

**GEORGE FENTHAM ENDOWED SCHOOL
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July 2024



Term Dates

SCHOOL TERMS & HOLIDAY DATES	2024/2025
Summer Term 23/24	Term ends Monday 22 nd July - Inset Day 5
Autumn Term 2024/25	Monday 2 nd September 2024 - Friday 20 th December 2024
Half Term	Monday 28 th October 2024 - Friday 1 st November 2024
Spring Term 2024/25	Monday 6 th January 2025 - Friday 11 th April 2025
Half Term	Monday 17 th February 2025 - Friday 21 st February 2025
Summer Term 2024/25	Monday 28 th April 2025 - Monday 21 st July 2025
5 INSET DAYS 2024/25	Inset Day 1: Monday 2 nd September 2024 Inset Day 2: TBC Inset Day 3: TBC Inset Day 4: TBC Inset Day 5: TBC



Dates for Diary 2024/25

Monday 22 nd July 2024	INSET DAY 5 & End of School Year
Monday 2 nd September 2024	INSET DAY 1
Monday 30 th September 2024	Seasonal Childhood Flu Programme (Reception - Yr6)
Tuesday 22 nd October 2024	Tempest photography (individual and siblings)
Tuesday 4 th February 2025	National Childhood Measurement Programme (Reception and Year 6)

Staffing Update

As many of you will be aware, we have had some changes in our school office this term. **Mrs White**, has now left us and **Mrs McCormack** has taken over as our Finance Manager. We would like to thank Mrs White for her hard work and support this year. Mrs McCormack brings with her a background in finance and has already made the role her own, contributing brilliantly to the efficient and effective running of our school.

After 18 years at George Fentham we will be saying farewell to **Mrs Davenport**, our Reception Teaching Assistant, as she will be retiring at the end of term. Mrs Davenport has played a crucial part in supporting all of our youngest children and her experience, kindness, patience and expertise will be greatly missed.

After two years in Year 1, **Mrs Mandell** will be moving on to her new role working as the Nursery teacher at Dickens Heath Primary School. Mrs Mandell has been an absolute pleasure to work

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with. Her bubbly personality and dedication to the children have ensured learning is always fun and we wish her well in the future.

Mrs Hodge, will be leaving George Fenthams and relocating with her family over the summer months. Over the last 4 years, she has been teaching in Year 3 and has had responsibility for Maths across the school. We hope her move goes well and wish her all the best for the future.

Mrs Gibbons will also be leaving at the end of term. She has worked alongside Mrs Briggs in Year 4 and we wish her well as she moves to her new job in September.

Finally, we are saying goodbye to **Mrs Kelly**, our Year 6 Teaching Assistant and Lunchtime Supervisor. Throughout her time here, Mrs Kelly has contributed in many areas of school life including helping on numerous Year 6 residential trips, providing cover in the school office and ensuring displays in school always look fabulous. We will miss her very much!

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of these staff for being brilliant members of our George Fenthams Staff Team!

New Staff:

In September we will be welcoming some new staff to our school. **Mrs Jones** will be our new Year 3 teacher. She has already met the class and was very impressed by their enthusiasm and interest in their learning. Mrs Jones is extremely experienced and has regularly taught in lower Key Stage 2.

Mrs McElvenny will be joining Mrs Briggs in Year 4 next term. She will be teaching on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs McElvenny is another experienced teacher who has regularly taught in Year 4 and she is excited to be working at George Fenthams from September.

We are also welcoming two new Lunchtime Supervisors, **Mrs Barrett** who started earlier this term and **Mrs Eaves** who will be joining us from September.

Reports - Reminder

It was a real pleasure to read the children's reports this term. Thank you to everyone who has sent back the report slip. Please ensure all slips are sent back - your feedback is important to us and greatly appreciated.

Open Evening

It was lovely to welcome all of our visitors to school on Monday 15th July for our Open Evening. This was an opportunity for parents/carers to visit their child's current classroom, look at some of their work across the year and to visit the class they will be moving into from September. The children are always very proud to share their work and there were lots of lovely comments and feedback throughout the evening.

