under the sea.

#### Coffee Morning - You Asked .. We Did!

During our coffee morning, parents shared several suggestions for our school. We have listened to your views and have taken action based on your feedback.

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Here are some of the questions parents asked and how we responded.

**Parents have noticed that some children are doing their P.E lessons and attending after-school clubs in their full school uniform.**

We will monitor this very carefully and make sure that children are changing into their P.E kits for both P.E lessons and after-school club activities.

**Parents have expressed an interest in coming into school to view their children's work.**

Termly parent workshops have been scheduled and will be communicated. It is wonderful that parents are keen to have an active role in their child's learning and we remain committed to keeping you as involved in your child's education in school, as possible. Please look out for workshop dates and invitations to the next workshop in your child's class.

**Parents suggested more trips.**

School gives priority to maximising wider curriculum activities to support children's learning. Our bespoke termly enrichment programme exemplifies the many ways in which children have opportunities to try new activities and learn new life skills e.g. learning new languages, musical instruments, journalism, dancing and sports etc. Our off-site trips and visits programme includes at least two visits per year group in addition to visits to places of worship and local services e.g. swimming centre and local library. We have also been fortunate to be able to offer an annual residential visit to children in the last few years, which continues to be hugely successful. As you will be aware, school budgets and the cost of living remain an ongoing challenge but we do balance this with a commitment to providing a wide extra-curricular offer.

**Some children have reported not having enough time for break or lunch due to work running over.**

Timings will continue to be monitored carefully; it is great to hear how many children are enjoying the new lunchtime routines and the enhanced playground offer, with many activities available for children to choose from. Our new cook is also a big hit with the children; food waste is near enough none! Please do continue to give us feedback on how your children are enjoying play and meal times and do come and try samples of our new menu and playground offer at the next parents' evening.

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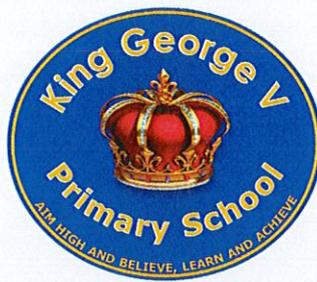
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## World Book Day – 5<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day was a fantastic celebration of reading and imagination at our school! The children looked absolutely wonderful in their costumes. From classic storybook heroes to modern literary stars, it was a joy to see. The day was filled with storytelling, laughter and a shared love of books, making it a truly memorable event for everyone involved.

Our special World Book Day school menu was very well received, and the children thoroughly enjoyed the themed meals.

## Red Nose Day for Comic Relief

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March we will be holding a non-uniform day in aid of Comic Relief. Our school is excited to be joining many others around the UK to participate in this fundraising programme. As part of the day, children will be encouraged to wear red, whether that be a hat, top or even their noses! Donations will be welcome and these can be placed in the box on the red nose display on the playground gates.

## Parents Evening

Our next Parents Evening is on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Please come along to the office from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March to select your appointment slot. This is a great opportunity to meet with your child's teacher, discuss their progress, and find out how they are getting on in school.

Mrs Brennan our SENDCo will also be available during Parents' Evening for any parents or carers who would like to discuss additional support or ask questions. Again, please come along to the office to select an appointment slot.

## School Meal Prices

We would like to remind you that with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 school meals will increase to £2.50 per day. School meal prices have remained the same price for over 5 years, however, due to the significant rises in food and supplier costs we had to review our prices.

If you are currently not in receipt of benefited free school meals, we recommend that everyone, regardless of background, completes a Free School Meals form, which are available from the school office.

If you have any questions or need any support at all, please come and see Mrs Rai in the office.

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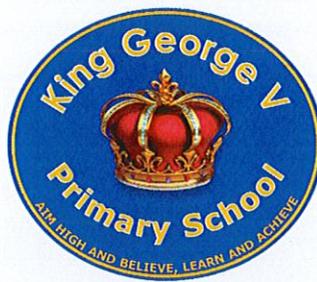
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### Frank Chapman – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Letters have now been sent home to families of children who have been allocated a place at Frank Chapman Centre.

If your child would still like to attend, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

This really is such a wonderful opportunity for children. With caring staff, engaging activities, and a focus on building confidence and positive relationships, children are given the unique opportunity to develop both socially and personally. Frank Chapman is a place where children are encouraged to be themselves, try new activities and gain skills that support their overall wellbeing and personal growth.

### Here are some quotes from children who attended last year:-

"I enjoyed mountain biking, orienteering and the high ropes and spending time with my friends!"

"What I liked about Frank Chapman was the orienteering and rock climbing and spending time with my favourite teacher Mrs Rai!"

"I loved going into the forest with a map and starting a fire, eating bread and staying with my friends!"

"It was really fun going there and there were loads of fun activities. Going in the woods was one of my favourite times. I would rate it 5 out of 5!"

"I loved orienteering because it was so much fun and exploring Frank Chapman and I also liked tree climbing because we got to face our fears!"

### Parent Governor

We currently have a vacancy for one parent governor and are seeking nominations for an enthusiastic and committed parent or carer to join the governing board. There is a training package offered for governors to make sure they feel confident for the role. Applications are welcome from any parents who are interested in this vacancy. Please see Miss Penny if you have any questions or would like to discuss this vacancy.

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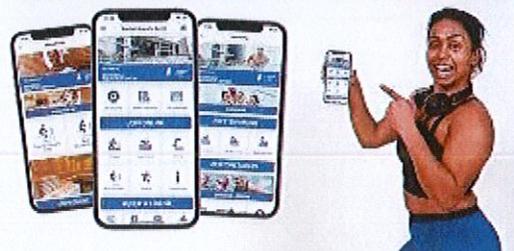
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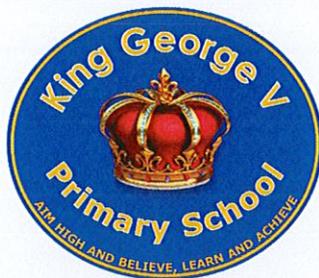
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### Dates for Your Diary

March	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Trip to Carding Mill Valley
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Library Visit
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Class Assembly 9.00am / Parents Invited Year 5 Trip to Gurdwara
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Library Visit
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day (Comic Relief) / Non-Uniform
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Trip to Gurdwara
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Trip to Botanical Gardens
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Library Visit Parents Evening / 4.00pm - 6.30pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for holidays at 3.20pm
April	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Children return at 8.50am - gates open from 8.40am
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Library Visit
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Class Photos by Wrates Photography
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 4 Library Visit
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Trip to Mandair
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Library Visit

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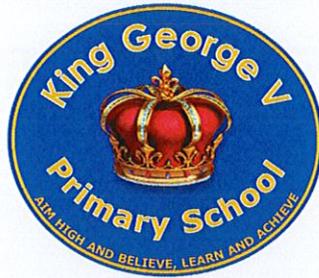
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### School Term Dates and Holidays 2025/26

Term ends: Friday 27 March 2026

Easter Holiday: Monday 30 March to Friday 10 April 2026

Summer term starts: Monday 13 April 2026

Half-term holiday: Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May 2026 (there is also a Bank Holiday on Monday 4 May 2026)

Term ends: Friday 17 July 2026

### Forthcoming Training Days 2025/26

20 July 2026 - school closed to all children

Yours faithfully,

*S Penny*

Miss S Penny

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