



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 17 October 2025



A message from Ms Kent & Ms Collin

Dear Parents and Carers



As we reach the end of another wonderful term, we wanted to take a moment to reflect on the incredible achievements and experiences our children have enjoyed.

This term has been truly exceptional. Our pupils have demonstrated remarkable resilience, enthusiasm, and dedication to their learning. It has been a privilege to witness their progress and celebrate their successes, both in and out of the classroom. We are particularly proud of how smoothly our children have transitioned through this term. Whether settling into new year groups, adapting to new routines, or welcoming new members to our school community, our pupils have shown maturity and kindness that exemplifies our school values.

Our curriculum has come alive through a variety of engaging learning experiences and educational visits. The many different learning opportunities our teachers have provided for the children have enabled them to be fully immersed in their learning, and the enthusiasm and curiosity they've shown has been inspiring to witness.

Thank you to all families who attended parents' evenings this week. These conversations between home and school are vital in supporting your child's progress and wellbeing. The partnership between school and home is fundamental to your children's success, and your engagement is greatly appreciated.

As we look ahead to next term, we would like to remind all families about our school uniform policy, particularly regarding jewellery, false nails, make-up and footwear. No jewellery should be worn to school (with the exception of small stud earrings and watches), no false nails are permitted and neither is no make-up. In addition, astro boots and studded boots are not permitted footwear for any lessons at school. These expectations help maintain a safe, focused learning environment where all children can participate fully in all activities without risk of injury. They also support our children in understanding appropriate standards for a primary school setting. We appreciate your support in ensuring your child arrives at school ready to learn and safe to participate in all activities.

As we close this term, we want to thank our entire school community – our dedicated staff, supportive parents and carers, and most importantly, your wonderful children who make Whitstable Junior School such a special place. We wish you all a restful and enjoyable break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Tuesday 28th October** for more exciting learning adventures.

What have the children been up to this week?

Year 3 have been studying the book *Where the Wild Things Are*; looking specifically at chronological order and time adverbials to begin sentences. In maths, the children have been working on exchanging within column subtraction. In science, Year 3 have written biographies about fossil hunter Mary Anning and looked at a range of Stone Age artefacts. This week **Year 4** have been displaying their superb maths skills, adding and subtracting 4-digit numbers with multiple exchanges. They have also been wrapping up their learning of 'The Wind in the Willows' by creating some beautiful book reviews, showcasing their creativity and great understanding of the text. In geography, we have been comparing the Nile and the Amazon rivers; the children were shocked by how many countries these rivers run through. **Year 5** have been putting their final touches to their Viking Sagas by editing and improving their work. In history, they have been looking at how Viking society was ordered and how decisions were made. They also braved the weather this week to sketch the Viking longboat at Pegwell Bay and applied the sketching techniques they have been developing this term. This week, **Year 6** have been writing as the explorer in English which has been jolly good fun indeed! In maths, they have worked incredibly hard, showing all they have learnt so far this year in assessments. We're really proud of the effort they have all put into them. In science, they have been working in teams to classify leaves with scientific vocabulary and have continued to work on their amazing mechanical animals in DT. Each class has been thoroughly enjoying their PE sessions of football and basketball, developing teamwork as well as key skills. They were also able to enjoy a visit from a humanist to answer their questions having studied humanism during RE.



Times Table Fact of the Week

$$2 \times 12 = 24$$



$$24 \div 2 = ?$$



$$12 \times 2 = 24$$



$$24 \div 12 = ?$$

PE Timetable for Term 2 & 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** Tuesday and Wednesday
- 5H** Tuesday and Wednesday/**5PW** Thursday and Friday
- 6L** Wednesday and Friday/**6T** Monday and Friday



Boys Football : Parents/carers welcome (matches subject to change)

- Wednesday 12 November** WJS vs Herne Juniors – **away** (grass)
- Wednesday 19 November** Thornden Wood v WJS - **away** 3:30pm start (grass)
- Wednesday 28 January** WJS vs Hampton – **home** (astro)
- Wednesday 4 February** WJS vs Davington – **away** (grass)
- Thursday 12 February** WJS vs Swalecliffe - **home** – (astro)

Girls Football : Parents/carers welcome (matches subject to change)

- Thursday 13 November** - Davington v WJS - **away** 3.30pm start (grass)
- Wednesday 19 November** - Thornden Wood v WJS - **away** 3.30pm start (grass)
- Thursday 26 November** – Hoath & Chislet vs WJS – **away** (astro)
- Thursday 11 December** Bysing Wood vs WJS - **away** 3.30pm start (grass)
- Wednesday 4 February** WJS vs Davington – **away** (grass)
- WJS vs Joy Lane – 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.

