



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 12 June 2026



A message from Ms Kent & Ms Collin

Dear Parents and Carers,

You said, we listened! Last term, the children completed a School Uniform Survey, and we have used this alongside the results from the parent survey to review our school uniform. The following changes will take effect from September.

Children will now be allowed to wear plain black jogging bottoms (with no logo or branding) as part of the main uniform. The option of grey or black skirts and trousers will remain.

A majority of parents and children wanted to keep the two colours that distinguish Lower School and Upper School, so these will remain, as will the different colours for PE kits. There will also continue to be the option of logo or no logo for all school uniform items, and either a polo shirt or round-neck T-shirt for PE.

From September 2026, the uniform is as follows: (Highlighted yellow = changes.)

LOWER SCHOOL (YRS 3 & 4)

- Red School Jumper or sweatshirt/Cardigan (with or without school logo)
- Charcoal Grey/Black Trousers/Charcoal Grey/Black Skirt/plain black jogging bottoms (no logo/branding)
- White Polo Shirt (with or without school logo)
- Charcoal Grey/Black Trousers or shorts
- Black Shoes (heel no higher than 2.5cm/1")
- All Black Trainers – no Astros
- Black or grey socks

UPPER SCHOOL (YRS 5 & 6)

- Black School Jumper or sweatshirt/Cardigan (with or without school logo)
- Charcoal Grey/Black Trousers/Charcoal Grey/Black Skirt/plain black jogging bottoms (no logo / branding)
- White Polo Shirt (with or without school logo)
- Charcoal Grey/Black Trousers or shorts
- Black Shoes (heel no higher than 2.5cm/1")
- All Black Trainers – no Astros
- Black or grey sock

WINTER ONLY

- Boots may be worn, black or grey sensible style, no adornments or buckles.

SUMMER TERM ONLY

- Red gingham or red stripe dress
- Black, Red or White sandals (one colour only) with heels no higher than 2.5cm (1")
- White socks/Grey or White

High heels / flip flops / sliders / 'crocs' are **not** permitted.

All items of clothing and footwear must be labelled with the pupil's name.

Our PE Kit Children are asked to come into school on the day of their PE lesson wearing their PE kit. They can wear it for the full school day.

Parents/carers are responsible for ensuring their child is dressed appropriately for PE.

The PE kit is as follows:

Polo shirt in house colour or white (with or without school logo)

Black shorts

Black or white plimsolls (Trainers may be worn for outdoor PE/Games. No Astros.)

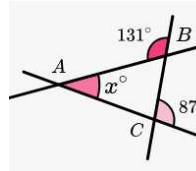
Sweatshirt in House colours (optional, but recommended. With or without school logo)

Black jogging bottoms for winter only

Please note that cycling shorts are not part of the school uniform, PE or otherwise, and should not be worn and neither are PE shorts on non-PE days. Thank you for your support.

What have the children been up to this week?

Year 3 have worked really hard this week on their final assessments in English and maths. The children have shown incredible resilience and determination to complete these. They have also been learning some new skills in PE in preparation for Sports Day in a few weeks. Year 3 children have also had a chance to complete a survey from the Children's Commissioner regarding their local area and the future. **Year 4** have shown incredible determination and resilience this week to complete both their final Year 4 assessments and their MTCs. Incredible work! On top of this, they have enjoyed their flute lesson this week - learning yet more notes! In D/T, they designed their Anglo-Saxon coin purses, while trying to remain authentic to the time period and made their sewing template. They have also drawn some fantastic comic strips, telling the story of Hengist and Horsa arriving in Britain to assist King Vortigern. This week, **Year 5** children have been delving deeper into the world of *Skellig* and exploring how to deepen our understanding of the characters through dialogue. We have continued to master our grasp of angles in maths by calculating angles both on a straight line and around a point. In science, the children have been writing a balanced argument on the positives and negatives of the asexual reproduction of plants. In PE they have enjoyed their first swimming lesson of the term and shown great perseverance, fluency and coordination in both their long distance and sprint running in Athletics. **Year 6** have had a busy and engaging week across the curriculum. In English, the children have been exploring *The Highwayman*, developing their understanding of the text by investigating the meanings of some of its more challenging vocabulary and phrases. In maths, the class has been applying their problem-solving and organisational skills by planning and budgeting for their own holidays. They are now well-equipped to help organise your next family trip! In science, the children have been learning about the body's major systems, including the circulatory and digestive systems and exploring how these systems work together to keep us healthy and functioning effectively.



