



# Whitstable Junior School

*Learning today for life tomorrow*

## Week ending 19 April 2024



### A message from Ms Kent

Dear parents/carers

Welcome back to term 5, I hope you all had a great Easter break and enjoyed the few days of spring sunshine we managed to get!

The children have all come back beautifully this week and settled back into learning well. Years 4 and 5 kicked off the term with virtual workshops on Monday. Year 4 were consolidating their learning about China and for year 5 the workshop provided a 'hook' into their new topic – Space.

On Tuesday we celebrated Jess Brown's life. I was so proud of the year 5 pupils who attended the Celebration of Life service and the compassion, resilience and kindness they showed. Thank you to everyone who supported our 'wear a hat day' to raise money for brain cancer research – we raised £123.58.

This term, our Year 3 and 4 pupils have swimming lessons. Thank you to all of you who have ensured the children are prepared for these sessions. These are curriculum lessons and the expectation is for all children to attend. We understand that some children may require additional support to make this happen which we will provide to ensure children have equal access to our curriculum. Living so close to the sea, learning to swim is a key skill we aim for all children to achieve during their time with us.

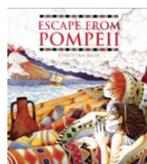
We are sad to say goodbye to our school cook Tammy. We wish Tammy all the best in all her new adventures; she will be greatly missed.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,  
Sarah Kent



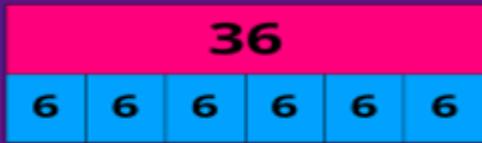
### What have the children been up to this week?

This week in **Year 3**, the children have started a wonderful new book called 'Ottoline and the Yellow Cat' in English and have become literary detectives, making inferences and predictions from the text. They have also been learning to add and subtract fractions and have proved to be brilliant mathematicians, remembering what the numerator and the denominator are! In science, the children have started a new topic, learning all about food groups and healthy eating. **Year 4** have begun Term 5 by reading 'Escape from Pompeii' and using their figurative language to bring the events and aftermath of this devastating natural disaster to life. In maths they have been using last term's understanding of fractions to support them in recognising the equivalent decimals. As part of our new topic on the Romans, in history they have been discovering who these people were and how they built their empire. At the beginning of the week, they also enjoyed a VR Headset workshop reviewing all their previous learning on China and impressed us with their confidence in their first swimming lesson: they'll sleep well this weekend! **Year 5** this week have rocketed into Outer Space with their VR Headset experience and looked into different people who worked on space expeditions:- Mary Jackson, Gwynne Shotwell and Helen Sharman. In maths, the children have been mastering area and perimeter of compound shapes and in PE the children have started cricket looking at fielding and passing. **Year 6** have been piecing together the elements needed to provide a balanced argument ahead of their Great Debate about Henry VIII. In maths, time has been the focus with the children converting between units of time, finding time differences and analysing timetables. In Art, they have started looking at Pop Art and the work of Roy Lichtenstein.

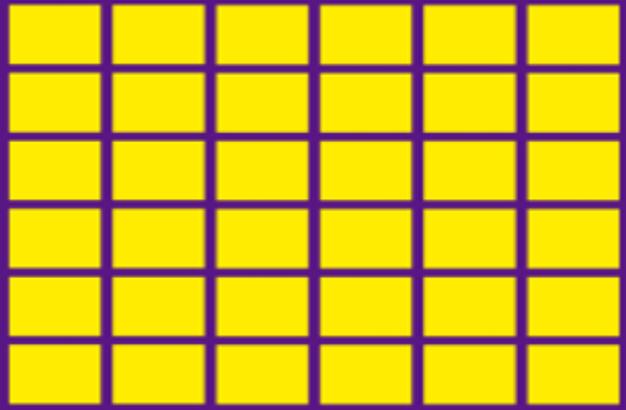


# Times Table Fact of the Week

$$6 \times 6 = 36$$



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## Pupil leadership & team drivers go to...



Luna – 6M  
Community – for super sitting in assembly



Summer – 4JW  
Challenge – for great work



Florence – 3O  
Challenge – for great maths work



Poppy – 5H  
Curiosity – for discovering a thought about maths



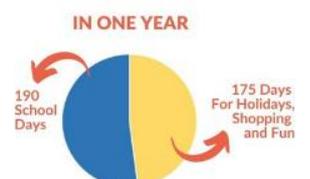
## Attendance



**Gates open at 8.30am and close at 8.45am. Please ensure your child is at school and on time every day, ready to learn.**

If your child is late, please bring them into the school office rather than dropping at the gate. The school is required to log a reason for being late and this should come from the parent/carer rather than the child. Thank you for your support.

Please notify the school by 8.50am if your child has to be unexpectedly absent (e.g., sickness) and please book any medical appointments around the school day where possible. A reminder that holidays will not be authorised during term time, except in exceptional circumstances, and a penalty notice may be applied for if taken.



