



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow



Week ending 14 November 2025

A message from Ms Kent & Ms Collin

Dear Parents and Carers



We hope this finds you well as we come to the end of another positive week at Whitstable Junior School.

We appreciate the children showing their good manners at the school gate each morning. Their smiles, greetings, and polite exchanges have created a wonderful atmosphere to start the day, while also helping them develop important social skills.

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, we celebrated Odd Socks Day. This fun and colourful day reminded us all about the importance of valuing our own uniqueness and speaking out against bullying. Children enjoyed wearing their odd socks and took part in important discussions about kindness, respect, and celebrating differences. We are so proud of how thoughtfully everyone engaged with these themes.

Tomorrow, we will be welcoming prospective Year 2 families for our Open Morning. This is an excellent opportunity for parents and carers to see our school in action, meet staff, and ask any questions about what life at Whitstable Junior is like. If you know any families who might be interested, please do encourage them to attend – your word of mouth is incredibly valuable in helping us grow our school community!

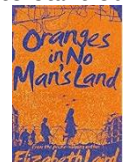
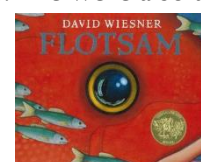
A heartfelt thank you goes to Mrs Harris and the whole staff team for organising and supporting these fantastic events. Their commitment to making Whitstable Junior School a welcoming and nurturing place is much appreciated.



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

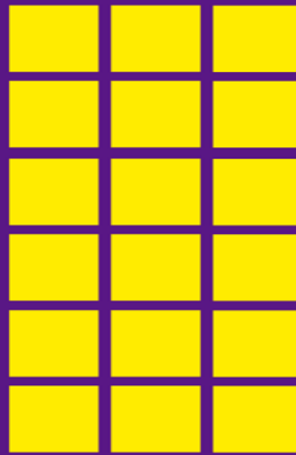
What have the children been up to this week?

This week, **Year 3** have been writing newspaper reports about the return of the Iron Man; they have looked closely at newspaper reports and then tried to use the different writing styles to produce their own front page. In maths the children have continued with learning how to multiply and divide; looking specifically at the 3x table. Also, rehearsals are under way for the Year 3 nativity and the singing sounds wonderful already! **Year 4** have begun exploring a new text in English, linked to their geography topic of 'natural disasters'. So far, they have produced some super writing using time conjunctions as fronted adverbials and have displayed great understanding of 'show-not-tell'. In art, we have been experimenting with how to achieve good blending using oil pastels. In geography, we looked at all the different processes that can create mountains, as well as how to identify them. This week, **Year 5** have been exercising their curiosity this week, particularly in English where they have been discussing what they observe, infer and wonder when a Brownie camera washes up on the shore in their new text *Flotsam*. In maths, they have been exploring prime, squared and cubed numbers and enjoying using the counters and cubes to represent their understanding. Geography learning has been focused on the process of erosion along our coastline and the children have produced some excellently detailed diagrams. Also, for anti-bullying week, they have loved designing their own superhero (with comic strip to feature them) who could tackle bullying behaviour! **Year 6** were privileged to take part in the Remembrance Day service at the cenotaph. It was a very meaningful and solemn occasion and the kids did us all proud. In maths they have started converting and adding fractions while in English we have begun our new book: *Orange in No Man's Land* and completed writing as well as some wonderful freeze-frame dramas. Science involved a fascinating experiment to discover how genes are passed down from parents to children, causing us to be similar to but not the same as our siblings. We were also able to start our fantastic Mayan mask project for Art.



Times Table Fact of the Week

$$3 \times 6 = 18$$



$$6 \times 3 = 18$$

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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 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 28 January** Hampton vs WJS – **home** (astro)
Wednesday 4 February Davington vs WJS – **away** (grass)
Thursday 12 February Swalecliffe vs WJS - **home** – (astro)
Wednesday 25 February Thornden Wood vs WJS – **away** (grass – studs needed)

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

- Thursday 26 November** – Hoath & Chislet vs WJS – **home** (astro)
Thursday 11 December Bysing Wood vs WJS - **away** 3.30pm start (grass – studs needed)
Tuesday 20 January Joy Lane vs WJS – **away** – (grass – studs needed)
Wednesday 21 January St Mary's vs WJS – **home** (astro)
Wednesday 4 February Davington vs WJS – **away** (grass – studs needed)
Wednesday 25 February Thornden Wood vs WJS – **away** (grass – studs needed)



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 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

Wednesday 19 November from 9 – 10am
 Tuesday 25 November from 2 – 3pm
 Open morning Saturday 15 November from 10 – 12pm



Additional Messaging



Whitstable Junior School PTFA
School Christmas Fair

At Whitstable Junior School on 12th
 Dec 3:15 to 4:30

Lots of different stalls and fun to be had.
 Tombola, Raffle, Candy floss, Class stalls, Food and drink and many more.



Christmas Shopping Event

During school hours on Friday 5th
 December 2025

We have a variety of gifts for everyone ranging from £1 to £4 – Children need to bring in money on the day. This is only happening on 1 day. Children will not have the opportunity to buy gifts on any other day..



SANTA AT THE MUSEUM
 6TH & 7TH DEC 2025
 10AM - 4PM

BOOKING VIA WEBPAGE FOR SANTAS GROTTO
 RAFMANSTON.CO.UK

HE'S ON HIS WAY



Santa's grotto and present included in normal Museum admissions fee (Event T&Cs apply)

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY
 FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL
 INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK



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 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