



# Whitstable Junior School

*Learning today for life tomorrow*



**Week ending 12 December 2025**

## A message from Ms Kent & Ms Collin

Dear Parents and Carers,



We've had a wonderful festive week here at Whitstable Junior School!

Our Year 3 pupils delivered a fantastically magical nativity performance that parents thoroughly enjoyed attending. The children and staff worked incredibly hard to bring the Christmas story to life, and it was wonderful to see so many families support them.

Don't forget our Christmas Fair is taking place this afternoon at 3.15pm! The children have been busy creating lots of wonderful Christmassy items for their stalls. It's set to be a magical afternoon filled with festive cheer, and we can't wait to see you there. Come along and support our young entrepreneurs whilst getting into the Christmas spirit!

You're warmly invited to join us for our carol service at St Alphege Church next Friday at 2:30pm. This is always a special occasion where we come together as a school community to celebrate the season. We'd love to see as many families as possible attend to round off our Christmas celebrations.



We hope to see you at both events as we celebrate this special time of year together.

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

**Year 3** were absolutely fantastic performing their Nativity to friends and family; the Year 3 staff were so incredibly proud of every child for their bravery and teamwork needed to produce such a magnificent performance. In English, the children have started watching some Christmas adverts from years gone by; and have designed their own monsters based on Moz the Monster advert. In Maths, they continue to recap their knowledge of multiplication and division ready for next term. **Year 4** have completed some amazing maths work this week, using the column method to multiply 2 and 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number; the class have grasped this concept so brilliantly! In English, we have started our final piece of writing of the topic - our volcano explanation text. Science saw us fashioning our own phones using paper cups and string, seeing how vibrations carried our voices to our partners' cup. In RE we explored the Hindu festival of Holi and created some eye-catching posters on the topic. **Year 5** have begun filming their scenes for their instructional videos. There are some budding actors and directors among us! They have been researching sewage pollution in our seas as it is such a local topical issue, to write a persuasive letter. In maths we are soldiering on with our fractions, looking at equivalents and ordering. This week **Year 6** have been working incredibly hard to master those tricky problem-solving questions with fractions and have started converting metric units. In English, they completed their Oranges in No Man's Land stories and showed just how much they have learnt so far this year with some assessments. Art has been a chance to embellish and paint their wonderful Mayan masks and they have explored genetic engineering in science considering whether it is something we believe should or should not happen.

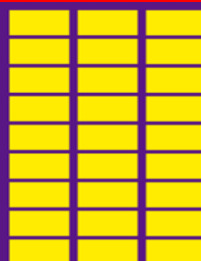


## Times Table Fact of the Week

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## Attendance



**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. 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 with the illness please as the school needs more info than “poorly”.

## 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



Another win for the Year 6 girls who played a great game of football winning against Bysing Wood 4-1. Well done girls!



### 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)

**Tuesday 20 January** Joy Lane vs WJS – **away** – (grass – studs needed)

**Wednesday 21 January** St Mary’s vs WJS – **home** (astro)

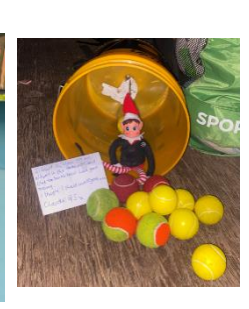
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## Claude Gigglesprout - Antics of The Week

Claude made it back to WJS after the weekend, what a clever Elf to learn his way around so quickly! Mrs Tucker and Ms Sydenham weren’t best pleased with him on Monday morning though as he had been a bit naughty and made a mess of the recently tidied library! But it was lovely to find him enjoying and being so enthralled by the books he was reading so he was forgiven for making the mess. Keep up the reading Claude, very impressive! Tuesday morning Mr Gigglesprout had clearly rummaged through office staff desks and found a stash of goodies. At least he had two of his five a day! Ms Hayes would not have celebrated his tea making skills as she is very fussy about her tea. He needs a few more lessons before he embarks on making one for her! Claude must have thought he should be healthy after eating all those snacks and decided he needed some fresh air and exercise as he was spotted on Wednesday hanging around in the outdoor classroom. He found it hilarious that not one child noticed him when they came through the gate. After all that playing outside, a jolly good scrub and relax in the bath for Claude on Thursday with his favourite rubber ducks. Make sure you wash behind your ears Claude and be sure to rinse off all the soapy bubbles! Very naughty Elf today! Claude GS heard children were not allowed in the container and teachers were frustrated all the tennis balls were going missing, so he felt he should investigate.



