



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 13 February 2026



A message from Ms Kent & Ms Collin

Dear Parents and Carers

**FEBRUARY
HALF TERM**

What a busy and exciting term this has been! We've had so many wonderful events that have brought our school community together and provided fantastic learning experiences for our pupils. A few highlights from this term have included:

Year 5 Parent Lunches It was wonderful to welcome so many Year 5 parents and carers into school to share lunch with their children. These moments help foster a sense of community and strengthen the partnership between home and school.

Number Day Our pupils embraced Number Day with enthusiasm! From dressing up in number-themed costumes to tackling exciting maths challenges, it was brilliant to see everyone engaged in mathematical thinking. The day helped reinforce how important and fun maths can be in our everyday lives.

Year 3 Trip to The Beaney Year 3 had a fantastic educational visit to The Beaney in Canterbury. These trips really help to bring their classroom learning to life. Thank you to all the staff and parent volunteers who made this trip possible.



Football Matches. Our school teams have shown tremendous sportsmanship and teamwork in their football matches this term. Whether winning or learning from a loss, the children have demonstrated resilience and respect - values we're incredibly proud to see in action.

All of this has been possible thanks to the hard work and dedication of our staff, who go above and beyond every day to provide enriching experiences for your children. Equally important is the fantastic support we receive from you, our parent community - whether that's volunteering on trips, supporting learning at home, or simply encouraging your children to embrace new challenges. Thank you for being part of our vibrant school family. We're already looking forward to what next term will bring! Watch this space for information about upcoming events and opportunities for you to get involved in.



Wishing you all a lovely half term, Sarah Kent and Kirsten Collin

What have the children been up to this week?

Year 3 have worked really hard this week on writing a recount about their trip to the Beaney museum. They included fronted adverbials and conjunctions to help structure their work. In maths, the children have continued learning about fractions and have started learning how to compare fractions with the same denominators. In science, they have used their knowledge of magnets to design and make magnetic games to play. **Year 4** have had a super final week of term! In English, we have been revisiting some areas of grammar. Continuing with our fractions unit in maths, we have been converting mixed  numbers to improper fractions and vice versa. In science, we conducted an experiment to demonstrate how the stomach works to digest food, using some bread, cola, a sandwich bag and a sieve. We ended the week in spectacular fashion, sculpting our very own terracotta warriors out of clay. **Year 5** have been busy decorating their Greek pots, which look fabulous! They have also been working  on their newspaper articles about the battle of Troy, using direct and reported speech. In maths, they have been working hard on their division method, especially with their remainders. **Year 6** have had a productive week across the curriculum. In maths, they have been creating scale drawings, developing their understanding of ratio and proportion. In English, they wrote their own sets of instructions on *how to write instructions* for training a dragon, focusing on clarity and organisation. In science, they have been exploring electrical circuits and revising their understanding of how components work together. As well as this, we are really proud of how hard they have been working this term which is reflected in our recent assessments. Well done Year 6 - enjoy the break!

THE BEANEY
HOUSE OF ART
& KNOWLEDGE

Times Table Fact of the Week

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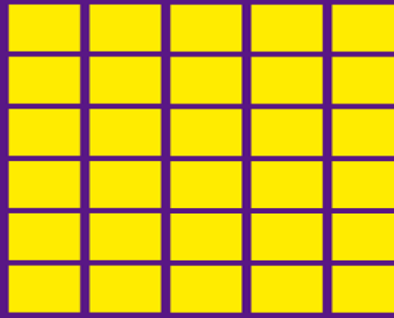
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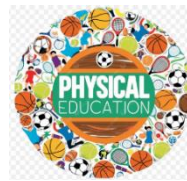
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PE Timetable for Term 4 & Upcoming Football & Other Fixtures

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 Wednesday and Friday/**6T** Monday and Friday



- Boys Football : Parents/carers welcome (matches subject to change)**
Wednesday 4 March Thornden Wood vs WJS – **away** (grass – studs needed)
Girls Football : Parents/carers welcome (matches subject to change)
Wednesday 4 March Thornden Wood vs WJS – **away** (grass – studs needed)



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

Outdoor Learning – Term 4

- 3M** 10 March/24 March
5PW Wednesday 25 Feb/11 March/25 March
4J Thursday 26 Feb/12 March/26 March
6L Monday 9 March/16 March/30 March
3H Tuesday 3 March/17 March/31 March
5H Wednesday 4 March/18 March/1 April
6T Monday 9 March/23 March



Lunch Menu w/c 24 February

School lunches are £3.20 per day. Menu being updated, 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
OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
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

PTFA Playground Update

A huge thank you to everyone who has already supported our Playground Improvement Project through our crowdfunding page – your generosity is greatly appreciated! If you would still like to contribute, you can visit our donation page here: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/whitstable-juniors-playground-project>

We are currently seeking donations to help develop our **Construction Area** and **Cosy Corner**. We would be very grateful for any of the following items:

- Small Hot Wheels cars (or similar)
- Tech Deck mini skateboards
- Guttering (for giant marble runs)
- Small balls (not marbles)
- Card games (e.g., Uno, Top Trumps)
- Chess sets

Donations can be handed to **Mr Rick** at the school gate on Friday 27 February at drop-off time – he will have a trolley ready to collect items.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us enhance our playground for all pupils to enjoy!

Additional Messaging

We have had those pesky head lice in school a couple of times this term. Please remember to check your children regularly and should they have them please do wash their clothes, bedding and towels. Head lice need a couple of treatments to get rid of all eggs. A cheap tea tree conditioner from the supermarket is often more effective than expensive treatment products as headlice become immune.



FOOTBALL FUTURES
"SUPPORT WHERE YOU NEED IT MOST"

WE ARE HOLDING AN AFTER SCHOOL CLUB AT:
WHITSTABLE JUNIOR SCHOOL

CLUB DETAILS FOR TERM 4:

- FOOTBALL ON FRIDAYS FROM 15:15 - 16:15
- START DATE: FRIDAY 27th FEBRUARY
- END DATE: FRIDAY 27th MARCH
- AVAILABLE FOR YEAR 3, 4, 5 & 6
- £64.50 PER SESSION
- (UPFRONT PAYMENT OF £22.50 FOR 5 WEEKS)

DBS CHECKED, INSURED AND FIRST AID TRAINED

POTENTIAL FOR PLAYERS TO BE INVITED TO OUR DEVELOPMENT CENTRE AND ADVANCED ACADEMY. A CHANCE FOR PLAYERS TO BE SCOUTED BY FOOTBALL FUTURES FOUNDER/CRYSTAL PALACE FC SCOUT JOSH ALGAR IF THEY SHOW EXCELLENT PROMISE

SESSIONS ARE RUN BY HIGHLY QUALIFIED COACHES WHO HAVE AN EXPERIENCED BACKGROUND IN THE FOOTBALL INDUSTRY

Aim of session: For children to learn and master the basics of football, while having fun and developing their skills

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Year 7 Taster Day
Weds 11 March 10am-3pm

School, but different

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admissions@rochester-college.org.uk
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CHATHAM & CLARENDON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

CCCGS

STEAM
Science Technology Engineering Art Music

We are delighted to announce our 2026 STEAM days and invite your current year 5 students to this exciting and engaging opportunity (1st, 4th and 10th June)

Please register your interest to Michelle at mcullen@ccgrammarschool.co.uk by 9th March 2026 with your preferred dates.

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 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
Wednesday 1 April – iRock concert at 2.15pm. Enter through front gate.
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 – 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