



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 23 January 2026



A message from Ms Kent & Ms Collin

Dear Parents and Carers, **What Is Individual Liberty?**

What a wonderful week it's been at Whitstable Junior School! We were delighted to welcome parents once again for another well-attended parent lunch. It was fantastic to see so many families enjoying a meal together in our dining hall. Thank you to everyone who joined us – these moments of connection between home and school are truly special.

Our Year 5 pupils had an enriching educational visit to The Beane Museum where they explored fascinating Greek artefacts. The children were fully engaged as they discovered ancient pottery, sculptures and everyday objects from Greek civilisation, bringing their classroom learning about Ancient Greece to life.

In assembly, we explored the British value of individual liberty. We discussed what this means – that everyone has the freedom to make their own choices and decisions, to have their own thoughts and beliefs, and to be themselves, whilst respecting the rights of others to do the same whilst staying within the rules. The children reflected on how individual liberty allows us to pursue our interests, express our opinions respectfully, and make positive choices about our lives, whilst understanding that our freedom comes with the responsibility to respect others and follow rules that keep everyone safe.

Sarah Kent and Kirsten Collin

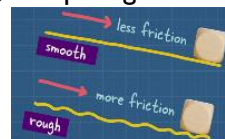
What human rights do you think we all share?

Why do you think these human rights are important?

What have the children been up to this week?

In English, **Year 3** have finished reading *The Egyptian Cinderella* and have started writing the sequel! They are working hard to include all of the new skills that they have developed so far this year including speech and expanded noun phrases. In maths, the children have been measuring length using mm and cm and have investigated how to convert from one to the other. In DT, they have researched and made a rocket powered by pneumatics. This week in English, **Year 4** have been exploring some Chinese myths and legends and used these to recap on some of our grammar skills. Our work on perimeter in maths has continued and we have gained confidence in finding missing lengths of shapes in order to work out the perimeter. In art, we used watercolours to imitate willow patterns found on Chinese pottery. **Year 5** have been working hard on the start of their Greek myths. They have been introducing their characters and setting the scene, building up suspense and tension. In science they have been exploring focus and investigating friction through the grip of their shoes. In art they have begun looking at how Greek pots are decorating in preparation for making their own. **Year 6** have had a fantastic week of learning across the curriculum. In English, pupils have been exploring the passive voice—why not ask them to explain how it works and when it is used? In maths they have been developing their understanding of equivalent fractions and decimals, before beginning to explore percentages. In Design and Technology, the children have been busy baking bread using a range of flours and carefully evaluating which they feel is most suitable for bread-making. Meanwhile, in geography, pupils have been studying Brazil, comparing two contrasting locations to deepen their understanding of place and diversity.

A *cheerful, mischievous* fox



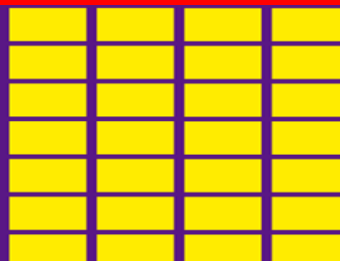
Active voice	Passive voice
Subject + verb + object	Object + verb + subject
✓ Dad washed the car	✓ The car was washed by Dad.

Times Table Fact of the Week

$4 \times 7 = 28$

28						
4	4	4	4	4	4	4

$28 \div 4 = ?$



$7 \times 4 = 28$

28			
7	7	7	7

$28 \div 7 = ?$

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 stating the illness as the school needs more info than “poorly”.

Outdoor Learning – Term 3 – DATE CHANGES TO SOME

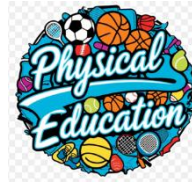
- 6T Monday 2 Feb/3M Tuesday 3 Feb**
- 5PW Wednesday Feb/4J Thursday 5 Feb**
- 6L Monday 26 Jan/9Feb**
- 3H Tuesday 27 Jan/10 Feb/5H Wednesday 28 Jan/11 Feb**



PE Timetable for Term 3 & Upcoming Football & Other 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



What an amazing week for the, as yet, undefeated WJS Girls Football Team! First off the goal posts was a **0:0 draw** against Joy Lane, with an incredible follow up **6:2 win** against St Mary’s a day later. We are so proud of their resilience and tenacity; they displayed excellent team work accompanied with individual talent to end two tough matches. Both were great to watch and played in true spirit. All players displayed the school values with excellence. Shhh! "We are still top of the league"



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)

- Wednesday 4 February** Davington vs WJS – **away** (grass – studs needed)
- Wednesday 25 February** Thornden Wood vs WJS – **away** (grass – studs needed)

Netball - Tuesday 3 March WJS vs Davington – **away**



Lunch Menu w/c 26 January

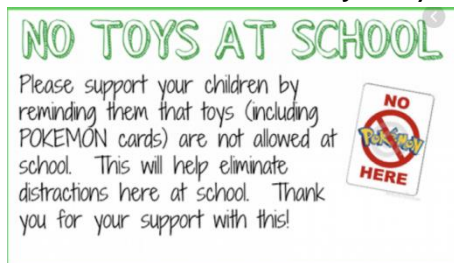
School lunches are £3.20 per day. Menu being updated as eggs will never be an option under Deli option 4

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges 🍷	Beef 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
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				
Crunchy Apple Slice 🍷	Strawberry Shortcake Mousse	Oat Cookie 🍷	Apple Crumble with Custard 🍷	Chocolate Ice Cream

Additional Messaging

After School Cubs : Please note that the majority of after school clubs are run voluntarily by school staff. Whilst every endeavour is made not to move or cancel, sometimes due to staff sickness or unforeseen circumstances it is necessary. As much notice as possible is given if there are changes in order for you to be able to make alternative provision for your children but occasionally clubs may need to be cancelled at short notice.

Discount code available until the 31st January for £5 off each event with the code FEB26.



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

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 Speak Out Stay Safe programme

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 11 February – Sports Hall Athletics (HBH) 9.30 – 12.30 Year 5 & 6

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 4 March – Japanese Workshop – Year 4

Thursday 5 March – School Disco – Lower School 4.30pm – 5.30pm/Upper School 6pm – 7pm

Friday 13 March – Thank You Shop

Wednesday 18 March – Quicksticks Hockey HBHS (LS 9 – 11 and US 1 – 3.30M)

Friday 20 March – Walk for Water

Friday 27 March – After school clubs finish

Monday 30 March - £100 residential trip instalment due

Thursday 2 April – Art installation opening and celebration

Thursday 2 April – End of Term 4

Monday 20 April - Start of Term 5

w/c Monday 20 April – Year 3 & 4 swimming lessons x 4 for Year 3 and 5 for Year 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

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
w/c Monday 8 June – Years 5 & 6 Swimming lessons x 5
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
Thursday 23 June – Sports Day
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
Thursday 16 July – Leaver’s Disco
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