IMPORTANT - Medicines in school

Our Medicines in School Policy and Administering Medicines Policy are both on our school website, along with the permission forms for prescribed and over the counter medicines.

Should your child require any medication during the school day, please complete the relevant form and bring this, with the medicine, directly to the school office. Medicines must not be sent in with children. It is really important that your child's medicine has the prescription label on it and that your instructions exactly match the dosage prescribed.

Parents of Year 6 children, with medication in school, must collect the medication directly from the school office at the end of school on Friday 19th July or on Monday 22nd July.

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School Attendance

At George Fentham Endowed School we are committed to ensuring all children achieve the highest levels of attendance possible and continue to ask for your support in this matter. If there are any factors impacting on your child's attendance, please let us know at the earliest opportunity. We will work in partnership with you and offer all support possible in order to increase attendance.

Please ensure you have read the letter sent out previously on ParentPay from Tim Browne, Assistant Director of Education, Inclusion & Additional Needs, regarding the changes to the National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absence.

School Lunches

Please can all parents ensure that their child's ParentPay account is cleared at the end of term. This is especially important for our Year 6 leavers. Thank you for your help in this matter.

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to universal free school meals. If you think your child, from Year 3 onwards may be entitled to free school meals, please contact the school office in September.

Please note, from September the cost of a school lunch will be **£2.90** per day.

Class Events

Nursery:

We have had an amazing half-term with so many wonderful events and activities. Our first EYFS Father's Day event was a huge success with really positive feedback from both adults and children. The Nursery children took part in their first Sports Day and were fantastic, showing great sportsmanship and cheering on their friends and siblings.

EYFS went on their educational visit to the Parkridge Centre where they took part in lots of different activities using their senses to learn more about our, local nature and wildlife. We used binoculars to find plants and animals that were far away, fed a family of Moorhens and created some brilliant natural art pictures. One of our favourite activities was the bug hunt where we found tiny frogs, a newt, woodlice, centipedes, slugs, a huge toad and, as we were walking to our next activity, we had a visit from a baby field mouse. The children were in awe of what they found! Thank you to all of the parent volunteers!



As we are heading towards the end of the school year, we have reflected back on the journey we have had together since September and we are filled with pride. We have had a brilliant year and made many long-lasting memories. We would like to thank you all for your continued support. Have a fabulous summer!

Mrs Bromhall & Mrs Porter

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Reception:

It has been a busy half term again! We have focussed on Wild Animals and Minibeasts. We have looked at animal habitats, diets, patterns and located where we can find wild animals around the world using maps. We have painted animals and used collage to create our own tigers. We have watched caterpillars turn into butterflies too!

Our trip to the Parkridge Centre in Brueton Park was really lovely. We had so much fun - we went on a bug hunt, learnt about how we can improve the natural world to encourage bees and butterflies, we made nature art and the best part of the day was lunchtime! Thank you to our parent helpers on the day.

The children performed so well at Sports Day. They got into the spirit of the day and supported their team to do their best in all the races.

The children also told the story of their year in Reception through their class assembly. They were so confident performing and speaking in front of everyone.

This term, Reception children have had two half days learning how to ride bikes with the Bikeability Team from Solihull Council. All levels were catered for and all children made great progress and really enjoyed themselves. They all grew in confidence and ability.

The children have had a super Reception year, we are so proud of all of their achievements. The teachers are going to miss the children very much and wish them lots of luck and happiness for Year 1. Have a great summer!

Mrs Brown, Mrs Davenport and Mrs Flint



Year 1:

On Wednesday 3rd July, Year 1 went to the Herbert Art Gallery and Museum in Coventry. The day began with a talk from an expert about toys, in particular Victorian toys. The session was very hands on as the children got the opportunity to dress up as Victorian children, as well as Queen Victoria. The children were shown a range of old toys and they compared many of them with objects and toys that we have today. The class got to play with a cup and ball, a hoop and stick, a spinning top and as a treat they took part in a race on a hobby horse!

After the session, the children were able to see Dippy the dinosaur! He is currently residing in the museum and the children were so excited to meet him!

