



# Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

## Week ending 22 May 2026



### A message from Ms Kent & Ms Collin



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and successful term it's been at Whitstable Junior School! As we approach the half-term break, I wanted to take a moment to celebrate all that we've achieved together.

#### There are so many highlights to celebrate!

Thank you to everyone who attended our parent consultations this term. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to discuss your children's progress and celebrate their achievements with you. These conversations are so valuable in helping us work together to support every child.

We were delighted by the positive feedback from our recent parent survey. Your responses showed strong support for the school, and we're grateful for your constructive suggestions. We'll be sharing a full summary of the results and our action points in the coming weeks. Thank you for taking the time to share your views - your input helps us continue to improve.

The children are absolutely loving our new playground development! It's been fantastic to see them exploring the new equipment and enjoying their break times even more. The smiles and laughter say it all!

A huge well done to our Year 6 pupils who completed their SATs this term. They approached the assessments with resilience and determination, and we're incredibly proud of their efforts. They've shown real maturity throughout the process. They celebrated with a trip to Betteshanger last Friday.

None of this would be possible without our wonderful staff team. Every day they go above and beyond to ensure our children receive the very best education and care. Their dedication, creativity, and commitment to our school community is truly outstanding. Please join me in saying a huge thank you to them all.

As we head into the half-term break, I hope you all enjoy some well-deserved rest and relaxation. Here's wishing you lovely sunny weather and quality time with your families.

We look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed and ready for more fun and learning in Term 6 on the 1 June 2026.

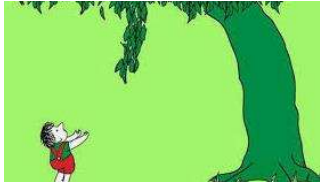
Warm regards, Sarah Kent and Kirsten Collin



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

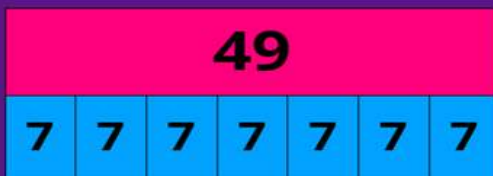
**Year 3** have finished the term making and sharing delicious sandwiches at the end of their DT project. Also, this week, the children have read and enjoyed the book *The Giving Tree* which teaches the reader about Being kind but also remembering to care about ourselves too. In maths the children have been investigating different types of angles and have been identifying horizontal and vertical lines. In science, they finished their topic about the body by designing and completing a practical investigation. **Year 4** have been learning about the legendary warrior queen Boudicca and her brave stand against the Roman Empire. The children have brought history to life by stepping into her shoes, using their knowledge of Boudicca's rebellion to write powerful persuasive speeches from her perspective, imagining how she might have rallied the other Celtic tribes to join her revolt against the Romans. In science, the children have been hands-on scientists, testing different materials as we've investigated insulators and conductors – exploring which materials allow electricity to pass through them and which don't. After a very busy term,

**Year 5** have been working hard to finish their space rovers. They have followed instructions well to make sure that they will work. They have also been exploring space poetry focusing on personification, smiles and adventurous vocabulary. In science, they have looked at famous astronomers and how the ideas of our solar system have changed over time. **Year 6** have been writing detailed setting/character descriptions inspired by Fagin and the boys' den from *Oliver Twist*. They worked hard to use powerful vocabulary and descriptive techniques to bring the gloomy setting to life. In maths they have been creating their own revision games to share with next year's Year 6 pupils. They showed great creativity and teamwork while designing fun activities to help others practise key maths skills. In DT, they have been developing their sewing skills by carefully cutting and sewing the PE bags they are making. To finish the term, they enjoyed their final PE lesson at the local tennis courts, where they had great fun taking part in tennis games and practising their skills.

