



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 5 September 2025



A message from Ms Kent & Ms Collin

Alone we are smart, together we are brilliant



The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you enjoyed the summer break and were able to spend some extended, quality time with your children. While holidays are special, we are absolutely delighted to welcome the children back to school!

They have returned with commendable attitudes and enthusiasm, and we're so pleased to see that they haven't forgotten how to exemplify our community code: **Be Kind, Be Responsible, Be Safe.**

School life has started with great purpose, and it's a pleasure to see our classrooms buzzing with productivity. As the term progresses, we're excited to provide the children with enriching learning experiences and support their ongoing development.

We continue to be present at the school gate every morning and afternoon. This is so we can greet pupils and adults, so we're available to help with any questions, worries, or feedback. Please feel free to approach us, no matter how big or small your query. Alternatively, you can contact us via the school office or email:

- Ms Kent: skent@whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk (Monday to Wednesday)
- Ms Collin: kcollin@whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk (Thursday and Friday)
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Working in partnership with you is very important to us. Together, we can ensure every child is happy at school and able to be the very best they can be.

It is wonderful to start building relationships with our Year 3 parents who stayed for a cuppa after drop-off on Tuesday. Next Wednesday, we have our first termly event, where you're invited to meet your child's teacher from **3:00–3:30pm**. This is a great opportunity to see your child's classroom and get to know the staff who work most closely with them.

We'd also like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our new parents and children who have joined the Whitstable Junior School family this week. We will do everything we can to make sure the transition into school is as smooth as possible for everyone. Remember, our door is always open. If you have any concerns or queries, please contact Mrs Harris, our Lower School Lead, at bharris@whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk.

We look forward to working closely with you this year.

With best wishes,

Ms Kent & Ms Collin

Co- Headteachers

*Nothing is impossible, the word
itself says I'm possible*

What have the children been up to this week?

The children in **Year 3** have had a wonderful start to their adventures at WJS. We have been so impressed with how confident and independent the children already are. They have been able to learn lots of our school routines this week. In English, the children have revised how to construct interesting sentences and in maths they have demonstrated their fantastic place value knowledge using lots of different manipulatives. **Year 4** have had a fantastic first week back and have dazzled with their enthusiasm for learning. The children have been demonstrating their understanding of place value in maths, representing and partitioning numbers up to 1,000. In English, the class have been getting back into the writing groove by writing descriptive paragraphs brimming with figurative language. Year 4 particularly enjoyed their first science lesson of the term, making their own water cycles in a bag. We are so incredibly proud of our **Year 5** children this week, as they have settled into new routines quickly and sensibly. They have been reviewing core concepts from the Year 4 curriculum and impressing us with their recall of facts from science and history. The children have also shown great curiosity for what's to unfold in Year 5, particularly in our learning today on the Viking raids at Lindisfarne. Well done Year 5! **Year 6** have had a fantastic start to the year. They've explored growth mindset and how the zones of regulation help us be aware of both our own feelings and support others with their emotions. The children have started their new rainforest topic and investigated more independent presentation methods through mind mapping. In English, they've started The Explorer and begun to get to know the characters and the setting. PE has been football - a wonderful opportunity for so many of them to show their fantastic skillsets.

The boy ran to the park.



Times Table Fact of the Week

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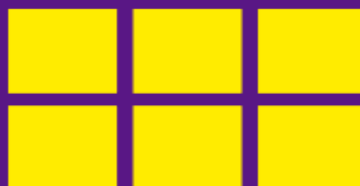
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Attendance



Thank you for ensuring your child is on time and ready to learn every day. Gates open at 8.30am and close at 8.45am. If your children are late, please bring them into the office. The school logs a reason for lateness which should come from parents/carers rather than children. If children are absent due to illness, please call the school office by 8.50am. You will need to call the school each day of absence.

PE Timetable for Term 1

PE lessons will start first day of term i.e., Tuesday 2 September! Children come to school wearing **full PE kit** (inc. jogging bottoms and jumpers if necessary – not skins) on the following days.

3H Tuesday and Friday

3M Thursday and Friday

4J Monday and Thursday

5H Tuesday and Thursday

5PW Wednesday and Friday

6L Monday and Friday

6T Thursday and Friday



Lunch Menu w/c 1 September

School lunches are £3.20 per day. Cold lunch only on 11 September due to Kent Test

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Macaroni Cheese OR Veggie Meatballs In Tomato Sauce Served with Wholewheat Pasta OR Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	BBQ Chicken Pizza Served with Potato Wedges OR Meatless Feast Cheesy Pizza Served with Potato Wedges OR Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy OR Meatless Shepherd's Pie Served with Gravy OR Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholewheat Pasta OR Tex Mex Vegetable Fajita Wrap Served with Wholegrain Rice OR Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Fish Fingers Served with Chips OR Veggie Fingers Served with Chips OR Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES				
Ham Sandwich or Wrap OR Cheese Sandwich or Wrap	Baguette Ham/Tuna/Cheese OR Ham or Cheese Sandwich	Ham Sandwich or Wrap OR Cheese Sandwich or Wrap	Baguette Ham/Tuna/Cheese OR Ham or Cheese Sandwich	Ham Sandwich or Wrap OR Cheese Sandwich or Wrap
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD				
Strawberry Jelly	Carrot, Orange and Sultana Slice	Flapjack with Fruit	Lemon Emerald Cake	Chocolate Ice Cream

Open days for September 2026 intake

Tuesday 4 November from 9 – 10am
 Thursday 6 November from 9 – 10am
 Monday 10 November from 2 – 3pm
 Wednesday 19 November from 9 – 10am
 Tuesday 25 November from 2 – 3pm
 Thursday 27 November from 9 – 10am

Open morning Saturday 15 November from 10 – 12pm



Additional Messaging

We are delighted to introduce our **Year 6** ambassadors for this academic year. Each of these pupils impressed us with thoughtful letters, clearly demonstrating how they embody our school values and community code. They also shared inspiring ideas about how they will represent our school within the wider community. Congratulations to **Daniel, Lauren, Mia and Ben**. We are incredibly proud of you and look forward to seeing the positive impact you'll make both in school and beyond.

