



# Whitstable Junior School

*Learning today for life tomorrow*

## Week ending 27 February 2026



### A message from Ms Kent & Ms Collin

Dear Parents and Carers



I hope you all had a fun half term with your children and managed to enjoy it in between the rain!

**Our value this term: responsibility.** This is also one of our 3 main school rules: Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Responsible.

In assembly, we thought about an 'inner spring clean' – how a new term brings an opportunity to set aside any grudges or behaviours that we may want to change. We encouraged children to take time to forgive both others and themselves so that they can be the very best version of themselves.

**Supporting your child at home.** We've reminded children of the importance of routines both at school and home, as these help us all thrive and feel safe and secure.

**Talk to your child:** Ask them: "What's one way you've been responsible this week at school or at home?" This helps reinforce our school value and opens up conversations about their day.

We've reminded children of important school expectations and very much appreciate your support with these:

- No charms on bags or toys in school
- Healthy snacks only
- No food sharing



Wishing you a lovely weekend  
Sarah Kent and Kirsten Collin

### What have the children been up to this week?

**Year 3** have started reading the book *Boot* by Shane Hegarty in English. The children have used evidence to find out more about the main character and have recapped their knowledge of recounts to write a memory from *Boot's* point of view. In maths, the children have revisited their learning on fractions and have moved onto learning about mass and measuring. In geography, they have begun their topic all about France. **Year 4** have continued with their fractions unit in maths, using number lines and fraction walls to find equivalent fractions. Starting a new text, 'Ming's Adventure with the Terracotta Army', Year 4 have used their inference skills to write well supported predictions about how their story could progress. In D/T, the class have explored what seasonal food is and how we are able to procure fresh food despite the time of year. In RE we thought about what the word 'inspiring' means and designed some superheroes that could spread inspiration. **Year 5** have made a fabulous start to the term. They have been exploring the features of a balanced argument, in preparation for writing their own, and started debating the for and against of different points. In maths, they have been multiplying different types of fractions, using their multiplication skills. In science they have been exploring dissolving focusing of interesting data. **Year 6** have had a fantastic start to the term, diving straight into some exciting learning across the curriculum. In English, the children have been exploring a range of story genres and reading several engaging short stories where they have been honing their skills in making thoughtful predictions and writing clear, concise summaries. In maths, they have confidently recapped ratio and proportion through lots of problem-solving activities and are now beginning their journey into algebra with great enthusiasm. In Topic, pupils have been investigating the dramatic events of the Wars of the Roses, even acting out the changing monarchs during this turbulent period before Tudor rule. They were particularly fascinated to learn how Henry VII claimed the throne and began the Tudor dynasty. It has been a busy and brilliant first week back!

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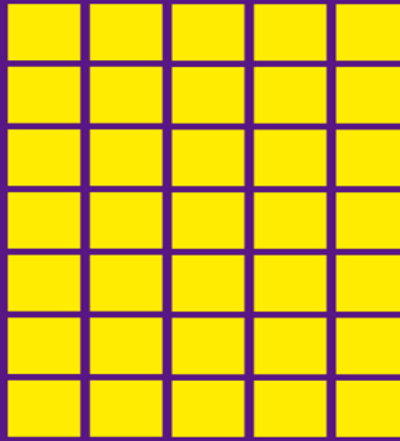


Lancaster Rose

York Rose

## Times Table Fact of the Week

$$5 \times 7 = 35$$



$$7 \times 5 = 35$$

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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".

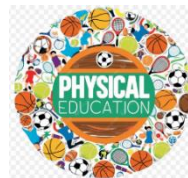
We strive for at least 95% attendance. A few are teetering a little above and a little below. Let's make a concerted effort to get comfortably in the 95% range and upwards this term.

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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**  
 Monday 9 March WJS vs St Mary's - **home**

## 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 2 March

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 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
<b>HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES</b>				
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
<b>DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD</b>				
Chocolate Marble Cake 🍷	Orange Glazed Sticky Sponge Cake with Custard 🍷	Lemon Cookie 🍷	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse	Berry Blondie

## PTFA Playground Update



Our new construction-area storage shed has arrived, which means we can finally start filling it with exciting resources for the children to use as soon as possible. If you're able to donate, we're currently looking for:

- Small Hot Wheels–style cars
- Tech Deck mini skateboards
- Guttering for giant marble-run play
- Small balls (not marbles)
- Card games such as *Uno* or *Top Trumps*
- Chess sets

And don't forget — our playground crowdfunding page is still live if you'd like to support the project in other ways: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/whitstable-juniors-playground-project>

## Additional Messaging

Remember to buy your disco tickets!



## 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 (dates in red indicate a date change)

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 “Windows to the World” at 2.45pm**  
**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**  
**Monday 15 June – Year 4 Otterden trip**  
**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