



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 6 February 2026



A message from Ms Kent & Ms Collin

Dear Parents and Carers,

We were delighted to launch our playground improvement project this week – led by our dedicated PTFA! Thank you to everyone who has already expressed interest in getting involved. If you missed the letter that was sent out, please check your emails or contact the school office for details on how you can still support this fantastic initiative. We're excited to see how this project will enhance our outdoor spaces for all our pupils.

What a spectacular musical showcase we had this week! Pupils who have been taking peripatetic drumming lessons performed a wonderful concert, demonstrating their hard work, dedication and musical talent. It was fantastic to see their progress and celebrate their achievements. Well done to all our young drummers!

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for Number Day! It was wonderful to see so many of you in school playing times tables games with the children. Your involvement made the day extra special and really helped bring maths learning to life in a fun, interactive way. The children loved having you there, and it was a great opportunity to strengthen our school community.



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

What have the children been up to this week?

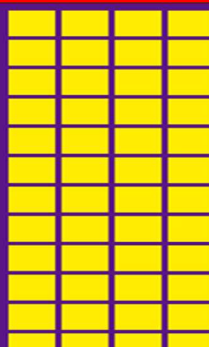
It has been a truly exciting week for Year 3! We wrapped things off with a fantastic trip to [The Beaney](#), where the children deepened their knowledge of Ancient Egypt—the mummifying competition was a clear highlight! In English, we've been inspired by Roger McGough's *The Sound Collector*, using it as a springboard to write our own brilliant, sound poems. Meanwhile, in maths, we have dived into the world of fractions, exploring unit fractions and discovering how numerators and denominators impact a fraction value. **Year 4** have started writing their own version of a Chinese myth and have really impressed with their creative ideas. In maths, we have started our fractions topic, beginning with counting beyond one and progressing to partitioning fractions. Whilst investigating the importance of artefacts in history, we made our own copies of Shang Dynasty artefacts from clay. In RE we explored the lives of John Newton and Joan of Arc to see how religion altered the course of their lives. **Year 5** have been exploring the features of a newspaper. They have been creating their own headlines for Greek Myths and traditional tales and writing their own orientations. In maths they have been working hard with their multiplication method, using it for some problem solving. In art, they have begun constructing their Greek pots, using clay - it has been great to see all the different varieties. **Year 6** have unleashed their imaginations this week crafting **vivid, ferocious dragon descriptions** inspired by the magnificent creatures of *How to Train Your Dragon*. From razor-scaled wings to smoke-curling nostrils, their writing has soared with detail and drama. Alongside this, pupils have been sharpening their mathematical mastery, **tackling ratio with confidence** while revisiting and strengthening key learning from across the year. In music, the classroom has been alive with sound as children learned the chords **F, C, and Am**, transforming practice into performance. Playing along to popular songs, they demonstrated growing musical confidence, rhythm, and teamwork—ending the week on a high note.

Times Table Fact of the Week

$$4 \times 12 = 48$$



$$48 \div 4 = ?$$



$$12 \times 4 = 48$$



$$48 \div 12 = ?$$

Attendance

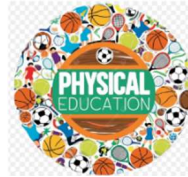


Gates open at 8.30am and close at 8.45 am. Children are registered in their ready to learn time, therefore prompt attendance is essential. If your children are late, please bring them into the office. The school logs a reason for lateness which should come from parents/carers. If children are absent 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”.

PE Timetable for Term 4 & 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



Great results for our football teams against Davington Primary this week. The boys held on to a 1:1 draw and the unstoppable girls took a 2:1 win. Well done team WJS!!!!

- Boys Football : Parents/carers welcome (matches subject to change)**
- 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 25 February** Thornden Wood vs WJS – **away** (grass – studs needed)



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

Lunch Menu w/c 9 February

School lunches are £3.20 per day. Menu being updated, eggs will never be an option under Deli option 4. **Pancake day (Tuesday)** please check menu for main course, pancakes are pudding. **Please check main menu change for Thursday as we celebrate Lunar New Year. Jacket potatoes, sandwiches will still be available on this day.**

| 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 |



PTFA Playground Update



🌸 Whitstable Junior School Needs Your Help! 🌸

We're fundraising to transform our playground into a rich, inspiring space where every child can truly get lost in play — and we'd love our amazing community to be part of it! ❤️

We're hoping to create 4 exciting new play zones:



Construction Area



Cosy Corner



Creative Corner



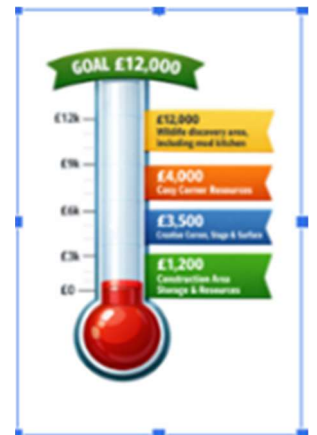
Wildlife/Discovery

These zones will give our children more opportunities to learn, imagine, relax, and explore... but we can't make it happen without your support.



<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/whitstable-juniors-playground-project>

Please share this link amongst your family, friends and colleagues and help us raise the funds we need. Thank you for your support



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.

University of Kent tennis open day Saturday 21/02/26 - The University of Kent Indoor Tennis Open Day is Open to local people of all ages and it's FREE. They have the popular Cardio Tennis and coaching with their LTA qualified coaching team for all ages from 4 years old through to adults. To get a taste of how enjoyable and rewarding tennis can be, visit kent.ac.uk/tennis to see more information or book your place.

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

Monday 9 February – Safer Internet Week

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

Wednesday 11 March – Parent/carer lunch with 4J

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 – Endo 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 – Otterden trip for Year 4
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