



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow



Week ending 21 November 2025

A message from Ms Kent & Ms Collin

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you have all had a wonderful week, just like we have at WJS!



This week our Year 6 pupils visited Canterbury Cathedral – a wonderful enrichment experience combining RE, architecture and cultural learning. The children explored this historic building whilst deepening their understanding in a real-world context.

We would like to say a huge well done and thank you to our Year 6 representatives during our recent open morning. They did an outstanding job leading prospective parents on tours around the school, confidently answering questions and showcasing what makes Whitstable Junior School so special. They perfectly demonstrated our school values and community code in action - they were articulate, welcoming and showed genuine pride in their school. Thank you, Year 6, for being such wonderful representatives! We would also like to say a heartfelt thank you to all staff who gave up their Saturday morning to support this event – your dedication is truly appreciated.

As the temperature continues to drop, please ensure your child comes to school with a warm coat every day. We expect all children to wear their coats during playtime and lunchtime when outdoors, as fresh air and outdoor play remain an important part of their school day, whatever the weather.

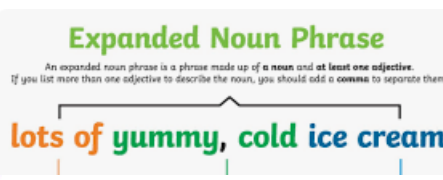
Finally, as we head towards the festive season, things are getting wonderfully busy here at school! There's lots to look forward to in the coming weeks, and I know the children are excited about all the Christmas activities we have planned. Thank you, as always, for your continued support - it makes such a difference to everything we do.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.



What have the children been up to this week?

Year 3 have continued to work on multiplying and dividing by 4 and 8 this week; they have begun to make links between these times tables. In English, they have read more of The Iron Man and looked carefully at the description of the dragon that sets challenges. In science, the children have predicted which soils would be best for a farmer to plant their crops and analysed data to explain the results. **Year 4** have been putting their English learning over the past weeks together to begin writing a recount from the perspective of Hannibal from our text, 'Hurricane'. They have blown us away with their enthusiasm for this piece of writing, which promises to be a joy to read. In maths, we have continued to think about multiplication and division, investigating with numbers to find rules to help us with dividing numbers by themselves, one and zero. Our science topic led us to thinking about pitch and how different instruments can make sounds of varying pitch. **Year 5** have been exploring erosion in headlands using their animation skills. In science they have been exploring which material would make the best superhero cape. We have been very impressed with their improvements in English, especially with their fronted adverbials. **Year 6** had an amazing week visiting Canterbury Cathedral looking at all the art and architecture. The children were a real credit to the school asking some really insightful questions and coming up with some of their own inspired stain glass windows. In English, they explored a new character in Oranges in No Man's Land and worked on their character and setting descriptions focusing on expanded noun phrases and relative clauses. In maths, they continued on their fractions journey mastering adding and subtracting fractions with mixed numbers and exploring different methods of doing so such as using a number line or finding the improper and partitioning.

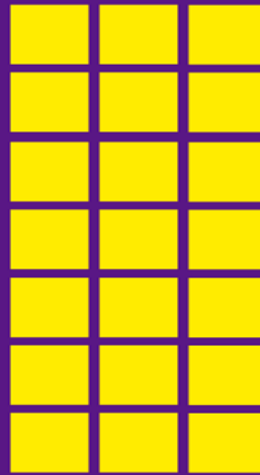


Times Table Fact of the Week

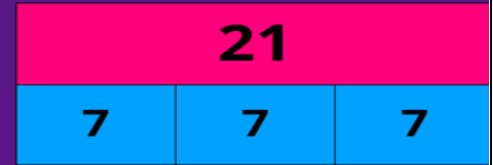
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$$7 \times 3 = 21$$



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Attendance

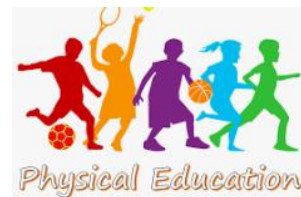


Thank you for ensuring your child is on time and ready to learn every day. Gates open at 8.30am and close at 8.45 am. Children are registered in their ready to learn time, therefore prompt attendance is essential. If your children are late, please bring them into the office. The school logs a reason 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 1 December
3M Tuesday 2 December
4J Wednesday 3 December
5PW Thursday 4 December
6L Monday 24 November/Monday 8 December
3H Tuesday 25 November/ Tuesday 9 December
5H Thursday 27 November/Thursday 11 December



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

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