



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 5 June 2026



A message from Ms Kent & Ms Collin



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back for Term 6. This is always one of my favourite times of the year — a chance to reflect on how much the children have grown, both socially and academically, while also preparing them for the next stage of their journey.

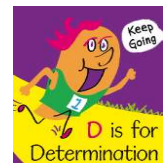
Our value this term is determination. We will be exploring what it means to persevere when things are challenging, encouraging the children to 'dig deep' and not give up. We look forward to celebrating those who demonstrate this value in their learning and everyday school life.

On Tuesday, we welcomed our Governing Body for their third and final monitoring visit of the year. These visits are an important opportunity for Governors to spend time with both children and staff and to experience a typical morning at Whitstable Junior School. Their feedback is always invaluable and will help inform our vision and school improvement priorities for the next academic year.

Our Year 6 pupils had a fantastic time on their residential trip this week, taking part in a wide range of exciting activities, including raft building, orienteering, abseiling and the zip wire, to name just a few. Those who joined the daytime activities also enjoyed experiences such as nightline, axe throwing, adventure golf and, of course, the ever-popular zip wire. It has been wonderful to see the children challenge themselves and try something new.

With the warmer weather continuing, we are making the most of opportunities for outdoor learning and play. Please can you ensure your child comes to school each day with a named water bottle, sun hat and sun cream has been applied before school. These small steps help us to keep all children safe, comfortable and ready to enjoy their time outside.

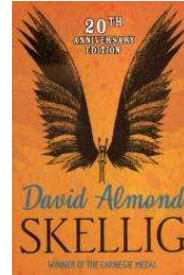
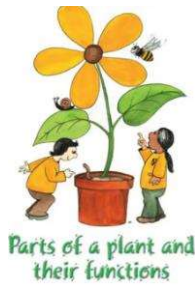
Warm regards, Sarah Kent and Kirsten Collin



What have the children been up to this week?

Year 3 have certainly returned to school full of enthusiasm and curiosity. In English the children have started reading *The Firework Makers Daughter* by Phillip Pullman; they have read about the main characters and have started writing instructions for their own fireworks. In maths, the children have learnt about 2D shapes and polygons; I wonder how many they can tell you? In science, they have started learning about flowering plants and have identified the main parts and their functions. **Year 4** arrived back at school raring to go! This week we have been introduced to our new English text - *Beowulf*. Inspired by the beast Grendel, the children wrote some truly horrifying character descriptions, ensuring they used lots of expanded noun phrases. In maths the children have been getting to grips with analogue and digital time and have learned how to convert between the two. Our RE lesson encouraged the children to think about how some people see life as a journey and how different religions mark milestones with special rituals. **Year 5** have officially launched our new class text, *Skellig* and the children are utterly hooked! They have been using their best detective skills and vivid vocabulary to write atmospheric descriptions. Ask them what they think is hiding in the shadows! We have been turning into geometry champions this week by exploring the world of angles. In history, we hopped into a time machine to explore the incredible chronology of American history. The children have been piecing together a massive historical puzzle, mapping out key events in order to understand how the nation grew and changed over time. **Year 6** enjoyed an exceptional

and memorable week packed with exciting opportunities, new experiences and plenty of adventure. The week began with a special transition assembly. Alongside this, swimming sessions provided opportunities to develop skills, build resilience and enjoy time together. The excitement continued as pupils took part in either Residential Week or Activity Week, both of which offered a wide range of challenges, team-building experiences and unforgettable moments. From stepping outside comfort zones and developing independence to strengthening friendships and creating lasting memories. Well done to all of Year 6 for their enthusiasm and positive attitude throughout the week.



