



# Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

## Week ending 19 June 2026



### A message from Ms Kent & Ms Collin

Dear Parents and Carers,



Sports Day is fast approaching and the children have been working incredibly hard in their PE lessons practising their running, jumping and team events. It's fabulous to watch them prepare for the big day! We have a couple of Usain Bolt's in the making for sure!

**You are all warmly invited to attend and cheer on the children. Please see the details already supplied in the separate sports day letter.**

As we're experiencing warmer weather, I wanted to share some important reminders to help keep your children safe and comfortable during the school day:

#### Sun Protection

- Please apply sun cream to your child before school each morning
- Please ensure your child brings a named sun hat to school every day



#### Hydration

- Please make sure your child brings a named water bottle to school each day
- We'll be encouraging children to drink regularly throughout the day
- Water bottles can be refilled in the children's classrooms



#### Clothing

- Light, loose-fitting clothing is recommended
- Please ensure children are still wearing appropriate sports wear for school, for non sports week summer dresses and shorts are perfect for this weather.

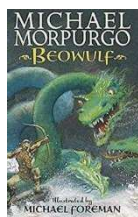
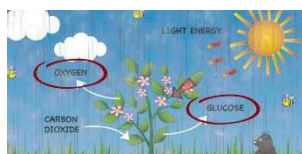


Wishing you a fun filled weekend.  
Sarah Kent & Kirsten Collin

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

**Year 3** have had another busy week of learning; the children have used their developing skills to find synonyms in a thesaurus to describe the fire-fiend's grotto in English. In maths, they have continued to work on statistics by gathering data and presenting it in bar charts and pictograms. In science, they have been looking at the leaves on a plant and how they turn light into energy via photosynthesis. **Year 4** started their week by visiting Otterden Place, taking part in various exciting countryside activities; these included finding mini beasts; modelling mini beasts from clay; den building and making plant pots out of newspaper. In English, we have returned to our text - Beowulf - and have begun to plan our own Anglo-Saxon legends. Angles have been our focus in maths. We have been learning about obtuse, acute, right and reflex angles. In science, we worked in groups to create our own classification keys as ways of grouping living things. **Year 5** children have shown superb resilience this week in tackling their end-of-year assessments. We are incredibly proud of their determination and look forward to this fantastic attitude continuing as we complete them next week! In PE lessons we have been preparing for Sports Day by holding sprint offs and rehearsing our relay etiquette with batons. Our Life Cycle unit of work in science is well underway and the children have been creating their own life cycle diagrams for salmon, arctic terns and leatherback turtles.

In **Year 6** this week, the children have been busy learning how to manage their finances and calculate their earnings from a job. In science, they have been investigating the effects of exercise on the body, particularly its impact on heart rate. The children have also written newspaper reports based on *The Highwayman*.

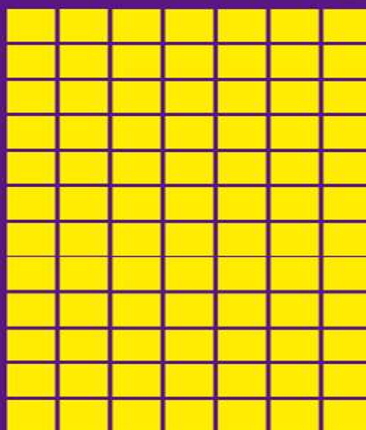


## Times Table Fact of the Week

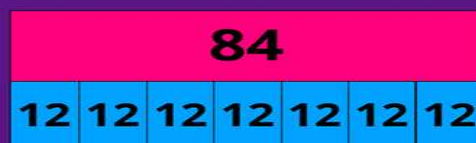
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$$84 \div 7 = ?$$



$$12 \times 7 = 84$$



$$84 \div 12 = ?$$

## 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 or appropriate sportswear all week as part of Sports Week. A reminder that Year 6 will not have swimming on 23 June (Tuesday) due to sports day. No Astros. Children must be in their house-coloured top for sports day on 23 June.**

- 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



## 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 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 1 July/**4J** Thursday 2 July/Thursday 9 July



## Lunch Menu w/c 22 June – School lunches are £3.20 per day

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

| MONDAY                                                            | TUESDAY                                        | WEDNESDAY                                          | THURSDAY                                              | FRIDAY                              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Cheese and Tomato Pizza<br>with Potato Wedges 🍕                   | Beef Burger<br>with Potato Wedges              | Roast Chicken<br>with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy 🍗  | Chicken and Vegetable Korma<br>with Wholegrain Rice 🍛 | Fish Fingers<br>with Chips          |
| OR                                                                | OR                                             | OR                                                 | OR                                                    | OR                                  |
| Tex Mex Vegetable Fajita<br>with Wholegrain Rice 🌮                | Beany Vegetable Burger<br>with Potato Wedges 🍔 | Roast BBQ Quorn<br>with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🍗 | Macaroni Cheese<br>🍝                                  | Quorn Dippers<br>with Chips         |
| OR                                                                | OR                                             | OR                                                 | OR                                                    | OR                                  |
| Jacket Potato<br>Beans or Cheese                                  | Jacket Potato<br>Beans or Cheese               | Jacket Potato<br>Beans or Cheese                   | Jacket Potato<br>Beans or Cheese                      | Jacket Potato<br>Beans or Cheese    |
| HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD |                                                |                                                    |                                                       |                                     |
| Egg/Cheese<br>Sandwich or Wrap                                    | Ham/Cheese/Tuna<br>Sandwich or Wrap            | Ham/Cheese/Tuna<br>Sandwich or Wrap                | Ham/Cheese/Tuna<br>Sandwich or Wrap                   | Ham/Cheese/Tuna<br>Sandwich or Wrap |
| DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD                           |                                                |                                                    |                                                       |                                     |
| Apple and Golden Syrup<br>Sponge<br>with Custard 🍏                | Lemon Cookie 🍪                                 | Strawberry Jelly 🍓                                 | Banana Cake 🍌                                         | Strawberry Ice Cream 🍓              |

## Playground Update

The **Summer Fair** made an incredible **£1020** which will go towards our playground fund. Huge thank you to our **outstanding PTFA** with a special shout out to **Yvonne**. We are beyond grateful!



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 – complete google form going out on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** - no cost - 2 tickets per family - request extra tickets on same form.



**Year 6 Leavers Disco** Thursday 16 July 5pm – 6pm - complete google form going out on **Monday 29 June** - no cost – PTFA will supply a drink and a packet of crisps per child.



**Please can Year 6** bring in newspapers & magazines, comics etc. next week. They will be cut up and used for collage art.

### 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.



## 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)

**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 in Year 6**

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

**Tuesday 30 June – Drumming assembly at 2.15pm**

**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 5pm – 6pm**

**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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