



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow



Week ending 19 September 2025

A message from Ms Kent & Ms Collin

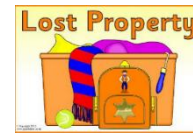
Dear parents/carers

It's been another busy and exciting week here at Whitstable Junior School! At the beginning of the week, our nurture group enjoyed a wonderful trip to the local library, sparking a love of reading and curiosity. On Friday, the whole school got involved in Jeans for Genes Day, proudly wearing denim to raise awareness and funds for a great cause.



Year 6 pupils have been especially busy: they delivered fantastic presentations for the house captain elections, showing real confidence and leadership. We were also delighted to welcome Mr Holmes from Whitstable School, who spoke to our Year 6s about what to expect as they transition to Year 7.

With the change in weather, we're seeing lots of jumpers and coats left on the playground. Please make sure all your child's clothing is clearly labelled – this helps us return lost items quickly.

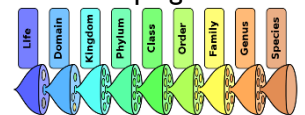


Thank you for your continued support – wishing everyone a restful weekend!

Ms Kent & Ms Collin -Co- Headteachers

What have the children been up to this week?

Year 3 have had another great week learning about the Stone Age. In history the children investigated what the Stone Age people might have done in their everyday lives. In English, they experimented with using speech in their writing in a conversation between Om and her father. In maths they have been working out 1, 10 or 100 more or less. **Year 4** are really getting to grips with their place value topic, flexibly partitioning numbers in numerous ways and using manipulatives to support them to add and subtract thousands, hundreds, tens and ones. In English, we have been diving into grammar, using expanded noun phrases and recognising main and subordinate clauses. As part of our PE learning this term, the class have been thinking about their running technique and competing against themselves to run faster and faster. In geography we created some beautifully illustrated diagrams showing the journey of a river, from source to mouth. In **Year 5**, we have finished reading 'Odd and The Frost Giant' and have begun planning an exciting verbal debate about whether or not the Frost Giant had been treated fairly. Our journey into place value continued in maths, looking at powers of 10 and partitioning up to 1 million. In science, we have been sieving and dissolving various solids, to understand what is changing/not changing and why this might happen. Across all subjects, year 5 have shown great perseverance and teamwork supporting one another to achieve success! **Year 6** have been working hard this week on becoming secure with addition and subtraction and applying it to problem solving. They have been developing their understanding of characters from the explorer and writing a recount of the events that have happened in their style in English. In science, they have been looking at the systems used to classify animals from the time of Aristotle to Carl Linnaeus and have been developing their incredible ball skills in Basketball.



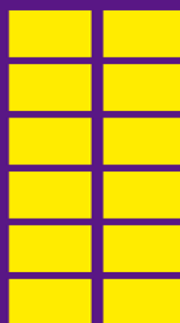
Times Table Fact of the Week

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$$6 \times 2 = 12$$

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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** Wednesday 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 29 September/Monday 13 October
- 3H** Tuesday 30 September/Tuesday 14 October
- 3M** Tuesday 23 September/Tuesday 7 October
- 5H** 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 22 September

School lunches are £3.25 per day.

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

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. **Please be aware if deposits are not paid on time your child will not be able to attend. This is the strict enforcement of the booking terms. Any deposits received after next Friday will therefore have to be returned.**



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 not contact the office if you require paper copies. Please refer to the date section of the newsletter for upcoming trips.



Dates

Date changes from previously published in red

Monday 22 September – Clubs start for Terms 1 & 2

Friday 26 September – deposit of £40 due for Year 6 residential

Tuesday 30 September – 3M trip to Kent Life

Wednesday 1 October – 3M Parent/Carer lunch

Wednesday 1 October – 3H trip to Kent Life

Wednesday 3 October – Year 6 Weight and Height measurements (NHS)

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

Wednesday 15 October – Parent Consultation 2pm – 5pm – school finishes as normal at 3.15pm

Thursday 16 October – Parent Consultation 3.30pm – 6.30pm – school finishes as normal at 3.15pm

Thursday 16 October – Kent Test results to parents

Friday 17 October – End of Term 1

Tuesday 28 October – Start of Term 2

Tuesday 28 October – Friday 7 November – Year 6 Bikability

Friday 31 October – Closing date for secondary school applications
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

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