In the afternoon, our museum educator helped to develop our understanding of different works of art, including portraits and the concept of perspective in landscape paintings. The talk was fascinating and the children listened intently. The children got to study different paintings in more detail and they all enjoyed taking part in observational drawings. We were so proud of all the children and how they conducted themselves throughout the day. Their behaviour was fantastic and all the staff at The Herbert Art Gallery and Museum praised the whole class for their listening skills, enthusiasm and concentration. It was a great day and a big thank you to our parent helpers as we couldn't have gone on the trip without their support.



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Pizza Day:

This half term was extra exciting as Year 1 got to make their very own pizzas. We started off by trying different toppings and breads to see which would be the most suitable for our own pizza. We were really proud of the children as so many embraced the taste testing and tried lots of foods they'd never had before! Once we had created our design for our 'Perfect Pizza' we spent the morning choosing the appropriate toppings and being very creative. The pizzas were then cooked and taken home at the end of the day! The smell of the pizzas cooking was delicious and the children couldn't wait to eat them!



We would like to end by saying that we are so proud of all the children in Year 1. They have made wonderful progress and have been so absorbed in all of our topics. Their endless enthusiasm and amazing ideas have made them a joy to teach! They are an incredibly kind class and this was reflected in their brilliant class assembly. Thank you to all the families for your support and kindness throughout the year. We hope you all have a wonderful summer.

Mrs Salmon and Mrs Mandell

Year 2:

This half term we've been completely immersed in our topic on William Shakespeare and learning all about "A Midsummer Night's Dream". We have researched the playwright, explored the text of the play, unpicked the vocabulary/language and done lots of performing. We have loved being 'thespians' and can't wait to do more Shakespeare in Key Stage 2!

As part of our Design & Technology topic, we've been looking at how bread is made - exploring the journey from field to plate. The children have had great fun designing and making their own loaf. Hopefully the finished products tasted as good as they looked?!



We have also loved learning about Seasides - Past & Present, in Geography. We've developed our understanding of Human and Physical Geography, using compass points and enjoyed looking at black and white photos of seascapes long ago (bathing huts and long swimming costumes).

Tri-Golf Festival Trip:

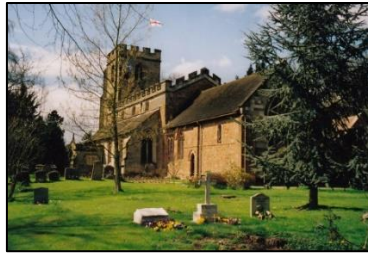
Following their Tri-Golf coaching sessions during Summer 1, the children in Year 2 attended a tournament at Old Silhillians in Solihull this term. Completing 8 different games, requiring them to use their chipping and putting skills, to focus on accuracy and demonstrate effective teamwork, the children had a wonderful time! Mr Bass was so proud of the children and the way they supported one another, encouraging and cheering. A big thank you to the parent volunteers who joined us.

Mr Bass and Mrs Mallin

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Year 3:

Reverend Stuart offered Year 3 a very warm welcome recently on their class visit to church. We have been studying pilgrimage and important places of worship this half term in RE and the children rose superbly to the challenge of thinking more deeply about the concept. Under Reverend Stuart's encouraging and inspiring guidance, they learned about local pilgrims who had set off on journeys of personal and spiritual growth in centuries past and found it fascinating to understand just how broad and far-reaching such experiences can be. They also had the opportunity to explore the church in more detail and to hear about the Heart Stone, one of only two such stones in the whole country.



Mrs Hodge and Mrs Chamberlain

Year 4:

What a fabulous school year we have had in Year 4, it feels like it has passed in the blink of an eye! Our final half-term has been filled with lots of super learning and some great opportunities to show off some of the skills that we have been developing.

At the beginning of this half-term, linked to our PE curriculum, the children took part in the **Chance to Shine Cricket Festival**, organised by South Solihull School Partnership. After half a term of professional cricket coaching, followed by continued practise in PE lessons, our children travelled to Berkswell Cricket Club to compete against other schools. We fielded two teams and played a number of matches, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship. It was an enjoyable day and the children represented the school with pride and enthusiasm.



