



**Whitstable Junior School**  
*Learning today for life tomorrow*  
**Week ending 28 November 2025**



**A message from Ms Kent & Ms Collin**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week of learning, memories and fun here at Whitstable Junior School. This week, all classes have participated in important fire safety talks helping our children understand how to stay safe and what to do in an emergency. These sessions are part of our ongoing commitment to keeping everyone in our school community safe and informed.

Our Year 3 children enjoyed a wonderful playdate with friends from Whitstable Endowed C of E Junior School this week! It was a lovely opportunity for the children to reconnect with their friends from their infant schools and strengthen those important friendships as they continue their junior school journey.

Please remember to park safely and considerately along Cromwell Road. Do not park on the zig-zag markings near the school entrance – these are in place to keep our children safe. Parking on zig-zags creates a serious danger for children crossing the road and reduces visibility for other drivers. Thank you for helping us keep all our children safe.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

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

This week **Year 3** have started writing their own sequels to *The Iron Man*; the children have created a new creature and thought about what challenge the Iron Man will face. In maths, they have continued to look at the 8 times table and link it to halving and doubling. In RE lessons, the children have been looking closely at the Christmas story and why it is important to Christians.

In maths, **Year 4** have been learning about factors and have had a brilliant time displaying their understanding through drawing factor bugs. In science we learned all about Alexander Graham Bell and what inspired him to invent the telephone. The children enjoyed looking at how the telephone has changed over time and thinking about what phones may look like in the future. Braving the chilly weather, we developed our skills in PE, playing tag rugby. In art, we used different objects - including forks - to try to create movement in our static images of volcanoes.

**Year 5** have begun their exploration of fractions, using their manipulatives and times table knowledge to find equivalents. They have begun to look at features of a persuasive letter; identifying key points in an argument. In science, they have been exploring the properties of different materials to suit different purposes, whether it is superhero capes or animal hutches! After looking at different ways that our coastline is eroded, they have now begun to explore different coastal defences ready for a persuasive letter in support of protecting our coastlines.

This week, **Year 6** have continued to read their novel *Oranges in No Mans Land* and have explored some complex punctuation (including semi-colons). In Maths, they have been superstars when learning all about multiplying and dividing fractions and have continued to explore adaptation of animals in Science. History has been a chance to show all they know about the Maya; their beautiful posters were brimming with facts. Finally, they have shown wonderful creativity and flare in art, using Modroc to build up the shape of their Mayan masks.

## Times Table Fact of the Week

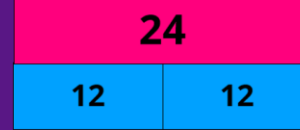
$$2 \times 12 = 24$$



$$24 \div 2 = ?$$



$$12 \times 2 = 24$$



$$24 \div 12 = ?$$

## 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 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 8 December/**3H** Tuesday 9 December
- 5H** Thursday 11 December



# Lunch Menu w/c 1<sup>st</sup> December

School lunches are £3.20 per day. Menu being updated as eggs will never be an option under Deli option 4

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	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
	OPTION 2	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 🌱
	OPTION 3	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						
DELI	OPTION 4	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					
DESSERT		Chocolate Caramel Crunch	Flapjack 🌱	Chocolate Brownie 🌱	Apple and Golden Syrup Sponge with Custard 🌱	Strawberry Ice Cream

## Additional Messaging



### 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..



### Whitstable Junior School PTFA School Christmas Fair

At Whitstable Junior School on 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



Join the jolliest jog of the year!

**SANTAS ON THE RUN!**

Sunday 14th December 2025

3k 5k 10k

Herne Bay Clocktower, CT6 5JQ

Celebrate the ho, ho, holiday season at Pilgrims Hospices' festive family fun run, and walk, jog or run your chosen distance to support a good Claus.

Sign up at [www.pilgrimshospices.org](http://www.pilgrimshospices.org) or 01227 812621

## 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 2 December – Year 4 Sound Workshop
- Friday 5 December – Christmas Shop (cash only on the day please)
- Friday 5 December – Non-uniform day in return of any chocolate donations if possible
- Monday 8 December – 5H trip to Canterbury Mosque
- Tuesday 9 December - Year 3 nativity to parents 2pm and 5pm
- Friday 12 December – Christmas Fair 3.15pm – 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**  
**Saturday 20 December – Whole school online bookings open for after school clubs**  
**Monday 5 January – Start of Term 3**  
**Monday 12 January – After school clubs start for terms 3 & 4**  
**Wednesday 14 January – 5H Parent/Carer lunch**  
**Wednesday 21 January – 5JW Parent/Carer lunch**  
**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**  
**Friday 13 February – End of Term 3**  
**Tuesday 24 February – Start of Term 4**  
**Friday 27 March – After school clubs finish**  
**Monday 30 March - £100 residential trip instalment due**  
**Thursday 2 April – End of Term 4**  
**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