



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 7 November 2025



A message from Ms Kent & Ms Collin

Dear Parents and Carers



We have had another exciting week at WJS!

We were thrilled to welcome Skip2Bfit to school for some energetic skipping workshops. Skipping is a fantastic cardiovascular exercise that builds stamina and confidence – and the children absolutely loved it!



Our dedicated Sports Crew members received training this week from Corrine at Herne Bay High School. They worked hard in their training sessions, learning how to be positive role models and leaders during playtimes and sporting events. They're developing important skills in organisation, communication and supporting their peers to stay active. We're incredibly proud of their commitment in promoting physical activity across the school.

We have also been delighted to welcome prospective families to Whitstable Junior School this week who have attended our school tours. If you know anyone considering joining our school community, please do encourage them to get in touch to arrange a visit. There's no better way to experience the warm, nurturing atmosphere and see our fantastic pupils in action!

As always, thank you for your continued support.
Ms Collin & Ms Kent



What have the children been up to this week?

This week, **Year 3** have been recalling their multiplication knowledge with the use of arrays and counting in 2s. In English, they have delved further into Ted Hughes' fantastical world of The Iron Man by writing a recount of the events so far. Historically, the children have journeyed inside an Iron Age house to discover how these ancient peoples lived. **Year 4** have absolutely loved exploring 'The Midnight Fair' in English and have produced some impressive recounts and descriptive writing, utilising figurative language devices and fronted adverbials. In maths, we have embarked on a unit of multiplication and division. It is clear how well the class is getting to grips with their tables by their confidence in these lessons - keep it up! In gymnastics, the class worked in pairs to produce matching and contrasting balances; they even starting putting these into a routine. **Year 5** have been exploring thermal insulation in science and outdoor learning, exploring which is the best material to either keep ice cubes cold or a hot drink hot! In English they have written a set of instruction for a game, focusing on modal verbs and adverbials. In maths we have started exploring different types of numbers including factors and multiples using their times table knowledge. This week, **Year 6** have been comparing and simplifying fractions as well as continuing with their incredibly evocative WWI poetry. In addition to this, they have continued to explore the ways in which bones can show evolution and how changes over time have been caused by adapting to different habitats. During history they have written Maya creation myths in the form of a ballad and have really enjoyed using the pianos to investigate the A minor key for music.

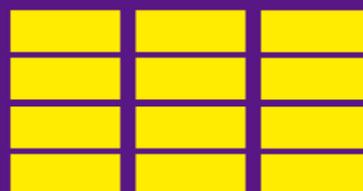


Times Table Fact of the Week

$$3 \times 4 = 12$$

12			
4	4	4	4

$$12 \div 3 = ?$$



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4	4	4

$$12 \div 4 = ?$$

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 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 Monday and Tuesday
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 17 November/Monday 1 December
3M Tuesday 18 November/ Tuesday 2 December
4J Wednesday 19 November/Wednesday 3 December
5PW 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 10 November

School lunches are £3.20 per day. Menu being updated as eggs will never be an option

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Chicken with Rainbow Rice	Fish Fingers with Chips
OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
Veggie Burrito with Wholegrain Rice	Vegetarian Sausage with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Roast Quorn with Roast 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 Caramel Crunch	Flapjack	Chocolate Brownie	Apple and Golden Syrup Sponge with Custard	Strawberry Ice Cream

Open days for September 2026 intake

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

Next week is anti-bullying week “Power for Good”. Children can wear odd socks this Monday 10 November symbolising embracing differences



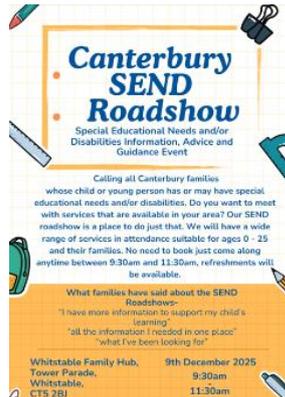
Next Friday 14 November is a Children in Need donation **OR** All Wrapped Up Christmas present donation. It is a non-uniform day if children would like to wear their own clothes. No crocs or heeled shoes please. Herne Bay High School will be visiting school with their dance pupils to entertain us with their always exciting dance dash.



The cake sale made £110 which will go towards playground improvements. Thanks PTFA!

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>



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 10 November – Anti bullying week “Power for Good” . Children to wear odd socks
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 **OR** All Wrapped UP – Herne Bay High Dance Dash and non-school uniform day
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 25 November – Zones of Regulation parent workshop at 5.30pm
Friday 28 November – Non-school uniform day in return for bottles for tombola if possible
Tuesday 2 December – Year 4 Sound Workshop

Friday 5 December – Christmas Shop
Friday 5 December – Non-uniform day in return of any chocolate donations if possible
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 2

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 2022

Staff Development Days

Monday 23 February 2026

Monday and Tuesday 20/21 July