- 6T** Monday 3 November/Monday 17 November/Monday 1 December
- 3M** Tuesday 4 November/Tuesday 18 November/ Tuesday 2 December
- 4J** Wednesday 5 November/Wednesday 19 November/Wednesday 3 December
- 5PW** Thursday 6 November/Thursday 20 November/Thursday 4 December
- 6L** Monday 10 November/Monday 24 November/Monday 8 December
- 3H** Tuesday 11 November/Tuesday 25 November/ Tuesday 9 December
- 5H** Thursday 13 November/Thursday 27 November/Thursday 11 December



Lunch Menu w/c 27 October

School lunches are £3.20 per day. PLEASE NOTE: MENU BEING UPDATED AS EGGS WILL NEVER BE AN OPTION. OPTION 4 ON MONDAY WILL BE HAM/CHEESE/TUNA

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges 🍷	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta 🍷	Roast Chicken with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Oat Crusted Chicken with Potato Wedges	Fish Fingers with Chips
OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
Vegetarian Cottage Pie with Gravy 🍷🍷	Veggie Chilli Con Carne With Crispy Tortilla with Wholegrain Rice 🍷🍷🍷	Vegetable Pastry Slice with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy 🍷	Macaroni Cheese 🍷	Quorn Dippers with Chips 🍷
OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES				
Egg/Cheese Sandwich or Wrap	Ham/Cheese/Tuna Sandwich or Wrap	Ham/Cheese/Tuna Sandwich or Wrap	Ham/Cheese/Tuna Sandwich or Wrap	Ham/Cheese/Tuna Sandwich or Wrap
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD				
Chocolate Marble Cake 🍷	Orange Glazed Sticky Sponge Cake with Custard 🍷	Lemon Cookie 🍷	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse	Berry Blondie

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



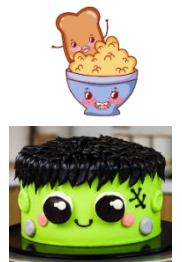
Additional Messaging

Your School Photograph is Ready!

School Photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card. If you have already scanned the QR code on the Proof and registered you will receive an auto email notification. If you have not done it yet, don't panic, you can still view by scanning the QR code on your Proof and following the instructions. If by chance you have not received your Proof or it has been lost you can call Vancols Parent Line on 01206 273711.

We are now running two breakfast club sessions : 7.30-8.30 £5.00 / session. 8.00-8.30 £2.50 / session. There are still a few spaces available should you require
<https://www.whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=5194&type=pdf>

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).



“This is a reminder to parents to submit a consent or decline for the FLU vaccination via the Immunisation Service’s website <https://www.kentimmunisations.co.uk/> Please submit your preference by the cut-off date **04/11/2025. Your school’s unique code/URN is: **KT118364”****

Bring the family, it's going to be splendid ...

WHITSTABLE Model Railway Exhibition

Saturday 25th October 2025
 10am to 4pm
 14 layouts plus more support
 Sweetfields & Queensfield Community Centre, 19 St John's Road, Sweetfields, Whitstable CT2 2QU

Admission: Adults £5, Children free

Canterbury Half Term Timetable

20th October - 28th October 2025

Our Activities

- After School Club/Health Club
- Swimming/Support Group
- Reading Club
- Chess
- Yoga
- Art

Admission to **Junior school in Kent 2026**

Apply online at kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Opens Friday 7 November 2025 and closes at midnight on Thursday 15 January 2026

For children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, Transferring to junior school in September 2026

Admission to **Secondary school in Kent 2026**

Apply online at kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Opens Monday 1 September 2025 and closes at midnight on Friday 31 October 2025

For children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015, Transferring to secondary school in September 2026

MyRealFairies is coming to Whitstable!

Pop by & have a FREE Glow Halloween Tattoo!

Join us in store for magical fun this half term!!

24th/25th/26th OCTOBER

WE SELL BY THE SEA (69 High St)

Potion Kits
 Fairy Companion Kits
 Fairy Accessories
 Free Tattoo in store

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

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 except for all external paid for clubs – you must re book each term)

Tuesday 28 October at 3pm – Tom Mullender from Faversham Football Club – one off training for girl's football afterschool session

Thursday 30 October at 3pm – Tom Mullender from Faversham Football Club – one off training boy's football afterschool session

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

Staff Development Days

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

Monday 27th October 2025

Monday 23 February 2026

Monday and Tuesday

20/21st July 2026