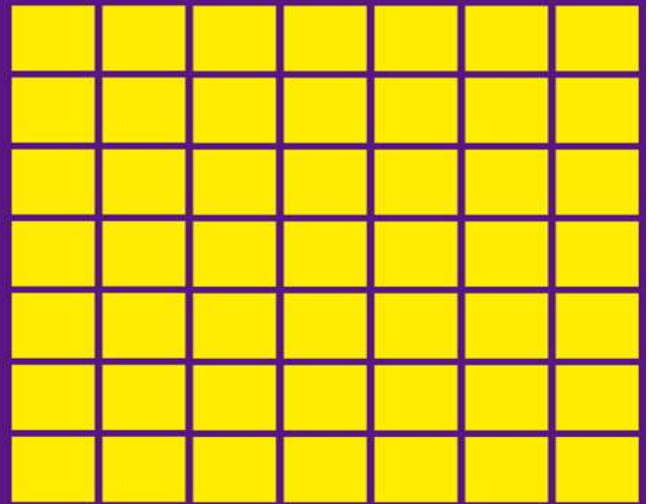


### Times Table Fact of the Week

$$7 \times 7 = 49$$



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### Attendance



### PE Timetable for Term 6 & 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** Tuesday and Friday
- 3N** Wednesday and Thursday
- 4J** Monday and Thursday
- 5H** Monday swimming & Wednesday PE
- 5PW** Monday swimming & Friday PE
- 6L** Tuesday swimming & Friday PE
- 6T** Monday PE & Tuesday swimming



**Year 6 swimming commences on the 2 June and does not run on 23 June due to sports day**

## Football

A series of Term 5 Football friendlies against the Endowed finished on a high!

Year 5 girls won their first ever match 3-2! A very exciting game where the girls showed fantastic resilience and determination to get the win!

Year 6 girls played a tough Endowed team for a taster of their league final match next term.

Year 5 boys played last week to an equally difficult Endowed team.

Year 6 boys got the win in the first of 4 games.



## Outdoor Learning – Term 6

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

- 6T Monday 1 June/Thursday 11 June/Monday 29 June
- 3N Tuesday 2 June/Tuesday 16 June/Tuesday 30 June
- 6L Monday 8 June/Monday 22 June/Monday 6 July
- 3H Tuesday 9 June/Tuesday 23 June/Tuesday 7 July
- 5H Wednesday 10 June/Wednesday 24 June/Wednesday 8 July
- 5PW Thursday 11 June/Thursday 18 June/Thursday 2 July
- 4J Wednesday 17 June/Wednesday 1 July/Thursday 9 July



## Lunch Menu w/c 1 June – 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>HOT 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

## Playground Update

You can follow our progress or make a donation here:

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

## Additional messaging

**Summer Fair** : Bottle donations please on 4 June – non-school uniform day in return and chocolate donations please on 12 June – non school uniform day in return.



Herne and Broomfield Parish Council  
working in collaboration with  
The Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership

**The Curtis Wood  
Wildlife Picnic**

We are hosting a wildlife picnic for children and families.  
This includes:

- A complimentary picnic (bring your own drink, something to sit on and cutlery)
- A Nature Discovery Trail
- Story time and activities
- A craft sponsored by the GO OP
- This is a FREE event but PLEASE register your booking by emailing [education@herneandbroomfield.org.uk](mailto:education@herneandbroomfield.org.uk)

**Sunday 7th June 2026**  
10am – 1.30pm  
Curtis Wood Park,  
Herne

This picnic will be outdoor dependent, bring your own rug and please use the provided Public Council provided picnic for options.

**HALF TERM  
AT THE RESERVE  
MAY 2026**

**TUESDAY 26TH THAN READY TREES AND THE LITTLE SEED**  
Tree bead craft\* and 'The Little Seed', by Magdalene Tsirikas, an interactive story telling. The little seed is blown underground and rained on. A shoot appears and the sun shines. Something is growing: what will it be? This session is for preschoolers 3+, and the young at heart, in celebration of The National Year of Reading. \* Warning - activity contains small parts.

**GO ALL IN!**  
PROUD TO SUPPORT  
The National Year  
of Reading 2026.

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Visit our museum, cafe, gift, and book shops.

**MORE INFO:**  
[education@menkton-reserve.org](mailto:education@menkton-reserve.org)

**PRICE PER CHILD**

Members: £3  
Non-Members: £5

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**Children's Lit Festival**

**Go Wild with Stories**  
July 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 2026

venues across Canterbury, Sturry & Herne

Full programme & tickets at  
[www.canterburykidslitfest.co.uk](http://www.canterburykidslitfest.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 1 June – Start of Term 6
- Monday 1 June – Kent Test application for year 5 opens
- Tuesday 2 June – Year 6 swimming commences**
- Wednesday 3 June – Friday 5 June – Year 6 residential
- Thursday 4 June – Bottle donations for fair/non-school uniform
- w/c Monday 8 June – Years 5 & 6 Swimming lessons x 5
- Wednesday 10 June – Year 4 MTC test
- Friday 12 June – Chocolate donations for school fair/non school uniform
- Friday 12 June – Summer Fair – 3.15 – 4.30pm
- 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



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