## Lunch Menu w/c 15 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
Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges 🍷	Beef Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta 🍷🍷	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chinese Sticky Lemon Chicken with Wholegrain Rice 🍷🍷	Fish Fingers with Chips
OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
BBQ Vegetable Wrap with Potato Wedges 🍷🍷	Vegetarian Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta 🍷🍷🍷	Roast Quorn with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🍷	Cheesy Vegetable Hotpot 🍷	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
<b>HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES</b>				
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
<b>DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD</b>				
Crunchy Apple Slice 🍷	Strawberry Shortcake Mousse	Oat Cookie 🍷	Apple Crumble with Custard 🍷	Chocolate Ice Cream

## Additional Messaging



## 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

- Wednesday 17 December – Christmas jumper and lunch day/party in class & Father Christmas
- Wednesday 17 December – Progress Attainment Reports to parents
- Thursday 18 December – Glee Club performance – 4pm (invitation only)
- Friday 19 December - £100 residential trip instalment due
- Friday 19 December – Christmas carols at St Alphege from 2.30pm – parents welcome
- Friday 19 December – Football Futures after school club session
- 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
- Friday 9 January – Whole school panto at 9.30am
- w/c Monday 12 January – The Lancaster Model questionnaire
- Monday 12 January – World Religion Day
- Monday 12 January – After school clubs start for terms 3 & 4
- Tuesday 13 January – AIM high maths day. Years 5 & 6
- Wednesday 14 January – HBH Arena Cross Country Cop. Years 3/4 & 5/6 1.30pm – 3.30pm
- Wednesday 14 January – 5H Parent/Carer lunch
- Wednesday 21 January – 5JW Parent/Carer lunch
- w/c 21 January – NSPCC assemblies in phases
- Tuesday 3 or Thursday 5 February NSPCC workshops for Years 5 & 6
- Tuesday 3 February – Number Day
- Thursday 5 February – Year 3 Beany Trip

**Friday 6 February – NSPCC Number Day**  
**Friday 6 February – Year 3 Trip to Beany**  
**Monday 9 February – Safer Internet Week**  
**Wednesday 2 February – Sports Hall Athletics (HBH) 9.30 – 12.30 Year 5 & 6**  
**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**  
**Wednesday 18 March – Quicksticks Hockey HBH (LS 9 – 11 and US 1 – 3.30M)**  
**Friday 27 March – After school clubs finish**  
**Monday 30 March - £100 residential trip instalment due**  
**Thursday 2 April – End of Term 4**  
**Thursday 23 April – New to Tennis at UKC Tennis Centre – Years 5/6 10 – 12pm**  
**Monday 27 April – Parent consultation – time TBC**  
**Wednesday 29 April – Parent consultation – time TBC**  
**Thursday 7 May – Tennis Tournament Year 3/4 at UKC Tennis Centre 10 – 12pm**  
**w/c 11 May – Year 6 SATs tests**  
**Friday 15 May – Year 6 End of Sats trip to Betteshanger**  
**Monday 1 June – Kent Test application for year 5 opens**  
**Wednesday 3 June – Friday 5 June – Year 6 residential**  
**Wednesday 10 June – Dynamo Cricket (Boys) US 10 – 3.30pm Chestfield CC**  
**Friday 12 June – Summer Fair TBC**  
**Wednesday 17 June – Football Tournament LS - Herne Bay High 1.30pm – 3.30pm**  
**w/c Monday 29 June – Transition Week – ALL schools on Thursday 2 July**  
**Wednesday 1 July – Dance Competition TBC (Boughton Village Hall)**  
**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 2026

**Staff Development Days**

Monday 23 February 2026

Monday and Tuesday 20/21 July