



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 1 May 2026



A message from Ms Kent & Ms Collin

Dear Parents and Carers,



Thank you so much to everyone who was able to attend our parent/carer consultations this week. It was lovely to see so many of you and to hear your positive feedback. Many families also took the opportunity to speak with our Governor, which was very much appreciated. If you weren't able to make it, please do get in touch with the school office and we'll be happy to arrange another time.

We'd also like to say a big thank you to those who have already completed the parent questionnaire. If you haven't had a chance yet, we would really value your views, so please do take a few minutes to complete it.



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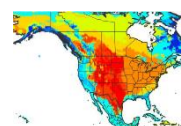
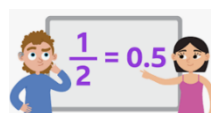
The children have been thoroughly enjoying the new additions to the playground! It's been a joy to see budding actors performing on the stage and creative engineers making the most of the tyres.

We hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend.

Warmest wishes,
Sarah Kent and Kirsten Collin

What have the children been up to this week?

Year 3 have been writing letters in English this week. They were lucky enough to receive a letter from Ottoline and have been busy writing their replies. In maths, the children have been recapping their knowledge of time and have been working hard to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes. In geography, the children have been looking at pictures of Whitstable over time, including one when an elephant walked down the High Street! This week, **Year 4** have been exploring the features of a newspaper and have even had a go at writing their own newspaper orientations, ensuring they include the 5 Ws (who, what, why, when where). During maths, we have been learning about the decimal equivalents of halves and quarters. Continuing with our electricity topic, we sorted appliances into those that are powered by mains and those that require batteries. In RE, we looked at the festival of Ramadan and discussed its significance for Muslims. **Year 5** have been practising their grammar skills ready to write their non-chronological report about our solar system. They have also been designing their rover, showing accurate measurements and the materials that they will need. In science, they have been exploring different time zones and in geography they have been looking at the different climates of North America, using graphs and charts to make comparisons. **Year 6** had a very productive and engaging week across the curriculum. In English, the children have been developing their argument-writing skills by exploring the question of whether Henry VIII was a successful king. They have worked hard to gather a range of points to support them with relevant historical evidence and clearly explain their thoughts. In maths, the week has been dedicated to consolidation and revision, with particular attention given to area and perimeter. In DT, the children have taken the next steps in their project by refining their bag designs. They have been thinking carefully about measurements, materials and functionality to ensure their final products are both practical and well-constructed. The children also enjoyed their final Morris men visit, which was met with great enthusiasm.



Times Table Fact of the Week

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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 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".

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** Thursday 7 May/**3N** Tuesday 5 May/Tuesday 19 May
5PW Wednesday 6 May/Wednesday 20 May
4J Monday 11 May/Thursday 21 May
6L Monday 18 May/**3H** Tuesday 28 April/Tuesday 12 May/
5H Wednesday 13 May



Lunch Menu w/c 4 May – 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 Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta 🍷🍷	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🍷	Pork Sausage Bites with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Fish Fingers with Chips
OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
BBQ Vegetable Wrap with Wholegrain Rice 🍷🍷🍷	Vegetarian Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta 🍷🍷🍷	Bean and Cheese Pastry Turnover 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
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD				
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				
Vanilla Slice with Melon Wedges 🍷	Oat Cookie 🍷	Strawberry Shortcake Mousse	Apple Crumble with Custard 🍷	Chocolate Ice Cream

Additional messaging



Canterbury Family Hubs Timetable

20th April to 22nd May 2026
Closed on Bank Holidays

Whitstable Family Hub:
03302 421554
Tower Parade, Whitstable, CT20E
Canterbury@kent.gov.uk

All of our groups and services are free to attend.
Please Note: Signing in will not be available until 10 minutes before the session starts.

Day	Group/Service	Time
Monday	Whitstable Baby Group	10:00am - 11:30am
Monday	Whitstable RAE First Aid For Babies	10:00am - 12:00pm
Tuesday	Whitstable Parent Support and 6-Week 11:30am Second Tuesday of the month	10:00am - 11:30am
Tuesday	Whitstable Talking Walk in First Tuesday of the month	10:00am - 11:30am
Tuesday	Whitstable Speak Out Youth	6:00pm - 8:00pm
Wednesday	Whitstable Healing Together	5:00pm - 6:30pm
Thursday	Whitstable Stay and Play	10:00am - 11:30am
Thursday	Whitstable Baby Massage	10:00am - 2:00pm
Thursday	Whitstable Time To Shine: Evening Sessions	7:00pm - 8:30pm
Friday	Whitstable Child Health Clinic	9:30am - 11:30am
Friday	Whitstable NCT Infant Feeding Support Groups	9:30am - 11:30am
Friday	Whitstable Book Bank Drop In	10:30am - 11:30am
Friday	Whitstable Jobshare Plus Support Session	10:30am - 11:30am

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 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 5 Wonder Dome
- 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
- Tuesday 7 July – New September Year 3 Parents Evening Meet at 5.30pm
- 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