



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 3 October 2025



A message from Ms Kent & Ms Collin

Dear parents/carers



It's been another busy and exciting week at WJS! Year 3 had a wonderful first trip out to Kent Life. It was wonderful to see and hear their enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the day. A big thank you to all the teachers, staff and parents who organised and accompanied the trip – your hard work made it a truly memorable experience.

We were also delighted to welcome so many parents to join us for the 3M parent lunch this week. It was a real pleasure to see parents and children sharing a meal together in school, and the children loved having you there! These lunches are a wonderful opportunity for you to experience a typical school lunch with your child and to see first-hand the positive, friendly atmosphere in our dining hall. The feedback from parents has been overwhelmingly positive, and we're so grateful for your continued support and involvement in our school community. We're very much looking forward to welcoming 3H parents for their lunch next week – we know the children are excited to have you join them too!

Looking ahead, Year 6 will be heading to Thornden Woods for their trip, and Year 5 has an exciting Viking workshop to look forward to. It's shaping up to be a busy and enriching few weeks for our pupils!

Wishing everyone a restful weekend!
Ms Kent & Ms Collin -Co- Headteachers



What have the children been up to this week?

Year 3 have loved learning about the Stone Age on their trip to Kent Life. The children learnt all about grinding grain and how the Stone Age people created cave art; they even met a member of a Stone Age tribe. In English they have been working on punctuating direct speech using screen shots from the film Dragon Slayer. In maths, the children have been subtracting numbers across the ten by using counters and number lines. **Year 4** are still really enjoying 'The Wind in the Willows', even more so now that we have started learning about Mr Toad's shenanigans. At the end of the week, we started writing a letter from Toad to Rat from inside his prison cell, incorporating lots of emotive language. In maths, we have been exploring rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 using number lines and a handy rhyme to help us. Year 4 have also been looking in-depth at the River Thames: using maps to plot its course and also exploring how the river is used nowadays and throughout history. In RE we have enjoyed learning about the Hindu creation story and producing storyboards to retell it. In **Year 5** this week, we have been exploring and planning. In English, we have been planning our very own Viking Sagas, thinking deeply about their purpose and meaning. In history, we explored the Viking beliefs and discussed 'why dying in battle was better than dying in bed, for a Viking'. In maths, we have just rounded off our place value unit and began to prepare for next unit 'addition and subtraction'. In RSE, we had a variety of conversations about our sleep routines, thinking about what can we do before bed to help our brain rest and prepare us for the next day. **Year 6** have had a very factual week writing amazing non-chronological reports about fascinating animals in the rainforest. They have mastered multiplying by 2-digit numbers and have started revising what they know about division. In geography, they wrote very passionate persuasive letters about stopping deforestation for palm oil and have designed and created their animals for their CAMs.



Times Table Fact of the Week

$$2 \times 8 = 16$$



$$16 \div 2 = ?$$



$$8 \times 2 = 16$$



$$16 \div 8 = ?$$

Attendance



Thank you for ensuring your child is on time and ready to learn every day. Gates open at 8.30am and close at 8.45 am. 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 and we need to ensure children have a lunch booked if needed. 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.

As we approach the colder weather, a reminder that children, if well enough, can come to school with minor coughs and colds.



PE Timetable for Term 1 & Upcoming Football Fixtures

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

BOYS FOOTBALL:

Tuesday 14 October - Davington v WJS - **away** 3:30pm start
 Thursday 20 November - Thornden Wood v WJS - **away** 3:30pm start
 WJS v Swalecliffe - TBC
 WJS v Hampton - TBC
 WJS v Herne - TBC

GIRLS FOOTBALL:

Tuesday 14 October - Davington v WJS - **away** 3.30pm start
 Thursday 20 November - Thornden Wood v WJS - **away** 3.30pm start
 Bysing Wood v WJS - **away** 3.30pm start
 WJS v Joy Lane - TBC
 WJS v Chislet - TBC



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 13 October
 3H Tuesday 14 October
 3M Tuesday 7 October
 5H Thursday 16 October
 6T Monday 6 October
 4J Wednesday 8 October
 5PW Thursday 9 October



Lunch Menu w/c 6 October

School lunches are £3.25 per day. Option B on Wednesday will be Quorn roast.

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 🍷
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES				
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
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD				
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
 Open morning Saturday 15 November from 10 – 12pm



Additional Messaging



Don't forget to book your parent consultation on line using link previously provided. See dates and times in date section below.

Year 6 Parent Secondary School Application Support meeting on Tuesday 7 October at 5pm.



Come and meet the PTFA on Wednesday 15 October at 2.30pm in The Studio and see if you can help!



Flu immunisation Service will be administering on the 7 November. Remember to complete the necessary form at www.kentimmunisations.co.uk before 4pm on 4 November. WJS school code is KT118364. WJS facilitate this on behalf of the NHS but do not organise.



We are recruiting for a School Business Manager. The position is listed on Kent Teach.



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

Date changes from previously published in red

w/c/ Monday 6 October – Black History Week
 w/c/ Monday 6 October – Year 4 MTC check
 Monday 6 October – Food Bank/All Wrapped speaking with school/taking assembly
 Tuesday 7 October – Year 6 Parent secondary school application support meeting at 5pm
 Tuesday 7 October – Year 4 Yoga Taster Session for PE
 Tuesday 7 October – 6L Thornden Wood trip. School uniform & change of shoes
 Wednesday 8 October – 6T Thornden Wood trip. School uniform & change of shoes
 Wednesday 8 October – 3H Parent/Carer lunch
 Wednesday 8 October – Year 5 Living History workshop
 Thursday 9 October – Individual photos
 Friday 10 October – Food Bank Donations- through back gate. Children to wear school uniform.
 Tuesday 14 October – Humanist Visitor for Year 6
 Wednesday 15 October – 5H trip to Pegwell Bay
 Wednesday 15 October – Meet the PTFA and see if you can help at 2.30pm in The Studio
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 – 5PW trip to Pegwell Bay
 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
 Tuesday 28 October – After school clubs start back up (same clubs and children as last term)
 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
 Friday 14 November – Children in Need – Herne Bay High Dance Dash
 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
 Tuesday 25 November – Fire Safety Talks – Whole School
 Tuesday 2 December – Year 4 Sound Workshop
 Friday 5 December – Christmas Shop
 Tuesday 9 December - Year 3 nativity to parents 2pm and 5pm
 Friday 12 December – Christmas Fair 3.13pm – 5pm
 Friday 12 December – After school clubs finish
 Wednesday 17 December – Christmas jumper and lunch day/party in class & Father Christmas
 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
w/c 21 January – NSPCC assemblies in phases
Monday 3 or Wednesday 5 February NSPCC workshops for Years 5 & 6
Friday 6 February – NSPCC Number Day
Thursday 12 February – School Disco – Lower School 4.30pm – 5.30pm/Upper School 6pm – 7pm
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
Friday 12 June – Summer Fair TBC
w/c Monday 29 June – Transition Week – ALL schools on Thursday 2 July
Thursday 2 July – New Year 3 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
Friday 17 July – End of Term 6

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