Another opportunity to showcase talents came just a couple of weeks ago when, after a whole year of music lessons, provided by the Solihull Music Service, the children performed a fantastic **end of year concert**. The concert formed part of Year 4's class assembly, which included a narration of the children's highlights this year along with their favourite musical pieces. The music was absolutely amazing. The children were not only note perfect, but they added to their performance with dancing and singing. It has been an honour to watch the children's progress with their string instruments this year and the children did themselves proud at their concert. A big thank you needs to be given to Mrs Gosling and Mrs Adlington who have helped the children on this journey. Additionally, we would also like to thank the Fentham Trust for their sponsorship of this opportunity.



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It has been a delight to work with these children this year. They have worked incredibly hard, all the way to our very last lesson and they are now ready for the next step of their academic journey in Year 5. We wish them a lovely summer!

Mrs Briggs and Mrs Gibbons

Year 5:

This half term has been a whirlwind of sporting events and story writing. The children have been reading Beowulf and making Grendel's hand as inspiration for their descriptive writing. They have also completed their own quest stories and published them into their own hand made books, which have been added to our class library. We have all really enjoyed reading each other's work!



Year 5 represented George Fentham at the Chance 2 Shine competition at Berkswell Cricket Club. Their attitude was fantastic, showing brilliant inclusivity by creating warm up games that everyone could participate in; modelling great batting, bowling and catching skills, remembering the rules and supporting other teams with fair game play in a calm and respectful manner. Overall we came second, narrowly missing out on a trip to Edgbaston. However great fun was had by all.



Looking back at our Year 5 journey we are so proud of how hard the children have worked and how they have grown and matured. We wish them every success next year. We think they will make a fabulous Year 6!

Mrs Bradburn and Mrs Kermode

Year 6:

Year 6 have certainly been busy this half term! Not only have we been preparing and practising for the Leavers Assembly and Church Service, but we have also been designing and sewing personalised cushion covers as part of our work in Design and Technology. I cannot wait to see the finished designs - the children will bring them home at the end of term.

Another exciting part of our curriculum over the last half term has been our many trips! We have been on our residential, to a tag-rugby competition, to an athletics competition, participated in swimming lessons and attended a Leavers Service at St Philips Cathedral.



We had a fantastic few days away at Culmington Manor in Shropshire. The children were a credit to the school and a fantastic supportive team. They faced their fears, ate lots of delicious meals and participated in a whole range of activities from abseiling to orienteering. We all had a fantastic time.

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At the tag-rugby competition, the children consistently portrayed the school games values of teamwork and resilience and one Year 6 child even got chosen as player of the match. Although we didn't manage to win any team medals, the children played amazingly well and should be very proud of themselves.

On Tuesday 2nd July, we attended a wonderful Leavers Service at St Philips Cathedral. The Cathedral was full of children and teachers from various primary schools all singing together and listening to prayers and readings. I was so impressed with those children who carried our school banner and read prayers to the whole Cathedral. They showed such bravery and decorum.

Year 6 have now made it to their final week at George Fentham Endowed School. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this year and I wish all of the children and their families every success and happiness on their next adventure.



Miss Timothy

School Sports

PE Clubs:

Thank you to all the children who have participated in clubs this year. We are delighted to see so many of you making positive, healthy choices, showing commitment and determination within your chosen sport. Keep up the good work! A list of new clubs for the academic year 2024/25 will be sent out via ParentPay in September. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the coaches from Jet Dance, Sports Development UK and Adaptive Sports for all your support and hard work.

Street Tag:



Well done George Fentham Street Tag Team you are Awesome!!!

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in Street Tag. 99 players were logged on, achieving over 6 million points! Although we slipped down the leader board in the last week, we still came 13th out of the 31 schools registered in Solihull so I think you deserve to hold your heads high and feel proud- a great effort. In particular, a huge shout out goes to Dianka, Shyamna, Glynn & the John family, The Swifts, The Sellars family, The Vardy family, The Avery Family, NJwoods and Mockble who were constantly battling it out at the top of the George Fentham score board.

The Street Tag season is now closed. We will keep you updated of future events.

