



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 16 January 2026



A message from Ms Kent & Ms Collin

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday, we welcomed Shehrazade and Kiren from Canterbury Mosque to our assembly as part of World Religion Week. Shehrazade shared what it means to her to be a Muslim in Britain today, explaining the similarities between Islam and other religions. We were pleased to notice that many Muslim values overlap with both our school values and British values, including mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. We discussed with the children the importance of respecting diversity and having an open mind and open heart towards people of all religions, colours and backgrounds

Clubs also started this week and we've enjoyed seeing the children participate in our wonderful enrichment offer. There are still places available on the following clubs, so please contact the school office if your child is interested:

- Bookclub Tuesday for independent readers – whole school
- Animation – Upper school Thursdays

We have a fantastic wraparound care offer at WJS. We currently have plenty of space in our breakfast club, which is run by WJS staff and provides healthy, filling

Breakfast options:

- Starts at 7:30am or 8.00am
- Costs £5.00 per session or £2.50 if starting at 8.00am

You can book a regular slot or arrange sessions on an ad hoc basis via the school office.

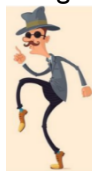
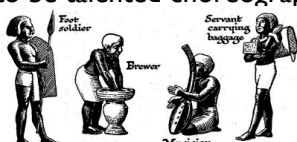
Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Sarah Kent and Kirsten Collin



What have the children been up to this week?

Year 3 have continued to learn about the Ancient Egyptians in English and history lessons this week, exploring different roles and jobs that people would have had in these times. In maths, the children have been working systematically to find all possibilities in a range of situations. In science, they have explored friction through an investigation using a range of different surfaces and a coin. This week, **Year 4** have been diving in to their topic of the Shang Dynasty, looking at what everyday life would have been like for people. We used this knowledge to support our writing in English, imagining a day in the life of Shen. Length and perimeter have been our focus in maths and we have been thinking about the most efficient methods to calculate the perimeter of a shape. In P.E, we have been learning some choreography inspired by spies and thinking about how to move our bodies to fit the theme. In English, **Year 5** have been getting their teeth stuck into writing fight scenes between heroes and beasts from Greek mythology. They have been experimenting with sentences of different lengths to create tension and suspense. In maths, the children have been working hard subtracting fractions and are now looking forward to a new unit of work on multiplication and division next week. The differing worlds of Athens and Sparta have been explored in history, where they've had to decide whether they would rather have lived in an Athenian or a Spartan culture. Also, in art, they have loved practising pattern work on Ancient Greek pots, in preparation for creating their own designs on clay later this term! **Year 6** have impressed us with their secure understanding of decimals, confidently multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000, as well as multiplying and dividing by integers. In English, the children have been immersed in *Darwin's Dragon*, writing thoughtful diary entries from Sym's perspective that vividly capture his fear of being caught by the sky beast (later revealed to be a dragon) and his deep sadness at losing his beloved lizard, Farthing. In geography, pupils have been exploring a range of biomes, producing clear and informative information pages that demonstrate their growing subject knowledge. Meanwhile, in PE, the children have shown excellent rhythm and coordination, using their bodies effectively to keep the beat and proving themselves to be talented choreographers.



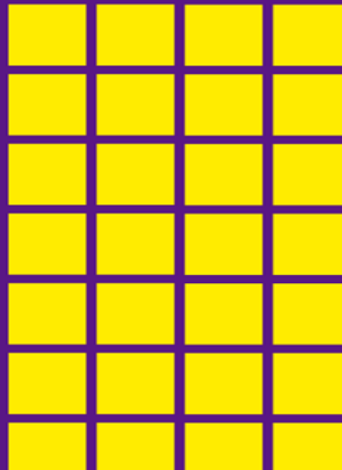
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Attendance



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”.

Outdoor Learning – Term 3 – DATE CHANGES TO SOME

- 6T** Monday 19 Jan/2 Feb
- 3M** Tuesday 20 Jan/3 Feb
- 5PW** Wednesday 21 Jan/4 Feb
- 4J** Thursday 22 Jan/5 Feb
- 6L** Monday 26 Jan/9Feb
- 3H** Tuesday 27 Jan/10 Feb
- 5H** Wednesday 28 Jan/11 Feb



PE Timetable for Term 3 & 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** Wednesday and Thursday
- 4J** Monday and Thursday
- 5H** Wednesday and Thursday/**5PW** Tuesday and Friday
- 6L** Monday and Friday/**6T** Wednesday 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)

- 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)



Lunch Menu w/c 19 January

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 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

Additional Messaging

We have registered WJS for this project being run by the Royal Academy of Arts. If any budding young artists would like to take part, please use the link and follow instructions. [Young Artists' Summer Show | Royal Academy](#)



The Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists aged 4-18 living and studying in the UK.

Students can submit one artwork for consideration which will be judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals. Selected artworks will be displayed at the Royal Academy of Arts either onsite or online. The RA will award prizes for inspiring artworks.

How to enter

From 5 January 2026, teachers will be able to register their school, head, teachers and parents/guardians can submit artworks via the RA website until 4 March 2026.

Important dates

5 January-4 March 2026
Registration and submission open

May 2026
Judging

14 July 2026
Online exhibition opens

14 July-30 August 2026
Display at the RA open

Sign up and find out more
royal/youngartists
@royalacademyarts
View our website: [www.royalacademyarts.com](#)



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WJS French Club
Fun lunchtime classes filled with songs, games and laughter

Monday lunchtimes

French club costs £7 per session, plus £18 for a full-colour activity book lasting a year, inc MP3 audio.
Places are limited, book now!

Contact Vicki
lajj@rondevicki@gmail.com
07889 485577

Les Jolie Bonde
Dixie
Paddy's Foreigner Centre

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 21 January – 5PW Parent/Carer lunch

w/c 21 January – NSPCC assemblies in phases

Friday 23 January – Year 5 trip to The Beaney

Monday 26 January – Year 3 parents invited to read a book with their child from 2.45pm – 3.15pm (Pls enter through top gate)

Thursday 29 January – 5PW trip to Canterbury Mosque

Tuesday 3 or Thursday 5 February NSPCC workshops for Years 5 & 6

Tuesday 3 February – Number Day
Thursday 5 February – 3M Beaney Trip
Friday 6 February – NSPCC Number Day
Friday 6 February – 3H Beaney Trip
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
Monday 23 February - SDD
Tuesday 24 February – Start of Term 4
Wednesday 18 March – Quicksticks Hockey HBHS (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
Monday 20 April - Start of Term 5
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
Monday 4 May – Bank Holiday
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
Friday 22 May – End of Term 5
Monday 1 June – Start of Term 6
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
Monday 20 July – SDD
Tuesday 21 July - SDD

TERM DATES 2026/2027

Term 1 Starts Wednesday 2 September 2026/**Term 1 Ends** Friday 23 October 2026

Term 2 Starts Monday 2 November 2026/**Term 2 Ends** Friday 18 December 2026

Term 3 Starts Monday 4 January 2027/**Term 3 Ends** Friday 12 February 2027

Term 4 Starts Monday 22 February 2027/**Term 4 Ends** Thursday 25 March 2027

Term 5 Starts Monday 12 April 2027/**Term 5 Ends** Friday 28 May 2027

Term 6 Starts Monday 7 June 2027/**Term 6 Ends** Friday 16 July 2027

SDD Days:

Tuesday 1 September 2026

Friday 30 April 2027

Monday 19/Tuesday 20/Wednesday 21 July 2027