



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 26 June 2026



A message from Ms Kent & Ms Collin

Dear Parents and Carers,



It's been a *hot, hot, hot* week! Despite the soaring temperatures, the children have continued to dig deep and demonstrate this term's value of **determination**, striving to be the very best they can be.

Thank you, parents and carers, for ensuring your children have sun cream, hats and water bottles. Your support helps us keep everyone safe and as comfortable as possible during this warm weather.

Although we had to reschedule Sports Day, we were delighted to continue with a range of Sports Week activities and events. We have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the children take part in the early morning *Wake Up and Shake Up* sessions – a big thank you to our staff and Sports Crew for making these such a fun and energising start to the day.

This week, we were also inspired by two fantastic guest speakers. On Monday, Mrs Epps spoke about completing the London to Brighton off-road bike ride. She shared her love of cycling, along with photos and memories from the event. Despite extremely wet weather and being soaked from the very start, she showed great determination to complete the course.

On Wednesday, we welcomed Vikki, who spoke about her cross-Channel swim. She explained the route from England to France, how she prepared, and shared her experiences from the day. Vikki also reminded us of the importance of water safety when swimming in the sea. Her achievement is another wonderful example of determination and resilience.

We hope these assemblies have inspired our children—*always learning today for life tomorrow* at WJS.

Wishing you all a lovely, relaxing weekend in the sunshine.

Sarah Kent & Kirsten Collin



What have the children been up to this week?

Year 3 have continued to work hard this week despite the heat! The children have nearly finished reading *The Firework Maker's Daughter* in English and have used synonyms to write wonderful descriptions of the Fire-fiend and the grotto. In science, the children have studied how leaves act as 'solar panels' for plants and have learnt a little about photosynthesis. **Year 4** have been interpreting data in maths, looking at pictograms, graphs and tables to find and compare information. In English, we have been writing our Beowulf-inspired legends; we have now edited them to add those finishing touches to make them shine. Continuing with our Anglo-Saxon topic, we explored how Anglo-Saxon Britain was ruled, comparing Anglo-Saxon justice to modern British justice. In RE, the children enjoyed learning about the traditional Jewish rite of passage: Bar/Bat Mitzvah. **Year 5** have been applying their place value knowledge to confidently add and subtract decimals, showing great accuracy and understanding. In English, they have been exploring symbolism in *Skellig*, with a particular focus on the significance of blackbird imagery, leading to some thoughtful discussions and interpretations. In science, pupils have combined their maths skills with their learning to create scatter graphs, investigating the

relationship between gestation periods and the mass of different mammals. It's been fantastic to see them making these cross-curricular links. On Thursday, the children thoroughly enjoyed a special Kung Fu session with Miss Perriman and her dad – a fun and energetic experience that everyone got involved in! **Year 6** have had a busy week getting ready for their production and preparing for next year. On Tuesday morning, they took their equipment around the school and were taught by different teachers in various areas of the building. This helped them get used to moving between lessons, having more than one teacher in a day, and experiencing what secondary school will be like. They used timetables and maps to help them find their way around the school independently. They have also been rehearsing hard for their production and are working hard to learn all of their lines in preparation for their performances.

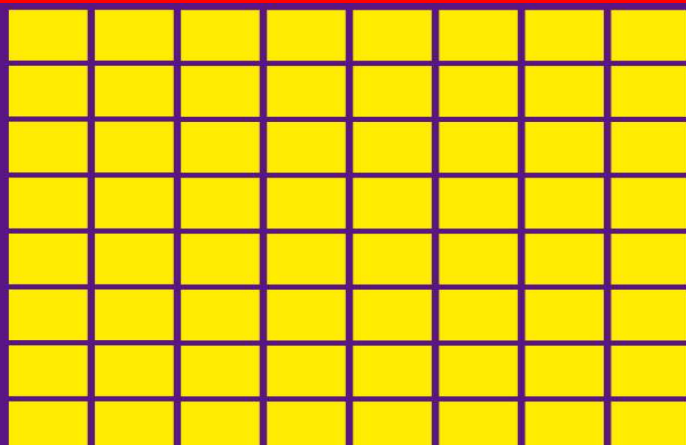


Times Table Fact of the Week

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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.

Sports day now Wednesday 8 July 2026 – in the morning from 9.30 for Lower School

- 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 6 July
3H Tuesday 7 July
5H Wednesday 8 July
5PW Wednesday 1 July/**4J** Thursday 2 July/Thursday 9 July



Lunch Menu w/c 29 June – School lunches are £3.20 per day

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
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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>

🌟 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.

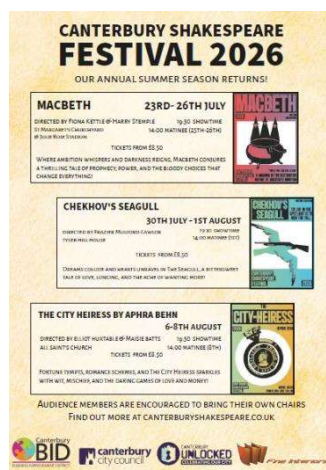
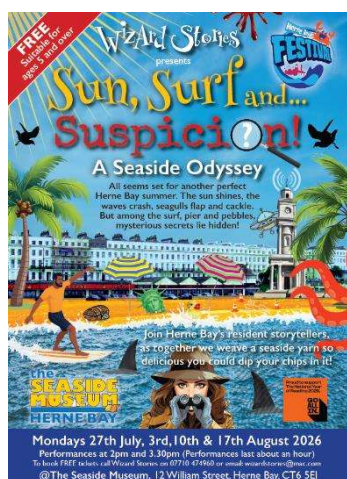
If you're having a clear-out or have a few items to spare, please hand them in at the school office or drop them off at the front gate. Every little contribution helps bring more joy and creativity to the children's playtime.

🌿 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



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)

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 – Sports Day from 9.30am for Lower School
 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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