



# Whitstable Junior School

*Learning today for life tomorrow*

## Week ending 3 May 2024



### A message from Ms Kent

Dear parents/carers

This term we are exploring the school value of Trust in assembly. The children are learning how Trust grows and is built over time and what it means to be a trustworthy member of the community.

This week we were focusing on Trust towards our family members. In assembly I shared the enduring story 'What We'll Build,' by Oliver Jeffers. This book is about a parent's boundless love, life's enduring opportunities and all we need to build a together future. This led to a discussion about how Trust and love develop over time and how in our actions we can show our families how we love and Trust them. I set the children the challenge to demonstrate this at home this week.

On Wednesday the Morris Dancers brought some sunshine and spring joy into school. It was lovely to welcome children and staff from St. Alphege to enjoy this with us.

Today you will receive your child's school report. If there is anything in the report you would like to discuss with your child's teacher, please contact the school office to make an appointment. A big shout out to our teachers for the thought and time that goes into preparing these reports.

I hope you all have an enjoyable bank holiday weekend,



Sarah Kent

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

This week in **Year 3**, the children have been enjoying planning their own stories based on 'Ottoline and the Yellow Cat' as well as getting to grips with telling the time in maths. They have also had an exciting trip into Whitstable to look at the different types of buildings and businesses that make up the town. This was part of their geography topic and included a trip to the beach! In P.E. we have been so impressed with how hard the children are working and their enthusiasm for their swimming lessons. Well done year 3 on making such amazing progress! In English **Year 4** have completed writing their news reports based on the disaster at Pompeii. They have done a fantastic job of 'holding the front page!' Do we have some future journalists in the making? In maths they have shown great resilience in their understanding of decimal numbers and their equivalent fractions, using different manipulatives to represent the calculations. As part of our history topic, they have been discovering the Romans' expertise in building roads and how their technological skills also supported them in creating towns. RE this week has transported us to the Jewish festival of Passover and in science the children having been learning the difference between complete and incomplete electrical circuits. **Year 5** have been busy with their non-chronological reports about the planets. What facts can they tell you about the terrestrial planets and gas giants? In maths, the children have been developing their degree knowledge when learning about angles. The children have explored the climate in North America looking at two locations and comparing the information from a temperature graph. **Year 6** have been revising skills learnt across the year in English and maths. They have been doing this through quizzes, practice tests and teamwork. Their resilience and positivity have been amazing! In history, they have learned about the Industrial Revolution and its pros and cons. For art they looked at Peter Blake and created a collage of Brit images in his style.



# Times Table Fact of the Week

$$6 \times 8 = 48$$

$$8 \times 6 = 48$$

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$$48 \div 8 = ?$$

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



Anaya – 3O  
Challenge – for good listening in Show and Tell



Charlie – 4T  
Community – for super sitting in assembly



Sophia – 6M  
Community – for enthusiasm and skill in golf



Rafe – 5H  
Challenge – for good reasoning in maths



## Attendance

We have introduced a phone/text initiative to alert parents of children with low attendance or issues with punctuality where appropriate. We are hoping we can work together to improve both where necessary. Thank you for your support.



**ABSENCE = LOST OPPORTUNITY**

**Did You Know... ?**

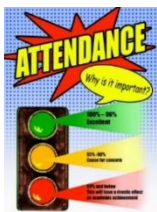
If Your Child's Attendance During the School Year...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
was 95%	9 Days from School	50 Lessons
was 90%	19 Days from School	100 Lessons
was 85%	29 Days from School	150 Lessons
was 80%	38 Days from School	200 Lessons
was 75%	48 Days from School	250 Lessons

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



**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.**

A reminder that holidays during term time will not be authorised, unless in exceptional circumstances and, where appropriate, a penalty notice will be applied for if taken. The school adheres to government guidelines regarding holidays. Research has found that pupils who performed better at the end of primary missed fewer days than those who didn't perform as well.



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.

## 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

**16/5** – Hernehill – return 4.30pm - **7/6** – Whitstable Endowed – return 4.30pm/**13/6** – Boughton-under-Blean – return 4.45pm

### Rounders Fixtures

Thursday 6 June – Herne Juniors – **away**

Monday 8 July – Hernehill – **away**

Thursday 11 July – Bysing Wood – **home**



## Additional messages

**Please note the office will be closed until 8.30am on Friday mornings due to weekly All Staff Meeting. Phones will not be answered or gates opened until that time.**

### 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

## 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

**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**

**Thursday 16 May – Netball Hernehill - away**

**Friday 19 May – 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**

**Wednesday 17 July - iRock end of term concert in afternoon. Time TBC**

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

**Friday 19 July – End of Term**

**Monday 22 July – SDD**

**Tuesday 23 July - SDD**