



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 27 March 2026



A message from Ms Kent & Ms Collin

Dear Parents and Carers



We're delighted to share that our exciting art installation workshops have continued this week with all our pupils thoroughly enjoying these creative sessions, exploring new techniques and expressing themselves through art. We can't wait to reveal the installation to you on the playground from 2:45 on Thursday (last day of term).

Important Reminder: Parking and Drop-Off on Cromwell Road

We need your help to keep our children and community safe. We've noticed an increasing number of cars parking on the double yellow lines, zig-zags and pavement on Cromwell Road during drop-off and pick-up times. This creates three serious problems:

Safety risk – Children, parents and other pedestrians are being forced to cross between parked cars or walk in the road, which is incredibly dangerous

Illegal parking – Parking on zig zags, double yellow lines and the pavement is illegal and causes damage to the path and kerb edging

Congestion – The road is already very busy at these times, and parked cars are creating additional obstacles that make it difficult for traffic to flow safely

Please help us by:

Finding alternative places to park away from the immediate school vicinity. Allowing extra time for your journey to school if needed. Walking, cycling or using a park-and-stride location if possible

We appreciate that parking near school can be challenging, but the safety of our children and community must come first. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Wishing you a lovely weekend, Sarah Kent and Kirsten Collin



What have the children been up to this week?

Year 3 have been working hard on fractions in maths this week; the children have been using manipulatives to find unit and non-unit fractions of amounts. It has been tricky but the children have all been incredibly resilient. In science, they have been investigating different materials when making shadows. They then had to work out which material would be best for Peter Pan's shadow. **Year 4** have had a fantastic week of learning. Most notably, we fed the adults in the office with our delicious stir-fries that we planned to their individual specifications. It was great to see how much the children enjoyed being able to get stuck in by chopping the vegetables and mixing up the sauces using various spices and herbs. The children were very proud of their end products and they went down very well with their recipients. **Year 5** have also begun writing their non-chronological reports on China, ensuring to include lots of interesting facts to hook the reader. In maths, we have continued our work on decimals, exploring hundredths on place value grids and number lines. **Year 6** have been working hard in maths this week on ordering and comparing decimals. In English they have been sequencing the story of Odysseus and the Cyclops, in preparation for some drama work. In science, they have been analysing reversible and irreversible changes by observing candles as fuel. Also, they have been exploring different settlements in modern day Greece and discussing the advantages and disadvantages of each. **Year 6** have had a very productive week, showcasing their fantastic knowledge as they completed assessments in preparation for their SATs. They have truly made everyone proud, and if they continue with this level of effort, they will approach the real papers with confidence and ease. Even more exciting for them, they have been busy baking their own bread! There are clearly some talented young cooks in the year group, and the taste-testing sessions to decide on the best creations have been a definite highlight of the week.

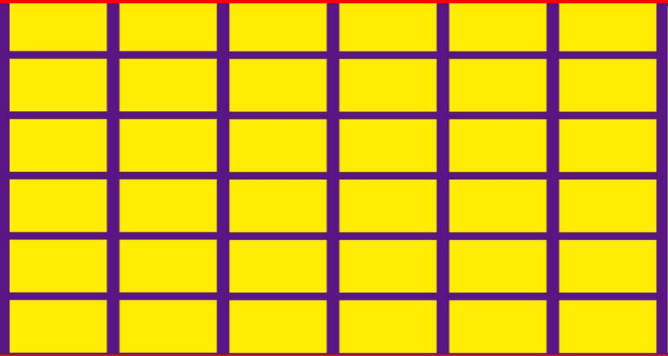


Times Table Fact of the Week

$$6 \times 6 = 36$$

36					
6	6	6	6	6	6

$$36 \div 6 = ?$$



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 or inform the person dropping your child to let you know if they will no longer be attending that day.** If we aren't made aware, we cannot confirm your child's whereabouts, which can cause parents to worry when the office ring to report their absence. You will need to call the school each day of absence with the illness please as the school needs more info than "poorly".