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 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.

Week Commencing 22 June 2026: Children to wear PE kits all week as part of Sports Week. A reminder that Year 6 will not have swimming on 23 June (Tuesday) due to sports day

- 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 – Tuesday 16 June – Girls's football final vs The Endowed – **(home)**

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



Lunch Menu w/c 15 June – School lunches are £3.20 per day

Menu changes : Option B on Wednesday will be a Quorn roast and whole sausages will be served rather than sausage bites on Thursday.

Reminder. There will be no hot food from the kitchen Tuesday 23 June (Sports Day)

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

Playground Update

You can follow our progress or make a donation here:

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

🌟 Donations Needed for Our Playground Project 🌟

Our playground project is growing, and we would love your help. We are currently looking for donations of mini figures, dinosaurs, and animal figures.

If you're having a clear-out or have a few items to spare, please hand them in at the school office or drop them off at the front gate. Every little contribution helps bring more joy and creativity to the children's playtime.

🌿 Exciting News: Our Wildlife Discovery Area Has Begun! 🌿

We're thrilled to share that work has officially started on our brand-new wildlife discovery area. This special space will give children the chance to explore nature, learn through play, and enjoy the outdoors every lunchtime. Our aim is to have the area completed over the summer holidays, ready for the children to enjoy when they return.



Additional messaging

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



Whitstable Junior School Breakfast Club

Don't forget our fabulous breakfast club runs from 7.30am until 8.30am (drop off anytime between) and is £5.00 per session should you require it.



We have been taking part in **The Big Future**, a national project led by the Children's Commissioner, giving pupils the chance to share their ideas and views about what matters most to them. Through thoughtful discussions and activities, children have been encouraged to think about how to improve their local area and help shape a better future for all—families can also take part by visiting the survey and encouraging their children to have their voice heard. <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TheBigFuture/>

Are you a working parent?
Do you need support with childcare costs for your primary school aged children before and after the school day? You may be eligible for Tax-Free Childcare or Universal Credit Childcare.
Scan the QR codes for more details.
Tax-Free Childcare | Universal Credit Childcare
Or call the Kent Children and Families Information Service: 03000 41 23 23
Or email: kentcfs@theeducationpeople.org

Parent/Carer Coffee Morning School-Based Resilience
Delivered in partnership with Kent Educational Psychology Service
An informative and supportive session exploring anxiety and resilience in children. The workshop will share key information, practical strategies, and offer opportunities for discussion, helping parents feel more confident in supporting their child through challenges.
Please sign up using this short form: <https://forms.office.com/#/LqH0N8hgQVW>
Where: St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Northwood Road, Tankerton, Kent, CT5 2EY
When: Tuesday 16th June 2026, 9.15-10.15AM
Open to all parents/carers with children at Whitstable schools

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STEPPING UP INTO PRIMARY
Preparing your child for the big step!
Help your child to feel happy and settled, making the transition to primary school as smooth as possible on this engaging and supportive workshop.
Where: Whitstable Family Hub, Tower Parade, Whitstable, Kent, CT5 2BJ
Date: Tuesday 7th July 2026
Time: 12:30pm to 2:00pm
To book a place please contact: Email: CanterburyFH@kent.gov.uk Tel: 03000 410014
For more information scan the QR code
kentadulteducation.co.uk
FREE, Fun & Informal

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 15 June – Year 4 Otterden trip

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

Thursday 25 June – Kung Fu Schools – part of Sports Week Workshops

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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