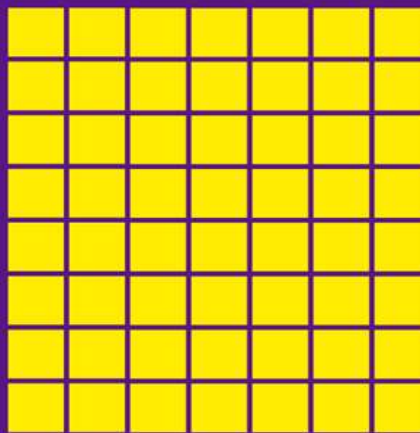
Times Table Fact of the Week

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$$7 \times 8 = 56$$

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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 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



Football – Wednesday 17 June Year 3 & 4 football tournament at Herne Bay High from 1.30 to 3.30pm

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 Thursday 11 June/Monday 29 June
- 3N 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/Wednesday 17 June/Wednesday 1 July
- 4J Thursday 18 June/Thursday 2 July/Thursday 9 July



Lunch Menu w/c 8 June – School lunches are £3.20 per day

Menu change on Thursday 11 June





WORLD CUP

11 JUNE 2026

MAINS
BBQ Chicken Goujon Wrap and
BBQ Veggie Finger Wrap (V)

SIDES
Crispy Herby Diced Potatoes,
Peas and Baked Beans

DESSERTS
Waffle and Ice-Cream

*Menus may be subject to change



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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese and Tomato Pizza with BBQ Potato Wedges 🍕	BBQ Pork Meatball Tortilla with Wholegrain Rice 🌮	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🍗	Lasagne with Garlic Bread 🍝	Fish Fingers with Chips 🐟
OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
Veggie Meat Feast Pizza with BBQ Potato Wedges 🍕	Cheesy Bean Burrito with Wholegrain Rice 🌮	Vegetarian Cottage Pie with Gravy 🥧	Beany Chilli with Baked Nachos with Wholegrain Rice 🌮	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				
Custard Shortbread with Melon Wedges 🍰	Apple Crumble with Custard 🍏	Chocolate Mousse 🍰	Lemon Drizzle Cake 🍰	Vanilla 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 : Chocolate donations please on 12 June – non school uniform day in return.



Year 6 Production will take place on Thursday 9 July at 2pm and 6pm – tickets will be available from the office soon.



JUNIOR BAKE-OFF
Calling all young bakers!
Show off your baking skills and create the most delicious and creative bakes for the Revival Community Friday competition

WHERE
Revival Sunday
Comesville Circle

WHEN
5th September
2025

WHAT
• CAKES
• BAKES
• BISCUITS
• BROWNIES
• SWEETBREADS
• SWEETBREADS
• SWEETBREADS

Sponsored & Prizes by:
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• Star baker
• Most Creative

Categories:
• 5-7
• 8-10

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Visit our parent's page for more details:
team@memekent.co.uk/holiday-camps

TEAMTHEME KENT 07938 575 124

NORMAL MUSEUM ENTRY FEE APPLIES

OPTIONAL PRE-BOOKING AVAILABLE

COMICON
AT THE MUSEUM

JUNE 20TH-21ST 2026
10AM - 4PM

ANY QUESTIONS EMAIL INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK

@RAF Manston History Museum
WHAT THREE WORDS - REMEMBERED, MORNINGS, PAYE

Charity No. 1179982

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)

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

Friday 12 – No Football Futures due to Summer Fair

Monday 15 June – Year 4 Otterden trip

Wednesday 17 June – Football Tournament LS - Herne Bay High 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Wednesday 17 June – 6L parent lunch at 12.00 – enter through top gate

Thursday 18 June – 6T parent lunch at 12.00 – enter through top gate

Tuesday 23 June – Sports Day – Lower School at 12.30/Upper School 1.30pm/Whole School 2.40pm

Friday 26 June – Victorian morning

w/c Monday 29 June – Transition Week – ALL schools on Thursday 2 July

Tuesday 30 June – Drumming assembly at 2.15pm

Wednesday 1 July – Dance Competition TBC (Boughton Village Hall)

Wednesday 1 July Kent Test application closes

Tuesday 7 July – New September Year 3 Parents Evening Meet at 5.30pm

Wednesday 8 July – iRock end of year concert from 2.15 – 3.30pm

Thursday 9 July – Year 6 production performances to parents from 2pm and 6pm

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 – Football Futures is running

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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