



# Whitstable Junior School

*Learning today for life tomorrow*

## Week ending 12 September 2025



### A message from Ms Kent & Ms Collin

Dear parents/carers

It was lovely to see so many of you in school on Wednesday for our *Meet the Teacher* event. The children showed great confidence in sharing their classrooms with you, and it's clear they are now well and truly settled into the routines of school life and busy learning.

On Thursday, some of our Year 6 children took the Kent Test. They approached this with incredible resilience. When discussing the test with the children, we avoid using language such as "pass" or "fail." Instead, we explain that the process helps adults make informed decisions about the most suitable secondary school options.

We've noticed a number of children attending dentist and optician appointments this term. We kindly ask that, wherever possible, appointments are scheduled outside of school hours to avoid impacting your child's attendance. If this isn't possible, we request that children attend school for part of the day—either before or after the appointment. To authorise these absences, we require evidence of the appointment (e.g., a photo of the letter or a screenshot of the appointment text).

Next week, we look forward to our annual *House Captain Elections*. We wish all the children who have put themselves forward the very best of luck!

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Ms Kent & Ms Collin -Co- Headteachers



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

In **Year 3** this week, the children have started reading the book 'Stone Age Boy.' They have thought carefully about the characters and used their inference skills to think about feelings and emotions. In maths, the children continue to work on their place value learning, exploring making hundreds and thousands and putting numbers on a number line. In History, the children have used a timeline to order events chronologically and identify where the Stone Age would be in relation to other historical times. What a fantastic week **Year 4** have had! This week we have started looking at our English text, 'The Wind in the Willows', which the children have loved so far. In science, the class have investigated the different states of matter using lemonade and raisins - please ask them what they discovered. We also participated in our first flute lesson, practising how to use the head piece and exploring rhythm. **Year 5** have enjoyed a drama activity this week, in order to display their understanding of the characters in 'Odd and the Frost Giants'. Book Talk has also explored Viking culture as we continue with the saga of 'Erik the Viking'. In maths, they have been impressing us with their resilience in reading and writing numbers up to 1 million! In RE the children have been learning about the 5 pillars of Islam and how these represent the fundamental beliefs of the Islamic faith. In PE the children have been practising their passing and dribbling skills with a football! This week has been a big one for **Year 6** with many undertaking the Kent Test. We wanted to say just how incredibly proud we have been of all those taking part - you were a credit to yourselves, your families and the school. For those not taking part, it has been wonderful to see how encouraging you have been to your friends in what can be an anxiety-inducing week. In DT they have started their new projects all about endangered animals and have completed some wonderful descriptive writing in English. During maths, the children have been working hard on securing their place value knowledge while in music they appraised the first genre for the new module, looking at three different pop songs, and exploring how a loop pedal works.

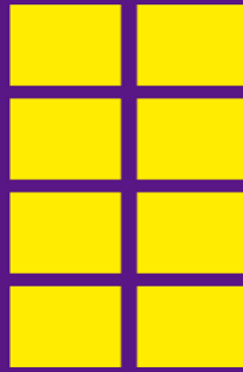


## Times Table Fact of the Week

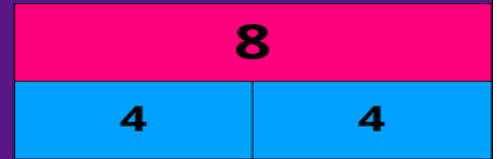
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## Attendance



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. Children are registered in their ready to learn time, therefore prompt attendance is essential. 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

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



## Outdoor learning

Children to wear PE kits on relevant days. Please ensure they have a change of shoes so we can keep mud out of the school.



- 6L Monday 15 September/Monday 29 September/Monday 13 October
- 3H Tuesday 16 September/Tuesday 30 September/Tuesday 14 October
- 3M Wednesday 17 September/Tuesday 23 September/Tuesday 7 October
- 5H Thursday 18 September/Thursday 2 October/Thursday 16 October
- 6T Monday 22 September/Monday 6 October
- 4J Wednesday 24 September/Wednesday 8 October
- 5PW Thursday 25 September/Thursday 9 October



# Lunch Menu w/c 15 September

School lunches are £3.20 per day.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Garlic and Herb Bread 🍷 🍷	BBQ Chicken Served with Wholegrain Rice 🍷	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Classic Beef Burger Served with Potato Wedges	Battered Pollock Served with Chips
OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
Vegetarian Cottage Pie Served with Gravy 🍷	Macaroni Cheese 🍷	Roasted Cauliflower and Chickpea Masala Served with Wholegrain Rice 🍷	Quorn Burger Served with Potato Wedges 🍷	Veggie Fingers Served with Chips
OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta 🍷 🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta 🍷 🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta 🍷 🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta 🍷 🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta 🍷 🍷
<b>HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES</b>				
Ham Sandwich or Wrap	Baguette Ham/Tuna/Cheese	Ham Sandwich or Wrap	Baguette Ham/Tuna/Cheese	Ham Sandwich or Wrap
OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
Cheese Sandwich or Wrap	Ham or Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich or Wrap	Ham or Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich or Wrap
<b>DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD</b>				
Fruits of the Forest Jelly 🍷	Chocolate Brownie 🍷	Banoffee Pie	Ginger Biscuit Served with Fruit 🍷 🍷	Strawberry 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

**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.



**STARTING MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**  
TERM TIME ONLY  
£3 PER SESSION

**LITTLE LIONS**  
YEAR R - 1  
5PM - 6PM

**FAVERSHAM TOWN DEVELOPMENT CENTRE**  
AGES 7 - 12  
6.15PM - 7.15 PM

UEFA QUALIFIED COACHES  
STATE OF THE ART 3G PITCH  
FANTASTIC FACILITIES  
ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

REGISTER NOW AND GET YOUR FIRST SESSION FREE!

The Aqueduct Stadium, Solihull Ln, Faversham ME13 8ND

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**WJS French Club**  
Fun lunchtime classes filled with songs, games and laughter  
Monday lunchtimes

French club costs £7 per session, plus £18 for a full-colour activity book lasting a year, inc MP3 audio.  
Places are limited, book now!

Contact Vicki  
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Paper Language Learning

Simon Langton Girls' Grammar School

**YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING**  
THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025  
5.30 - 8.00PM

There will be two presentations during the evening at 5.30pm and 6.15pm. Parents/guardians are invited to time their visit to coincide with one of these talks. Student guides will be available to offer a tour of the school throughout the evening. Should you find that a talk is full, please take a tour of the school and return for the next available talk. Booking for Open Evening is not required.

Free parking is available at the Park and Ride, New Dover Road, a short distance from the school.

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## 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

w/c Monday 15 September – Jeans for Genes Week  
Thursday 18 September – Mr Holmes, Headteacher TWS to visit Year 6 - TBC  
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  
Tuesday 30 September – 3M trip to Kent Life  
Wednesday 1 October – 3M Parent/Carer lunch  
Wednesday 1 October – 3H trip to Kent Life  
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  
Wednesday 8 October – 3H Parent/Carer lunch  
Thursday 9 October – Individual photos  
Friday 10 October – Food Bank Donations  
Thursday 16 October – Kent Test results to parents  
Friday 17 October – End of Term 1  
Tuesday 28 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 15 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 15 July – Full Reports to parents  
Wednesday 15 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

### Staff Development Days

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Monday 23 February 2026

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

Monday and Tuesday  
20/21<sup>st</sup> July 2026