



# Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

## Week ending 20 March 2026



### A message from Ms Kent & Ms Collin

Dear Parents and Carers



What a wonderfully colourful day we've had! Thank you to everyone who joined in with Red Nose Day today by wearing something red and/or sporting crazy hair. The school has been a riot of colour and creativity, and it's been fantastic to see so many smiles. Your generous donations will make a real difference to Comic Relief's important work supporting vulnerable people both here in the UK and around the world.

Our children have been absolutely brilliant during their recent art workshops as part of our exciting 'Windows to the World' project. The creativity, enthusiasm and talent on display has been truly inspiring. The children are working incredibly hard to produce some stunning pieces of art that explore different landscapes from around the globe. We can't wait to share the finished work with you all to see at the reveal and celebration event on the afternoon of **Thursday 2nd April** (last day of term). We will be inviting parents in at 2.45pm.

Please note that we have had to change the dates for parents' evenings. These will now take place on **Wednesday 29th April and Thursday 30th April**. We will confirm the appointment times as soon as possible and will be in touch shortly with booking details. We apologise for any inconvenience this change may cause and thank you for your understanding.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Sarah Kent and Kirsten Collin

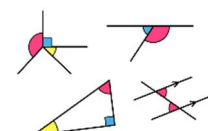
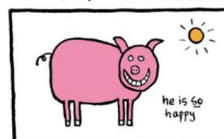


### What have the children been up to this week?

**Year 3** have started looking closely at newspapers this week with a view to writing their own articles about the book *Boot*. In Maths, the children are revisiting and extending their knowledge of fractions, learning to add, subtract and find fractions of a group of objects. In PE the children have been developing their throwing and catching techniques in netball and rounders. This week **Year 4** have begun thinking about their final big piece of writing of the term - a non-chronological report on China. We have started by looking for the features of non-chronological reports in example texts and revisiting how to use differing pronouns to avoid repetition in our writing. We have been learning about decimals in maths, looking at them on place value charts and numberlines. In geography, we have been considering the human impact on the physical landscape, particularly considering the pros and cons of the Three Gorges Dam. **Year 5** have been excited to start their art project for the playground. It has been great to see their creativity and imagination. In English, they have been using all their skills from this term to write their balanced argument about whether to be a happy pig or an unhappy man. They are developing their understanding of decimals and their equivalent fractions in maths and in science they have been exploring the melting points of different materials. This week in **Year 6**, the children have been developing their understanding of angles. They have been learning how to find missing angles in a range of contexts, including right angles, straight lines, circles, triangles, and quadrilaterals. They have also explored the concept of vertically opposite angles and discovered these are always equal. In English, the class has been focusing on the use of semi-colons, before moving on to planning and beginning their own adventure stories inspired by *Virtually True*. It has been wonderful to see their creativity and enthusiasm in their writing. In addition, the children have been busy taking part in our school art project for the playground, carefully designing and creating their own decorative disks. We are very much looking forward to sharing the finished pieces with you soon!



THE PIG OF HAPPINESS



## Times Table Fact of the Week

$5 \times 12 = 60$

$12 \times 5 = 60$

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$60 \div 5 = ?$

$60 \div 12 = ?$

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.



## PE Timetable for Term 4 & Upcoming Fixtures

Children **come to school** wearing **full PE kit** (inc. jogging bottoms and jumpers if necessary – not skins) on the following days. Astro boots should not be worn for PE and not as part of their regular school uniform either.

**3H** Tuesday & Friday/**3M** Wednesday & Thursday/**4J** Monday & 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**  
Tuesday 31 March WJS vs Swalecliffe - **away**



## Outdoor Learning – Term 4

**3M** 24 March/**5PW** 25 March/**4J** 26 March/**6L** 30 March

**3H** 31 March/**5H** /1 April/**6T** 23 March



## Lunch Menu w/c 23 March – School lunches are £3.20 per 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
<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



A huge thank you to all the families and volunteers who supported our recent fundraising activities. Your enthusiasm and generosity continue to make such a difference.

- **School Disco: £410 raised**
- **Thank You Shop: £612 raised**

This brings our playground project total to **£3,178**, which means we are now **26%** of the way towards our £12,000 goal. An amazing achievement already.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to **Pearson's Arms** for sponsoring the backdrop for our outdoor stage. We're excited to get this ordered and installed.

And another heartfelt thank you to **Nova's dad**, who has once again worked wonders—this time transforming our cosy corner sheds. They are looking fantastic.

We're hoping to have all these improvements completed very soon, and we can't wait for the children to enjoy them.

You can follow our progress or make a donation here:

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

## Additional Messaging

Notoriously difficult to get rid of, they are back. **Head lice** are in school again. Reminder to check and treat your children often and frequently along with washing all bedding, clothes and towels. Please also ensure your children's hair is tied back if shoulder length or longer. Every one living in the house also needs to be checked and treated if required. There's nothing you can do to prevent head lice, but you can help stop them spreading by wet combing regularly or using a detection comb, to catch them early.



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**CO-OP**

**CO-OP EASTER EGG HUNT**

**FRIDAY 27 MARCH**  
FROM 3.15 PM  
CO-OP, 58-60 OXFORD STREET, WHITSTABLE

£1 ENTRY - ALL PROCEEDS GO TO WHITSTABLE JUNIOR SCHOOL  
HOP ALONG FOR EGG HUNTS, FUN AND PRIZES

## 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 27 March – Year 3 to Westmeads 1.30 – 3pm**

**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**

**Wednesday 29 April – Parent consultation – time TBC**

**Thursday 30 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**

**Thursday 21 May – Class/group photos**

**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)**

**Wednesday 1 July Kent Test application closes**

**Thursday 2 July – New Year 3 Parent Meeting at 9am**

**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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