



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 3 July 2026



A message from Ms Kent & Ms Collin



Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting week we've had at Whitstable Junior School! As we move towards the end of term, we wanted to share some wonderful moments from our recent transition activities.

This week, our Year 6 pupils visited their new secondary schools for their transition days and it's been a joy to hear all about their experiences. They've come back buzzing with excitement, full of stories about their new classrooms, meeting their form tutors, and getting a taste of secondary school life.

We have been so impressed by how our Year 6s have approached this milestone – asking thoughtful questions, supporting each other through any nerves, and showing the maturity and confidence we've worked so hard to develop within them.

We also held our 'moving up' sessions this week, where all our pupils spent time in their new classrooms with their teachers and learning support assistants for September. It was lovely to see the children's excitement as they explored their new learning spaces and started to build relationships with the staff who will be supporting them next year. These sessions are so valuable in helping children feel confident and settled when they return in September.

They've had the chance to familiarise themselves with their new environment, understand new routines, and ask any questions they might have. Our staff have also benefited from getting to know the children, understanding their interests and learning styles and beginning to plan for an exciting year ahead.

Finally, we have also had the absolute pleasure of welcoming our new Year 3 pupils this week! It's been marvellous to see their faces light up as they've explored their new classrooms, meet their teachers and start to make friends with their future classmates. They impressed us with their curiosity, enthusiasm and readiness to join our school family. We can already see they're going to fit in brilliantly!

These transition experiences are priceless in helping children feel confident and excited about change. Whether moving on to new adventures, moving up to their new year group, or joining our school community, every child has shown resilience and enthusiasm this week.

Sarah Kent & Kirsten Collin

What have the children been up to this week?

Year 3 have finished reading *The Firework Maker's daughter* in English and have produced some wonderful book reviews and alternative book covers. In maths, the children have embarked on several different tasks where they have used their skills to complete challenges such as tower building and calculating mass. In RSE the children have been thinking about goals and dreams for the future. The big news of the week was of course transition day; **Year 4** had a fantastic time with their new teacher in their new classrooms, returning to Year 4 with big smiles. Aside from this, the children have got to grips with coordinates in maths, using them to describe the location of shapes on a grid. In English, we have been recapping when and how to use apostrophes correctly. In PE, the class have been refining their tennis skills, playing games of doubles.

This week, **Year 5** have been exploring life cycles that involve metamorphosis and have used their English lessons to create informative non-fiction texts. In history, they have investigated the causes of conflict between Native American communities and European settlers while comparing their beliefs and cultures. In maths, the children have been applying their reasoning skills to solve challenging problems involving decimals. **Year 6** have been busy practising for their production and have also been away on their transition days this week. We hope their transition days have gone well and are very proud of how they have embraced these exciting next steps. We look forward to seeing them shine in their upcoming production!



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 Wednesday 8 July 2026 – in the morning from 9.30 for Lower School. Children to wear full PE kit with house t-shirt and no Astros.

- 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.

6L Monday 6 July
3H Tuesday 7 July
5H Wednesday 8 July
5PW Thursday 9 July



Lunch Menu w/c 6 July – School lunches are £3.20 per 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

A huge thank you to Emma, Lowen's mum, for spending her Saturday cutting back the overgrown pond area and transforming it into a usable space where children can observe and enjoy nature. It looks fantastic, and we are incredibly grateful for your hard work and generosity.

Before



After



We'd also like to say thank you to everyone who has donated to our mini-figure worlds. We've received wonderful animals and dinosaurs, and they're already out in the playground being enjoyed today. Your support is helping us create imaginative play opportunities the children truly love.

We are still collecting mini figures, so if you're having a clear-out, please drop any donations at the school office. Every contribution helps us grow this magical play space.

You can follow our progress or make a donation here:

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

Additional messaging



Kent Family Hub
Summer Timetable
Canterbury Family Hubs
27th July - 21st August, 2026
Holiday Activities and Food

Your child must receive benefit-related Free School Meals to be eligible to attend.

Our Activities

- Fishing
- Roller skating
- Cooking
- Howletts Zoo Trip
- Story Time Adventures
- Family Swim Sessions
- Mean Girls The Musical
- Boxing
- Wildwood Trips
- Little Kickers

To register your interest, please visit:
<https://apps.holidayactivities.com>
or email parent@kentfamilyhub.org.uk

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Skirmish At The Museum
11th - 12th July 2026
...breathing new life into history
10am to 4pm

INTERACTION ENCOURAGED!
ALL ERAS WELCOME!

Bar available
All proceeds to the museum and local Veteran's Association

Some re-enactors may fire blank guns and cannons, which can be loud!

OPTIONAL PRE-BOOKING AVAILABLE
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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 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 – 5PW parents invited to see space rovers in studio from 2.45 – 3.30pm back gate

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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