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Sports Day:

Tuesday 18th June proved to be the perfect day for our annual Sports Day. The sun came out and the rain stayed away, enabling everyone from Nursery through to Year 6 to put their sporting skills to the test. We were delighted to see the School Games Values being lived out throughout the day and our particular focus this year was "self-belief". One child from each class was chosen for the self-belief shown when competing. Well done!



We were blown away by all the children's maturity, sportsmanship, the encouragement they offered each other and the way they congratulated each other on the finish line. After all of the scores were added up, Green team had a clean sweep, winning both the KS1 and KS2 competitions. **Congratulations Green Team!**



The day wouldn't have been possible without the support from teachers, parents, governors and our Year 6 sports leaders. Thank you everyone.

SSSSP - Borough Athletics:

Following last year's success, George Fentham entered the Borough Athletics Competition again this year. Taking a team of year 5 and 6 children, from the afterschool athletics club to the Tudor Grange Arena, to experience the thrill of competitive track and field athletics. The standard was,

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as always, very high and the day was full of energy, noise and excitement. Our children were brilliant ambassadors for our school, gave it their all and competed with beaming smiles all round. We were so proud of everyone in the team, with many children achieving new personal bests. Just Fabulous!

Special Commendations:

Frankie B, Long Jump - 2nd place

Freya A, Shot - 2nd place

Joshua J, Javelin - 1st place

Huw S, Javelin - 2nd place

Henry O'B, Long jump 3rd place

Mrs Bradburn

As always a huge thank you to Mrs Bradburn for all the work she does throughout school organising so many sporting activities and opportunities. We are incredibly grateful to her for all that she does for our children.

Music

This half term we have been lucky enough to have had a number of Music assemblies. Our George Fentham curriculum music in Year 4 is Whole Class Ensemble Teaching, where each child is fortunate enough to learn a stringed instrument. The progress that the children have made since the start of the year, when they were still learning how to hold their instrument and to use a bow, has just been amazing, as was the professionalism with which they played in front of the rest of the school. We are so proud of them all and hope that they continue with their lessons next year.

We have also enjoyed listening to all the children who learn drums, guitars, strings and voice showcasing their talents in end of term assemblies. Congratulations to all children for their fabulous performances! We hope that you have inspired many more children in their music making.

Instrumental and singing lessons have continued this half term and we have had a number of children playing solos at the start of assemblies - please encourage your children to sign up to perform in assembly so that we can continue to enjoy their progress. They do not have to be learning an instrument in school.

As part of Solihull Music, three children from Years 5 and 6 at George Fentham took part in Solihull Music Festival to huge acclaim from the audience, performing in bands on drums and singing. Congratulations to Huw, Abigail and Bobby: we are so proud of you for participating in your first gig on a mainstage. Glastonbury, look out!



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Just a reminder that if you would like to learn an instrument next year, the letter has gone home via ParentPay from Solihull Music explaining how to sign up for lessons. If you would like to discuss financial support or instrumental hire, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Kermode or the School Office to find out more. Solihull Music can be contacted on: solihullmusic@solihull.gov.uk or 0121 704 6500.

Mrs Kermode

School Council - Mrs Bailey

This half term, the school council have been collating a piece of work with Mrs Bradburn related to the playground and its usage.

Each of the classes, through the school councillors, answered a series of questions about the playground and its usage. The councillors then collated the answers from each classes into 4 categories: 1) Football 2) Equipment 3) Quiet Zone and 4) Other.

We will be using this feedback to help us organise our playtimes and lunchtimes next year. Thank you to our councillors for their hard work.

Mrs Bailey

Eco-Council

Our final cause this year has been to promote the role of butterflies in our environment. Not only are butterflies super pollinators, they also play an important role as pest controllers and add to the beauty of the world around us. In recognition of this, our eco-councillors organised a butterfly themed competition where the children in the school were encouraged to create beautiful butterflies to be displayed in a butterfly trail in the school hall.

Over the course of their time as eco-councillors, the children have helped to deliver a number of initiatives at a local, national and global level, all of which will hopefully help us to achieve the Greener Solihull Schools Award 2023-24; details to follow!

