



# Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

## Week ending 3 April 2026



### A message from Ms Kent & Ms Collin

Dear Parents and Carers



We are absolutely thrilled to unveil our wonderful new art installation today. This beautiful addition to our school showcases the incredible creativity and talent of our pupils. I'm sure you'll all agree the installation brings colour and inspiration to our outdoor environment. Thank you to everyone involved in making this project such a success – it's something we can all be very proud of.

Some of you may have noticed our presence at the Cromwell Road entrance to the alley way in the mornings to support with ensuring children are able to get to school safely. Thank you to all of you who have been parking safely and considerately around the vicinity of the school. Your cooperation helps keep our children safe and shows respect for our neighbours and the local community. Please continue to park thoughtfully, use designated areas where possible and avoid double yellows and zig zags. Your efforts make a real difference.

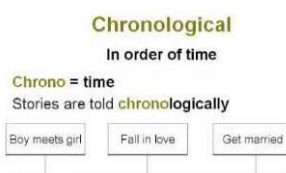
School will close today for the Easter holidays. We hope you and your families have a wonderful, restful break together. **School reopens: Monday 20 April 2026**

We look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed and ready for the summer term.



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

**Year 3** have been looking closely at biographies in English this week. The children have looked at how information is gathered and grouped into chronological paragraphs. In maths, the children have been looking at money and identifying the different notes and coins. In DT they have turned their designs into functioning pencil cases using a range of materials and designs. This week **Year 4** children showed great resilience during their assessments, staying focused and trying their best even when questions were challenging. In PE, the class enjoyed a brilliant game of rounders. Everyone got involved, showing excellent teamwork and sportsmanship while practising their batting, fielding and catching skills. During RE, the children explored the parable of the unforgiving servant by creating their own comic strips. In English **Year 5** have been treading the boards this week by writing, rehearsing and performing their own scripts for the story of Odysseus and the Cyclops. They have also impressed us with their determination and resilience in completing their end-of-term assessments. In RE they have shown great maturity in summarising all they've learnt this term to answer the question, 'Is God real?' In geography, the children have been analysing imports and exports to and from modern day Greece to end this term's unit. **Year 6** have been busy completing their incredible adventure stories about being trapped in a virtual reality world. These masterpieces truly showcase their fantastic writing skills and creativity. In science, the children have been exploring how we see colour, learning about how light enables us to see different colours and investigating what happens when filters are used to change the appearance of objects. It has also been a week focused on revision. With SATs approaching, the children have been working hard to address any gaps in their learning. We hope they all have a restful Easter break and take some time to continue practising and consolidating their knowledge.



# Times Table Fact of the Week

IF YOU KNOW ONE OF THESE FACTS, WHAT OTHER FACTS CAN YOU WORK OUT?

## FACT OF THE WEEK

HOW MANY WAYS CAN YOU REPRESENT EACH FACT?

$$7 \times 6 = 42$$

$$6 \times 7 = 42$$

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$$42 \div 7 = ?$$

$$42 \div 6 = ?$$

### Attendance

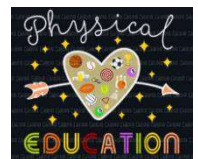


Look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 20 April 2026

### 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 unless swimming, in which case school uniform should be worn. Astro boots should not be worn for PE and not as part of their regular school uniform either.

- 3H** Monday Swimming/Tuesday PE/**3M** Monday Swimming/Wednesday PE
- 4J** Tuesdays Swimming/Thursday PE
- 5H** PE Wednesdays & Thursdays/**5PW** PE Tuesdays & Fridays
- 6L** PE Mondays & Fridays/**6T** PE Wednesdays & Fridays



### 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/Monday 11 May/Thursday 21 May
- 6L** Monday 27 April/Monday 18 May/**3H** Tuesday 28 April/Tuesday 12 May/
- 5H** Wednesday 29 April/Wednesday 13 May



### Lunch Menu w/c 20 April – School lunches are £3.20 per day

Eggs will never be served in sandwiches – will remain as ham, cheese or tuna

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges 🍕	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges 🍔	Roast Chicken with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy 🍗	Chicken and Vegetable Korma with Wholegrain Rice 🍛	Fish Fingers with Chips 🐟
OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
Tex Mex Vegetable Fajita with Wholegrain Rice 🌮	Beany Vegetable Burger with Potato Wedges 🍔	Roast BBQ Quorn with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🍗	Macaroni Cheese 🍝	Quorn Dippers with Chips 🍗
OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
Jacket Potato Beans or Cheese 🍟	Jacket Potato Beans or Cheese 🍟	Jacket Potato Beans or Cheese 🍟	Jacket Potato Beans or Cheese 🍟	Jacket Potato Beans or Cheese 🍟
<b>NOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD</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>				
Apple and Golden Syrup Sponge with Custard 🍏	Lemon Cookie 🍪	Strawberry Jelly 🍓	Banana Cake 🍌	Strawberry Ice Cream 🍓

## PTFA Playground Update

We are delighted to share that the Oxford Street Co-op has generously donated **£150** to support our playground project. Their kindness and community spirit mean so much to us. Not only that—they also organised a fantastic Easter Egg Hunt last Friday, raising an additional **£30** for the PTFA. It was a brilliant event and hugely appreciated by our families. A heartfelt thank you to the Co-op team for their continued support of our school community.



You can follow our progress or make a donation here:

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


## Additional Messaging

**Times tables Tuesdays!** We're looking for some kind volunteers to join us on Tuesday mornings (right after drop off) to support our fantastic Year 4 pupils on their times tables journey. If you have **10-20 minutes** to spare between **8.30am and 9am**, we would love for you to come in and practice with the children. We've got flashcards and fun games ready to go – all we need is your help!



This is a trial initiative and, if it is a success, we hope to expand it to other year groups. If you are able to help, please email Miss Lodge (Maths Lead) at [manager@whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk](mailto:manager@whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk) with the Tuesdays you're available along with the time you can arrive and how long you can stay.

Thank you so much for your support!

**The Revel Puck Circus**, a high spectacle big top show is coming to Westmeads Recreation Ground from 16th - 26th April. Use code **NURTURE** for 10% off tickets. They have a limited number of £2 community tickets for families who would not otherwise be able to attend. To request £2 tickets, please email them directly at [boxoffice@revelpucks.com](mailto:boxoffice@revelpucks.com). To find out more and book please visit [revelpuckcircus.com](http://revelpuckcircus.com) - and look out for the Big Top tent at Westmeads Recreation Ground! 



**Play basketball at:**  
**SWALE BASKETBALL CLUB**

Providing Basketball England Slam Jam Introduction to Basket Ball @  
The Abbey Sports Centre,  
Faversham  
Kent ME11 2DZ

Starting on Wednesday the 16th of April and running every week for 6 weeks from 6.30pm until 7.30pm.

Only £20.00 which includes a Slam Jam basketball, drawing bag, and a Slam Jam t-shirt.

Discount code available for two players or more from the same family. The registration closing date for the programme is the 31st of March.

Contact us : [info@swalebasketball.co.uk](mailto:info@swalebasketball.co.uk)  
or Register at  
<https://www.playhq.com/uk/basketball-england/register/2bafca>

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SLAM JAM IS BASKETBALL ON ISLAND'S OFFICIAL JUNIOR PROGRAMME BECOMING FOR THIS YEAR ACROSS BETWEEN 7 AND 11.

PLEASE CONTACT SWALE BASKETBALL CLUB FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Find out more at: [basketballengland.co.uk](http://basketballengland.co.uk)



## 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)

**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**  
**Friday 8 May – 4J Richborough trip**  
**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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