



# Whitstable Junior School

*Learning today for life tomorrow*

## Week ending 10 October 2025



### A message from Ms Kent & Ms Collin

Dear parents/carers



Thank you all for your generosity today with your food bank donations. On Monday, Vanessa and Phillip from **Canterbury Foodbank** visited and spoke to the children about the important work they do. This service is available to everyone in our community — including our families, staff, and the wider public. Please feel free to use it yourself or share it with others who may benefit. If you'd like to continue supporting the food bank during your weekly shop, the **Bank the Food app** is a great way to do so. This aligns beautifully with our school value of **Caring**, helping children learn about kindness and community support through small, meaningful actions.



**Year 6** enjoyed a visit to **Thornden Woods** as part of their Rainforest topic and **Year 5** took part in an engaging **Viking workshop**.

This year, we've updated how our governors monitor school activities by introducing a Governor Monitoring Morning. The children were a credit to us, the governors noticed how polite and enthusiastic the children were. Thank you in particular to the year 6 ambassadors and house captains who took them on their tour. The governors were delighted to hear how much the children enjoy writing and how well our year 3's have settled.

A big thank you to all parents from **3H** who attended our parent lunch. We love these opportunities to welcome you into school and get to know you better.

A warm welcome back to **Mrs Hitchmough**, who returns next week. We're excited to have her back with us!



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

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

This week, **Year 3** have worked hard on writing their own legends based on The Dragon Slayer. They have shown how confident they are becoming at using Vocab Ninja words and fronted adverbials in descriptions. In maths, the children have started to use column method to add and subtract numbers with increasing accuracy. Year 3 have also created their own pieces of art inspired by artist Jean-Michel Basquiat. This week **Year 4** have continued their letters to Ratty from Toad in English. The class have taken a lot of pride in this piece of work, editing and completing a neat copy. They have also revisited using inverted commas to write speech. In addition to this, year 4 started their new maths topic of addition and subtraction, learning how to add 4-digit numbers using column the method, utilising manipulatives to support them. They also had a special yoga taster session on Tuesday, which was a lot of fun and very relaxing. **Year 5** have had a tremendous week! The highlight has definitely been our Viking workshop, where the children were experimental archaeologists for the day. Their curiosity blew us away as they investigated artefacts, carved mystical runes into pewter, wielded weaponry, weaved on an authentic loom and even ground barley into flour using a hefty grindstone! In English the children's entertaining sagas are near completion and in maths they are working on their addition and subtraction of 4-digit numbers. Year 5 continue to enjoy their weekly French sessions in the ICT suite and have been practising wax relief techniques in art. **Year 6** have had a busy week working on Long Division and they have started to grasp a very tricky concept. In English, they have been developing their understanding of the Explorer's character and his behaviour towards the children. As well as all of this, for Black History Week, the children have been looking at Pablo Fanque, a Victorian Showman.

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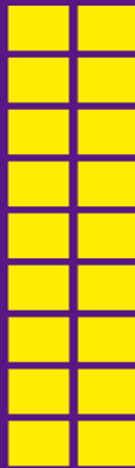


## Times Table Fact of the Week

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## Attendance

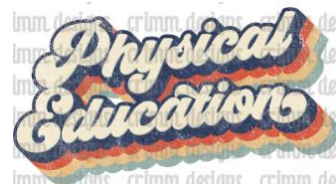


Thank you for ensuring your child is on time and ready to learn every day. Gates open at 8.30am and close at 8.45 am. Children are registered in their ready to learn time, therefore prompt attendance is essential. If your children are late, please bring them into the office. The school logs a reason 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.

## 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:

- Wednesday 13 November** - Davington v WJS - **away** 3:30pm start (**grass pitch, studs needed, parents welcome**)
- Wednesday 19 November** - Thornden Wood v WJS - **away** 3:30pm start (**grass pitch, studs needed, parents welcome**)
- WJS v Swalecliffe - TBC
- WJS v Hampton - TBC
- WJS v Herne - TBC



### GIRLS FOOTBALL:

- Wednesday 13 November** - Davington v WJS - **away** 3.30pm start (**grass pitch, studs needed, parents welcome**)
- Thursday 20 November** - Thornden Wood v WJS - **away** 3.30pm start (**grass pitch, studs needed, parents welcome**)
- Thursday 11 December Bysing Wood v WJS - **away** 3.30pm start (**grass pitch, studs needed, parents welcome**)
- 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  
 5H Thursday 16 October



## Lunch Menu w/c 13 October

School lunches are £3.20 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
<b>HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES</b>				
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
<b>DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD</b>				
Strawberry Jelly	Carrot, Orange and Sultana Slice	Flapjack with Fruit	Lemon Emerald Cake	Chocolate Ice Cream

## Open days for September 2026 intake

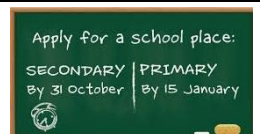
Tuesday 4 November from 9 – 10am  
 Thursday 6 November from 9 – 10am  
 Monday 10 November from 2 -3pm  
 Wednesday 19 November from 9 – 10am  
 Tuesday 25 November from 2 – 3pm  
 Open morning Saturday 15 November from 10 – 12pm



## Additional Messaging

This week we held a meeting for Year 6 parents outlining the application process for secondary admissions for September 2026, including options once the results of the Kent Test are published. If you were unable to attend, the information and PowerPoint shared can be found on our website:

<https://www.whitstablejunior.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Secondary+Transition+for+September+2026&pid=289>



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



Next week, Richard Norman a volunteer speaker for Humanist UK is coming to talk to the Year 6s on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October** during the school day. He will be talking about what Humanism is and the values they hold to be important to support the children's RE lessons this term on 'What matters most to Christians and Humanists?' Then, the children will have the opportunities to ask questions.



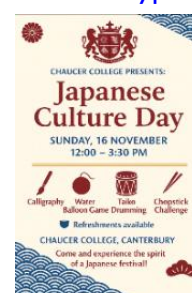
**Friday 31 October** PTFA Halloween cake sale after school at 3.15pm. Please bring any cake donations to the back gate in the morning (bought or homemade but NO nuts).



Flu immunisation Service will be administering on the 7 November. Remember to complete the necessary form at [www.kentimmunisations.co.uk](http://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



There are still a few spaces available at our **breakfast club** should you require <https://www.whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=5194&type=pdf>



## 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**

**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 – Halloween after school cake sale**

**Friday 31 October – Closing date for secondary school applications**

**Monday 3 November – Skip2Bfit workshop and 2 mins of skipping. Ropes available to purchase at end of school day with 10% discount**

**Friday 7 November – Year 4 trip to Westgate Gardens. Aqualab.**

**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**

**Wednesday 19 November – Year 6 trip to cathedral**

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

Monday 23 February 2026

Monday and Tuesday

20/21<sup>st</sup> July 2026