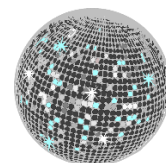
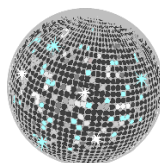
A huge thank you needs to be extended to our eco-councillors, who have all worked diligently this year to promote and support the eco initiatives that have been delivered. It is lovely to see our children get involved and show their enthusiasm and commitment to looking after and helping our planet and its inhabitants.



Mrs Briggs

Parents Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA)

The PTFA would like to express a huge thank you to all committee members, volunteers, parents/carers and teachers/support staff for their help over this academic year. Due to this support, we have been able to run several successful events including bingo and school discos, in which we hope that as well as raising much needed funds for the school, the children have also been able to enjoy extra-curricular activities. As well as these events, we raised £650 at the Hampton Festival which is over £200 more than last year!



We are pleased to announce that this academic year the PTFA has raised a total of **£1,925**. This has allowed the PTFA to pay for the school Christmas Tree, Christmas selection boxes for all

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children and Year 6 leavers hoodies. We are also delighted to announce we can provide the school imminently with funds to purchase sets of tablets for two classrooms!



Unfortunately, with their children leaving Year 6 this term, the PTFA say goodbye to its Chair, Suzie Coulthurst and committee members, Emma Busby-Tomkins and Vicky Hewitson. All have been a big part of the committee over the years, and we would like to say a huge thank you to them for all their time and help. They will be missed but leave the committee in great shape and we are encouraged by several new members signing up in recent months.

We have lots of exciting plans for September onwards and if you would like to be involved in the committee, no matter how small, we would welcome new members. Have a lovely summer!

PTFA

Hampton-in-Arden Society - Village Nature Day Competition



On Sunday 9th June, Hampton-in-Arden Society held a Village Nature Day. To support this event, the children were invited to:

Draw, sketch or paint something that you think needs protection.

- *Protection from people OR*
- *Protection from climate change OR*
- *Protection from businesses building things in our area OR*
- *Protection from animals that are predators*

Pictures can be of animals, trees, flowers, historic buildings, anything!

We received some amazing drawings which were then sent on to the Hampton Society Committee for them to be able to make the extremely hard decision on the winning entries!

Here are the results:

Nursery, Reception and Year 1

Winner: Henry F, Year 1 / Runner up: Charlotte V, Nursery
Years 2, 3 and 4

Winner: Theertha A, Year 2 / Runner up: Maggie D, Year 4
Years 5 and 6

Winner: Ayden A, Year 6 / Runner up: Charles W, Year 5

Congratulations to all the winners and a huge thank you to Karen, from the Hampton Society for coming into school to lead an assembly, launch the competition and organise such fabulous prizes.

Oral Health

A big "thank you" to Mr and Mrs Sunda who came into school on Wednesday 10th July to talk to all of the children about oral health. These sessions were designed to encourage the children to take

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responsibility for cleaning their teeth and looking after their mouth and gums. The children found it very informative and loved having their own goody bag! Thank you to our busy parent dentists for giving up their time and for their generosity.



School Uniform

Information regarding our school uniform is available on our website, however, please see below as a useful reminder ready for the start of next term.

Children are expected to wear full uniform each day except on their PE day; on this day they should come dressed in their school PE kit.