Year 6 Residential – The trip will run from Wednesday 3 June – Friday 5 June 2026, the cost of which is £340.00. A deposit of £40.00 required by Friday 26 September 2025 with further instalments of £100.00 due by Friday 19 December 2025, Friday 13 February 2026 and Monday 30 March 2026.

Exciting Opportunity: Free Flute Lessons for Year 4



We are thrilled to offer an exciting musical opportunity for our Year 4 children this year! Thanks to generous funding from Kent Music, our pupils will receive professional flute lessons completely free of charge. Each child will be provided with their very own flute (on loan) and will enjoy a dedicated hour of music tuition every Tuesday after break, throughout the school year. This is a fantastic chance for them to learn a new instrument, develop their musical skills, and experience the joy of performing. We can't wait to watch our young musicians grow into confident and accomplished woodwind players.

If you have any old footballs your children no longer use, we would love them for children to use at breaktime



Netstars Netball -Action-packed Saturday netball classes at the Whitstable School.

Gear Up (years 1-3) 12-1pm
Aim High (years 4-6) 12-1pm

Come and join the fun, make friends and learn great skills!
<https://netstars-netball.classforkids.io/term/129>

Sign up for a free trial and use code PAR892 to get 15% off Autumn with Netstars.
Any questions? Please email us at info@netstarsnetball.com



Letters and email

If you have a message, please send it to the office and it will be passed to your child's teacher / dealt with as appropriate. Do contact the office if you require paper copies. Please refer to the date section of the newsletter for upcoming trips.



Dates - Term 1

Monday 1 September – Secondary school application website opened until 31 October
Tuesday 2 September – Learning to Learn week
Tuesday 9 September – Meet the teacher – 3.15pm – 3.40pm. Please enter through bottom gate
Thursday 11 September – Kent Test (cold lunches only)
Friday 12 September – Year 3 & 4 Road Safety Talks
w/c Monday September – Jeans for Genes Week
Thursday 18 September – Mr Holmes, Headteacher TWS to visit Year 6
Friday 26 September – deposit of £40 due for Year 6 residential
Friday 19 September – Wear denim day in return for donation to Jeans for Genes
Monday 22 September – Clubs start for Terms 1 & 2
w/c Monday 6 October – Black History Week
w/c Monday 6 October – Year 4 MTC check
Tuesday 7 October – Year 6 Parent secondary school application support meeting at 5pm
Thursday 9 October – Individual photos
Friday 10 October – Food Bank Donations
Monday 13 October – Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Wednesday 15 October – Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 16 October – Kent Test results to parents
Friday 17 October – End of Term 1
Tuesday 22 October – Start of Term 2
Friday 31 October – Closing date for secondary school applications
Monday 3 November – Friday 14 November – Year 6 Bikability
Tuesday 11 November – Remembrance Day – Year 6 to Cenotaph
w/c Monday 10 November – September 2026 parent tours
w/c Monday 10 November – Anti-Bullying Week
Saturday 16 November – Open Morning for September 2026 parents
w/c Monday 17 November – Inter-Faith Week
Monday 17 November AIM High Writing Day for Years 5 & 6 with Sam Gayton
Date TBC December TBC – Christmas Fair – 3.15 – 5pm
w/c Monday 8 December – Year 3 Nativity – date TBC

Friday 12 December – After school clubs finish
Wednesday 17 December – Christmas jumper and lunch day
Wednesday 17 December – Progress Attainment Reports to parents
Friday 19 December - £100 residential trip instalment due
Friday 19 December – Christmas carols at St Alphege from 2.30pm – parents welcome
Friday 19 December – End of Term 2
Monday 5 January – Start of Term 3
Friday 13 February - £100 residential trip instalment due
Monday 30 March - £100 residential trip instalment due
Monday 27 April – Parent consultation – time TBC
Wednesday 29 April – Parent consultation – time TBC
w/c 11 May – Year 6 SATs tests
Monday 1 June – Kent Test application for year 5 opens
Wednesday 3 June – Friday 5 June – Year 6 residential
w/c Monday 29 June – Transition Week – ALL schools on Thursday 2 July
Thursday 2 July – New Year 4 Parent Meeting at 9am
Wednesday 1 July Kent Test application closes
w/c Monday 6 July – Year 6 Production
Wednesday 17 July – Full Reports to parents
Wednesday 17 July – Year 6 Leavers Celebration in St Alphege church from 11am for Year 6 and 2pm for parents

Term 1

Finish: Friday 17 October 2025

Term 2

Start: Tuesday 28 October 2025

Finish: Friday 19 December 2025

Term 3

Start: Monday 5 January 2026

Finish: Friday 13 February 2026

Term 4

Start: Tuesday 24 February 2026

Finish: Thursday 2 April 2026

Term 5

Start: Monday 20 April 2026

Bank Holiday: Monday 4 May 2026

Finish: Friday 22 May 2026

Term 6

Start: Monday 1 June 2026

Finish: Friday 17 July 2026

Staff Development Days

Monday 27th October 2025

Monday 23 February 2026

Monday and Tuesday

20/21st July 2026