## PE days for Term 5 & netball/rounders fixtures

**A reminder that children should wear their school jumper over their PE kits and not skins. PE days for Term 5 unless otherwise informed by text.**

**3B** Monday PE & swimming on Tuesday/**3O** Tuesday swimming & PE on Thursday  
**4JW** Monday swimming & PE on Friday/**4T** Monday swimming & PE on Wednesday  
**5L** Tuesday and Friday/**5H** Monday and Thursday  
**6M** Tuesday and Thursday/**6H** Monday and Friday



### Netball Fixtures

Tuesday 23 April – Bysing Wood – **home**  
Monday 29 April – Hernhill – return time 4.45pm **away**  
Wednesday 1 May – Davington Primary - **home**  
Tuesday 7 May – Whitstable and Seasalter Endowed – return time 4.30pm – **away**  
Monday 13 May – Boughton-under-Blean – return time 4.45pm – **away**



### Rounders Fixtures

Thursday 6 June – Herne Juniors – **away**  
Monday 8 July – Hernhill – **away**  
Thursday 11 July – Bysing Wood - **home**



## Additional messages

**School Reports will now be sent home on Friday 3 May rather than Monday 29 April due to a glitch in the system.**

### Staff Development days for 2024/2025

Monday 2 September 24  
Monday 4 November 24  
Monday 24 February 25  
Monday and Tuesday 21/22 July 25

Don't forget the Dog's Trust Workshops:- **Wednesday 24 April – Upper School**  
**Thursday 25 April – Lower School**



Flyer below with details of a Barton Court taster morning for Year 5

Canterbury Cathedral Choir Auditions flyer below. Apply by 5 May & Auditions 11 May 2024

Whitstable Library Elmer Day Craft Event Saturday 25 May 2024



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**Year 5**  
**Taster Morning**  
Saturday 22 June 2024  
9.00am - 1.00pm

For boys and girls interested in sitting the Kent 11+ Test September 2024

"Leaders have a clear vision for an ambitious, academic curriculum" OFSTED 2020

**Apply Today!**  
Come and join us for a fun half day of activities.

A taster of some of the following:

- French / Spanish / Music
- English / Food / Mathematics
- Drama / Science / PE
- Computing / Geography
- Design Technology

Take home a memento of your morning.

Our innovative and personalised curriculum is designed to meet the needs of every child offering a wide choice of high quality academic courses, including the EBACC at GCSE and the AQA Baccalaureate at A Level, demonstrating our ambition to be a truly world class school.

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Barton Court Grammar School has ongoing partnerships with the Kent Academies Trust, students and parents will be expected to follow.

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## Letters and email

If you have a message, please send it to the office and it will be passed onto your child's teacher / dealt with as appropriate. [Click here for the website where you will find all letters.](#)

information

## **Dates – Terms 5 & 6**

**W/C 22 April – 5H CATs test**

**Monday 22 April – Walk for Water Launch Assembly by Andrew Brealy – Sponsorship forms given out**

**Tuesday 23 April – Drumming concert in the hall at 2.15pm. Front gate entrance please**

**Tuesday 23 April – Netball vs Bysing Wood – home**

**Wednesday 24 April – Dogs Trust Workshop – Upper School**

**Thursday 25 April – Dogs Trust Workshop – Lower School**

**W/C 29 April – 5L CATs test**

**Monday 29 April – Netball vs Hernhill – away**

**Wednesday 1 May – Morris Men**

**Wednesday 1 May – Netball vs Davington – home**

**Thursday 2 May – Year 6 SATs Workshop and Transition to Secondary School – 2.40pm in The Studio via front gate entrance**

**Friday 5 May – School Reports sent home**

**Tuesday 7 May – Netball Whitstable & Seasalter Endowed – away**

**Monday 13 May – 16 May – Year 6 SATs tests**

**Monday 13 May – Netball Boughton-under-Blean – away**

**Friday 19 April – Volunteer gardening**

**Tuesday 21 May – Harry Potter World – Year 6**

**Wednesday 23 May – Walk for Water Event**

**Friday 24 May – End of Term 5**

**Monday 3 June – Start of Term 6**

**Friday 7 June – Non uniform day and bottle donations for summer fair**

**Tuesday 11 June – Parents/Carers Consultations – 3.30pm – 5.30pm**

**Thursday 13 June – Thank You shop**

**Friday 14 June – Non uniform day and chocolate donations for summer fair**

**Friday 14 June – PTFA Summer Fair**

**Thursday 20 June – Parents/Carers Consultations – 4.30pm – 8pm**

**Thursday 27 June – Sports Day**

**W/C 1 July – Transition Week – all schools on Thursday 4 July**

**Wednesday 10 July – Year 6 production**

**Thursday 11 July – Year 6 production**

**Thursday 18 July – Year 6 Leavers Celebration – St Alphege Church**

**Friday 19 July – End of Term**

**Monday 22 July – SDD**

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