



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 10 May 2024



A message from Ms Kent

Dear parents/carers

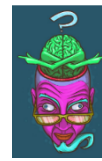
I hope you all enjoyed Bank Holiday weekend. The children and I commented that whilst the extra day was lovely it left us feeling a bit discombobulated!

This week I enjoyed spending an afternoon with 3B and 6H in which our year 6s were teaching year 3 cricket skills. Year 6's showed such patience and kindness and year 3 thoroughly enjoyed working with them - well done to 6H! We have continued to explore the value of Trust and this week the children have been exploring the importance of being truthful.

Good luck to our year 6 pupils who have SATs next week. Thank you to Mrs Roy and the year 6 teachers who have worked hard to ensure that those children who need additional support have it. It is our aim that all children have the opportunity to do their very best in a supportive environment. Parents and carers of year 6 children please ensure your child is in school and on time next week. Monday: SPAG; Tuesday English Reading; Wednesday Maths Paper 1 (arithmetic) and Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning); Thursday Maths paper 3 (reasoning).

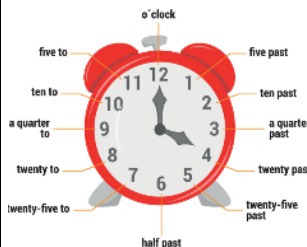
Wishing you all a lovely weekend,
Sarah Kent

**GOOD LUCK
YOU GOT THIS!**



What have the children been up to this week?

This week in **Year 3** the children have been completing their exciting adventure stories based on 'Ottoline and the Yellow Cat' as well as learning more about time in maths. In RSE, the children have thought about the importance of being themselves and how special that makes them. They have also enjoyed a trip to the beach to observe and sketch the physical and human features of the landscape as part of their Whitstable geography topic. **Year 4** have started a new book, 'The Thieves of Ostia', in English this week. This mystery story is set in Ancient Rome and the children have been using descriptive writing skills to show their understanding of the new characters. In maths they have been finishing their unit of work on decimals by solving some tricky flexible partitioning problems. In history, they have been learning who Queen Boudicca was and why she led a rebellion against the Romans. We are looking forward to sending out letters next week, for our end of term trip to Richborough Roman Fort, to bring their learning to life! In PE, the children continue to impress us with their co-ordination and sportsmanship in their Netball sessions. **Year 5** have had a busy week looking at different types of angles: naming them, estimating them and measuring them. In English, the children have started a new unit on RAP (Rhythm and Poetry) particularly looking at Space Poetry. Discovering more about North America, the children have been in research mode investigating a particular place and in science the children have been discovering why we have seasons, different time zones and using graphs to look at sunlight hours. **Year 6** have been exploring the narrative poem 'The Highwayman' focusing on the imagery in the poem and the inference that can be made using evidence from the poem. We have been using quizzes to help us revise key grammar terms and maths facts. In history we have been exploring how the everyday lives of Victorians changed with the industrial revolution and how conflicts impact our lives today.



Times Table Fact of the Week

$6 \times 9 = 54$

$9 \times 6 = 54$

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Pupil leadership & team drivers go to...



Sienna – 6H
Challenge - for



Milo – 5L
Community – for holding the door open



Mya – 4JW
Challenge – for answers in maths



Lucille – 3B
Challenge – to answering a tricky maths question



Hot chocolate Friday with Ms Kent

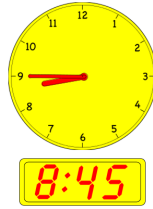


Each week I will spend time enjoying some hot chocolate with children who consistently show our school values as a way of recognising their positive behaviour.

Well done this week to:

3O – Florence Conte 5H – Martha Thomas-
3B – Tyler Sargeant Pollock
4JW – Yazmine Smith 5L – Joseph Chambers
4T - Grace King 6H – Yasmin Whittall
6M - Ted Narain

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.

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.

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

13/5 – Boughton-under-Blean – away – return 4.45pm - **16/5** – Hernehill – return 4.30pm

Rounders Fixtures

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

Monday 8 July – Hernhill – **away**

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



Additional messages

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

FLYIN AT THE MUSEUM
In association with
LAA KENT STRUT FLYIN
WEATHER PERMITTING

HUNDREDS OF AIRCRAFT LANDING AT MANSTON
FRIDAY 24TH - SUNDAY 26TH MAY
10am-4pm Daily NO NEED TO BOOK

Light aircraft on the Museum's Taxi-way
Meet the Pilots
Charity Stalls
Plane Spotting!
Younger Activity Sheet
Sit in Light Aircraft! Vehicles on Display

*Normal museum fees apply

24TH - 26TH MAY
Doors Open: 6.30pm
Talk Starts: 7.00pm
Tickets: 5pp

A tribute and talk about
THE LIFE AND DEATH OF
AMY JOHNSON
An evening dedicated to the
captivating story of legendary
aviator Amy Johnson

Booking Essential
Please call 01843 811111

**Escorted Tours from the Museum
to the Airport viewing area**
Allowing access to view hundreds of planes
and to have a chat with the pilots
£5pp
Proceeds to Charities - The Martha Trust, Brain
Tumour Research • The RAF MBM

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

Monday 13 May – 16 May – Year 6 SATs tests

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

Thursday 16 May – Netball Hernhill - away

Friday 17 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

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