Year Group	Uniform	Guidance Notes
Nursery	Maroon polo shirt (with school logo) School sweatshirt or cardigan (with school logo) Black elasticated joggers or plain grey school trousers, shorts, skirt, pinafore dress Red/white checked dress (summer - optional)	
Reception and Key Stage 1 (Y1&2)	Maroon polo shirt (with school logo) Maroon V-neck sweatshirt or cardigan (with school logo) Plain grey school trousers, shorts, skirt, pinafore dress Red/white checked dress (summer - optional)	No jogging bottoms or leggings
Key Stage 2 (Y3 to Y6)	White shirt (long or short sleeved) School tie Maroon V-neck sweatshirt or cardigan (with school logo) Plain grey school trousers, shorts, skirt, pinafore dress Red/white checked dress (summer - optional)	No jogging bottoms or leggings
PE Kit All Classes	Plain white t-shirt Plain black shorts or skirt Trainers Plain black joggers Maroon V-neck sweatshirt or cardigan (with school logo) Plain dark tracksuit (optional)	Tracksuits should be plain and dark, without any logos and patterns
All Children	Grey or white socks or tights Black shoes (worn with school uniform, not trainers) Warm outdoor coat	No boots, high heels or open toe sandals
Hair Accessories	Red, white or black ribbons, slides, hairbands	
Jewellery	Plain wristwatch, medical pendant or bracelet alerts, plain gold or silver stud earrings	Religious items of jewellery should not breach health and safety requirements
Other	Make up of any sort is not allowed Nail varnish or false nails are not allowed School "book bags" for Reception / KS1 Children (optional)	

Our PTFA have a selection of donated uniform available. Please contact the PTFA or the school office if you would like any further information or help and support with school uniform.

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Holidays in School Time

Headteachers are only allowed to grant leave of absence in **very exceptional circumstances** and where the application has been made **two weeks in advance**. This does not include family holidays, therefore, we ask that you do not book holidays in school time as these will be unauthorised and could lead to a referral to the Local Authority Enforcement Team for a fixed penalty fine or prosecution.

Should you require any further information, or wish to discuss a leave of absence request please contact the school office.

Medical, Dental & Optician Appointments

Following advice from CSAWS, we would like to ask for your support in organising medical, dental and optician appointments outside of the school day. Please note if there is no alternative, you may be asked to show a copy of your appointment letter or card to the school office and complete a leave of absence request.

Dietary Requirements / Food Allergies

Please note it is the responsibility of Parents/Carers to advise the school office, in writing, of any dietary requirements or food allergies for each individual child. This is not required for food preferences but for medical conditions such as allergies or religious beliefs. This information will be stored on your child's record throughout school.

Healthy Schools: Break time Snacks and Water Bottles

Snacks

As part of our Healthy Schools approach, we ask for your support in **only sending in pure fresh or dried fruit and vegetables for morning snack. No other snacks are permitted.** Please note fresh fruit or vegetables are provided by school for all children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Key Stage 2 children should be provided with a fruit or vegetable snack from home.

Water Bottles

Children have access to their water bottles during the day and are regularly reminded to drink. Please encourage your child to do this and **ensure that drinking bottles contain water only.** Should you wish your child to have milk at break time details are available from the school office.

No Nuts in School

We have a number of children in school who have a severe nut allergy. These allergies can be life threatening. **In order to keep all of our children safe, please ensure that you do not send any nuts or products containing nuts into school with your child, at any time.**



Reminder - Car Parking and Voluntary One-Way System

Just to remind you, there is a voluntary one-way system at school drop off and collection times which is to enter at the bottom of Fentham Road by the war memorial and to leave the top end of Fentham Road along Marsh Lane. Thank you for your support in this matter.

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The BASE

The BASE provides before and after school care and Nursery wrap around care during term time. The BASE is not run by school, but by a completely separate Voluntary Management Committee. If you have any queries regarding this provision, please contact Mrs Tina Coley directly on 01675 443913.

And Finally.....

Thank You to The Fentham Trust:

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to The Fentham Trust for the financial support it provides to school on an annual basis. Without this support, we would not be able to provide all of the opportunities, experiences and resources which our children and staff benefit so hugely from.

Goodbye to Year 6:

We are saying goodbye and good luck to our Year 6 children who are leaving us today. This week they presented their brilliant Y6 Leavers' Assembly and thoughtful Leavers' Service in Church. We welcome the opportunity to reflect back, celebrate their successes and congratulate them on all that they have achieved. We are incredibly proud of all of the children and wish them continued success in the future.

Thank You:

We have had an extremely busy year at George Fentham Endowed School and I would like to thank all of our children, staff and Governors for their hard work and commitment to our school.

I would also like to thank you for your on-going support this year and to wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable summer holiday.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Tuesday 3rd September 2024**. (Reminder: Monday 2nd September is an INSET day.)

Mrs J Gaughan
Headteacher