Punctuality is fundamental aspect of a child's education and overall development. When students arrive late to school, they miss out on valuable instructional time, disrupt the learning environment for themselves and their peers and may struggle to catch up with the day's lessons. Consistent lateness can also have a negative impact on their academic progress, social integration and future success. **Being 10 minutes late to school each day means your child will lose 6.5 days of education across the academic year.**



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

Another win this week against Herne Juniors. 12:2 to WJS - Go WJS!!!!
 Tuesday 31 March WJS vs Swalecliffe - away



Outdoor Learning – Term 5

Please ensure your child has a change of shoes. This is to try and limit mud being spread around the school.

- 6T** Monday 20 April/Thursday 7 May/**3N** Tuesday 21 April/Tuesday 5 May/Tuesday 19 May
5PW Wednesday 22 April/Wednesday 6 May/Wednesday 20 May
4J Thursday 23 April/Thursday 7 May/Thursday 21 May
6L Monday 27 April/Monday 11 May/**3H** Tuesday 28 April/Tuesday 12 May/
5H Wednesday 29 April/Wednesday 13 May



Lunch Menu w/c 30 March – School lunches are £3.20 per day

Please note this week only the Friday lunch will be served on Thursday due to the short week.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges 🍷	Beef Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta 🍷🍷	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chinese Sticky Lemon Chicken with Wholegrain Rice 🍷🍷	Fish Fingers with Chips
OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
BBQ Vegetable Wrap with Potato Wedges 🍷🍷	Vegetarian Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta 🍷🍷🍷	Roast Quorn with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🍷	Cheesy Vegetable Hotpot 🍷	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				
Crunchy Apple Slice 🍷	Strawberry Shortcake Mousse	Oat Cookie 🍷	Apple Crumble with Custard 🍷	Chocolate Ice Cream

PTFA Playground Update

As part of our **Art Installation Opening & Celebration**, the **PTFA** are inviting donations of cakes, biscuits, and sweet treats to help make the event extra special.

🎨 **Event Details** : Art Installation Opening: 2nd April at 2.45pm in the playground

🕒 **Drop-off Instructions** : Please bring your cake donation next Thursday morning at school drop-off.

🚫 **Allergy Reminder** : No nuts please — this ensures the event is safe and inclusive for all families.

🎉 **Supporting Our Playground Project** : All proceeds raised from the cake stall will go directly towards the Playground Project, helping us create a fantastic space for all our children.

Thank you so much for your generosity and support. It truly makes a difference to our school community.

You can follow our progress or make a donation here:

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

CAKE DONATIONS NEEDED!

BAKE SALE & ART INSTALLATION CELEBRATION!

THURSDAY APRIL 2ND AT 2:45 PM

PLEASE DROP OFF CAKES

ON THE MORNING OF

THURSDAY APRIL 2ND

NO NUTS



HOMEMADE OR STORE-BOUGHT CAKES WELCOME!

Additional Messaging

Astros boots **should not be worn** as part of the school uniform or for PE. Astros hurt children when accidentally kicked and should only be worn for after school football clubs.



Thanks to those who donated on Red Nose Day an impressive **£156.20** was raised.

Canterbury
HAF Easter Timetable
7th April - 18th April, 2026

Our Activities

- Wildwood Trip
- Fishing with Whitbank Education
- Storytelling
- Woods Social
- Cooking
- Rocket Making with K&E
- Family Salon
- Parenting Support and Advice Drop-ins
- Spring Crafts and Activities
- Roller Skating
- Sports Day

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OPEN COCKPIT WEEKEND 2026
11TH & 12TH APRIL | 10AM TO 4PM
RAF MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM CT12 5DF

Fire Engine Rides

Tank Rides

Climb in the Cockpits

Museum Entry

info@rafmanston.co.uk

www.rafmanston.co.uk

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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 (dates in red indicate a date change)

Monday 30 March - £100 residential trip instalment due

Tuesday 31 March – Year 5 parents invited for Greek food tasting at 2.45pm, enter through front gate

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 – 2.30pm – 5pm

Thursday 30 April – Parent consultation – 3.30pm – 6.30pm

Friday 1 May – Morris Men at school in morning

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

Tuesday 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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