



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 30 January 2026



A message from Ms Kent & Ms Collin

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to the many Year 3 parents who came into school this week to read with their children. It was wonderful to welcome you into our classrooms, and the children absolutely loved sharing their reading with you.

We're proud to share that some of our School Council members attended the CaCOT Children's Forum this week where they worked alongside children from other local schools to create a children's charter. It was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to share their ideas and learn from others. Thank you to Westmeads for hosting this brilliant event.



As part of our commitment to supporting healthy habits, we'd like to remind you about our healthy snack policy. Items recommended are below should they wish to have a snack.

- Fresh fruit
- Dried fruit
- Vegetables
- Plain rice cakes
- Tube yoghurt
- Houmous
- Plain breadsticks



These snacks help keep energy levels steady and support concentration throughout the morning. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the school disco has been rescheduled to **Thursday 5th March**. Please save the date in your diaries. We look forward to seeing the children there for an evening of fun and dancing! No afterschool clubs will run on this day apart from activate.



Wishing you all a lovely weekend, Sarah Kent and Kirsten Collin

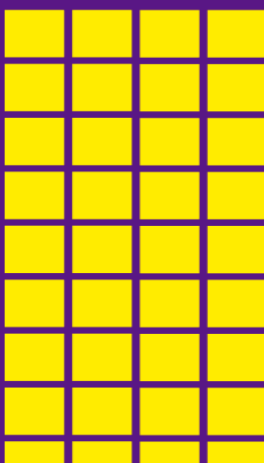
What have the children been up to this week?

This week, **Year 3** have started looking at non-chronological reports in English in preparation for writing their own reports about the Ancient Egyptians. In maths, the children have started investigating perimeter and how to calculate the distance around a shape. In science there have been investigations to answer the question - Are all metals magnetic? **Year 4** have been using a thesaurus in English to find some adventurous vocabulary to complete a character description of the monkey king from our story. In maths we have been revisiting rounding and checking our fractions knowledge. The children had a fantastic time in dance, learning some samba moves! In science we were investigating what happens when we chew, learning all about the function of enzymes and saliva. **Year 5** has had a fantastic week of learning. In English they have been adding the final touches to their Greek myths, before they are published. In maths, they have shown tremendous resilience, learning the new skill of multiplying numbers by 2-digit numbers. Democracy has been the buzz word in history, looking at its origins in Ancient Greece and how it has evolved into the system of government we have today. Also, in PE, they have been perfecting the skill of dodging in order to escape a defender. **Year 6** have had a busy and productive week. They wrote an explanation text about a dragon, focusing on clear structure and technical vocabulary. In maths, they found percentages of amounts by applying their skills to a range of problems. They also carried out customer research for their bread project and continued to develop their hockey skills in PE.



Times Table Fact of the Week

$$4 \times 9 = 36$$



$$9 \times 4 = 36$$

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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 stating the illness as the school needs more info than "poorly".

Outdoor Learning – Term 3

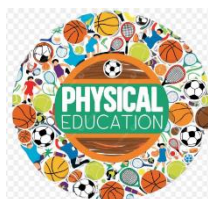
6T Monday 2 Feb/3M Tuesday 3 Feb
5PW Wednesday Feb/4J Thursday 5 Feb
6L Monday 9Feb
3H Tuesday 10 Feb/5H Wednesday 11 Feb



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



Nail biting match at home this week for the boys who drew 2-2 against Hampton. Player of the match went to Ben, who saved a penalty in the 1st half and played out pitch during the 2nd half and scored a goal!!



Boys Football : Parents/carers welcome (matches subject to change)

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 2 February

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	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Chicken with Rainbow Rice	Fish Fingers with Chips
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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 🌱
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 Caramel Crunch	Flapjack 🌱	Chocolate Brownie 🌱	Apple and Golden Syrup Sponge with Custard 🌱	Strawberry Ice Cream

Additional Messaging

After School Cubs : Please note 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.

Don't forget it is Number Day on Friday 6 February 2026.

Children are welcome to wear clothes with something containing a number or in a Rockstar style outfit to represent *TT Rockstars*.



Please could you check you have your own child's school jumpers and not picked up another child's by mistake. A few named items have gone missing.



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

Tuesday 3 February - NSPCC workshops for Years 5 & 6 Speak Out Stay Safe programme

Thursday 5 February – 3M Beaney Trip

Friday 6 February – 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
 Thursday 5 March – No after school clubs running apart from Activate
 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
 Thursday 11 June – 4J trip to Otterden
 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