



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 13 March 2026



A message from Ms Kent & Ms Collin

Dear Parents and Carers



Governor Vacancies – Can You Help? We currently have 2 governor positions available on our governing board. Governors play a vital role in our school, working strategically to support school improvement and ensure the best outcomes for our pupils. If you're interested in becoming a governor, or know someone who might be, please contact the school office for more information.


A Big Thank You! We'd like to say a huge thank you to Nova's dad for volunteering his time to paint our playground huts as part of our playground refurbishment project. The huts look fantastic, and we're so grateful for the support from our school community in helping to improve our outdoor spaces for the children.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, and thinking of all those close to us especially on Sunday.

Wishing you a lovely weekend
Sarah Kent and Kirsten Collin



What have the children been up to this week?

Year 3 have immersed themselves in newspapers in English this week. The children have been finding the features and are beginning to plan their own reports based on the book *Boot*. In maths, they have been learning about the difference between capacity and volume, ordering volume and solving problems involving liquids. In DT, they have begun an exciting project on pencil cases; they have researched a range of storage and will begin planning their own to be made by the end of term. **Year 4** have been challenging themselves in maths this week, subtracting fractions from whole numbers and mixed numbers. In geography we explored what we can learn from geomorphological maps and practised giving map references to pinpoint locations. The class did some deep thinking in RE as we explored different representations of Jesus from around the world and drew our own versions inspired by stories in the Bible. In PE the children have been honing their fielding skills in rounders. **Year 5** have been practising the skills needed to write a balanced  argument in English. They have impressed us with how they can think from different perspectives. In maths, they have been finding fractions of amounts and then doing the inverse with finding the whole. As part of their science unit, they have shown their creativity by creating a comic strip to explain reversible changes. They have also used their maths skills in their geography sessions to interpret graphs to help them compare the climate of Whitstable with a Greek city state. **Year 6** have been lost in the world of virtual reality this week through the story *Virtually True*. The children have completed comprehension activities, written from the perspective of a character, and produced some beautiful setting descriptions using a “show, not tell” approach. In maths, the class finished their unit on algebra and also revised their understanding of division, strengthening their problem-solving skills. In history, the children explored the fascinating life of King Henry VIII and his six wives, investigating why he had so many marriages and what this meant for England at the time.

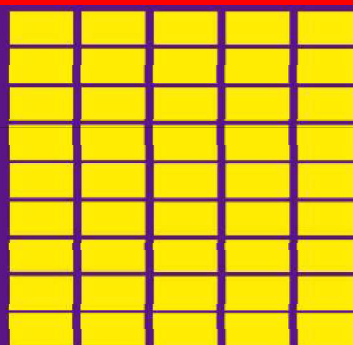


Times Table Fact of the Week

$$5 \times 9 = 45$$



$$45 \div 5 = ?$$



$$9 \times 5 = 45$$



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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”.

- **Pupils need to attend school every day so that they can take full advantage of the educational opportunities available.**
- **Poor attendance rates and persistent lateness undermines the educational process and leads to educational disadvantage.**
- **Children who attend school every day make better progress and have better life chances.**

The school will strive to provide a welcoming, caring environment, whereby each member of the school community feels wanted and secure. All school staff will work with and support students and their families to ensure each student attends school regularly and punctually.

The school has an effective system of incentives and rewards acknowledging the efforts of students to improve their attendance and timekeeping and will challenge the behaviour of those students and parents who give low priority to attendance and punctuality. We promote and encourage high attendance at every given opportunity. Whitstable Junior School has an efficient system of communication with students, parents and appropriate agencies to provide mutual information, advice and support.



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. Astro boots and trainers should not be worn for PE and not as part of their regular school uniform either.

- 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
Netball - Monday 23 March – WJS vs Herne Juniors - **away**

Outdoor Learning – Term 4

- 3M** 24 March/**5PW** 25 March/**4J** 26 March/**6L** 16 March/30 March
3H 17 March/31 March/**5H** 18 March/1 April/**6T** 23 March



Lunch Menu w/c 16 March – School lunches are £3.20 per day

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
NOT 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

You can follow our progress or make a donation here:

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

Fabulous article in KentOnLine covering our new playground initiative being run by our amazing PTFA

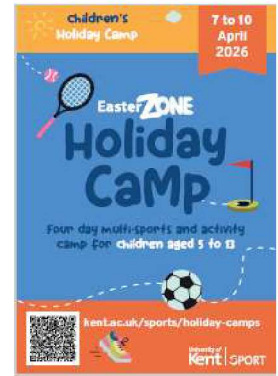
<https://www.kentonline.co.uk/whitstable/news/bug-hotels-and-mud-kitchen-planned-for-school-playground-337483/>

Additional Messaging

Please check your children regularly and/or often for head lice and remember it takes a few treatments at 6-day intervals to kill all eggs if an infestation is present. Please also wash all clothes, towels and bedding. They are pesky little things which nobody wants!



This Sunday will be Park Runs 500th event! Why not pop along and join in. You can register here <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/>



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)

Friday 20 March – Walk for Water

Friday 20 March – Red Nose Day – crazy hair day and/or wear something red

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 – After school clubs resume

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
Friday 10 July – After school clubs finish
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



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