



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 10 July 2026



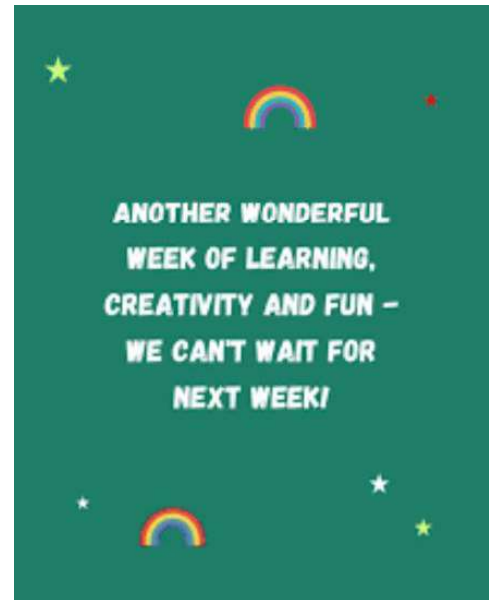
A message from Ms Kent & Ms Collin

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an incredible week it has been at Whitstable Junior School!

Our Sports Day was a wonderful celebration of inclusivity and teamwork. Every child participated with enthusiasm and determination, and I was so proud to see our fantastic Sports Crew leading the organisation with such confidence. A special mention must go to our teachers, whose inflatable race provided the highlight of the day – their competitive spirit (and occasional tumbles!) had everyone cheering and laughing!

We also watched Year 6 in spectacular style with their production of *The Wrong Way Round*. The talent on display was truly remarkable – from the fabulous acting and singing to the incredible work of our stage hands and tech crew behind the scenes. It was wonderful to see our school community come and watch this performance – your support means so much to our pupils and staff. It was the perfect way for them to end their journey at WJS and I have no doubt that our Year 6 pupils will go on to be stars in whatever they choose to do.



Thank you to all the staff who made both events possible and to our families for your continued support.

Looking forward to a fantastic last week of term next week!

Sarah Kent & Kirsten Collin

What have the children been up to this week?

In **Year 3** this week, we began reading *The Impossible Shop of Ice Creams* and have been using our imaginations to think about what our own ice cream shops would look like and the impossible ice creams we would sell. In Science, we have continued exploring plants, focusing on the different ways seeds are dispersed. We were incredibly proud of everyone during Sports Day – the perseverance, determination and excellent sportsmanship shown by all of the children was fantastic to see. In amongst the excitement of Sports Day, the Year 6 production and the I rock concert, **Year 4** have done some super learning. In maths, we have explored co-ordinates and how to translate points on a grid. Using 'Grandpa's Garden' as inspiration, we have written recounts from the perspective of an unsuspecting worm, recalling when the 'trowel of terror' arrived. Aside from this, we have continued to work diligently on our Anglo-Saxon purses. **Year 5** have enjoyed sharing their rovers, space patches and space writing with their parents. They have been looking at famous naturalists in science and have produced an information page about them. They really enjoyed Sports Day and we are grateful to those children who stood in for others at the last minute. What an incredible week! Our **Year 6** pupils have truly wowed us with their outstanding achievements. They delivered a fantastic theatrical performance, bringing their amazing production to life across three performances for audiences, including the whole school. They also demonstrated exceptional determination, teamwork and sportsmanship during Sports Day. We are immensely proud of everything they have accomplished and can't wait to enjoy our final week together.



Times Table Fact of the Week

IF YOU KNOW ONE OF THESE FACTS, WHAT OTHER FACTS CAN YOU WORK OUT?

FACT OF THE WEEK

HOW MANY WAYS CAN YOU REPRESENT EACH FACT?

$$8 \times 12 = 96$$

$$12 \times 8 = 96$$

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$$96 \div 8 = ?$$

$$96 \div 12 = ?$$

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.

- 3H** Tuesday and Friday
- 3N** Wednesday and Thursday
- 4J** Monday and Thursday
- 5H** Monday & Wednesday
- 5PW** Monday & Friday
- 6L** Tuesday & Friday
- 6T** Monday PE & Tuesday



Lunch Menu w/c 13 July – School lunches are £3.20 per day

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges 🍕	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy 🍗	Chicken and Vegetable Korma with Wholegrain Rice 🍛	Fish Fingers with Chips
OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
Tex Mex Vegetable Fajita with Wholegrain Rice 🌮 🥗 🍛	Beany Vegetable Burger with Potato Wedges 🍷 🍷	Roast BBQ Quorn 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				
Apple and Golden Syrup Sponge with Custard 🍏	Lemon Cookie 🍋	Strawberry Jelly 🍓	Banana Cake 🍌	Strawberry Ice Cream

Playground Update

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



FOOTBALL FUTURES

SUMMER SOCCER SCHOOLS

AGES US - U13 BOYS & GIRLS WELCOME

£23 PER DAY
£60 PER WEEK OR £160 FOR ALL 3 WEEKS

WEEK 1: WEDNESDAY 29TH JULY - FRIDAY 31ST JULY

WEEK 2: WEDNESDAY 5TH AUGUST - FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST

WEEK 3: WEDNESDAY 19TH AUGUST - FRIDAY 21ST AUGUST

10:00AM - 15:00PM
EARLY BIRD FROM 09:00 @ £4 PER DAY

VENUE:
WEEK 1 - UNIVERSITY OF KENT • CT2 7SR
WEEK 2 & 3 - ST EDMUNDS SCHOOL • CT2 8HU

TO BOOK: ✉ CONTACT@FOOTBALL-FUTURES.COM 🌐 WWW.FOOTBALL-FUTURES.COM



SUMMER 2026 AT THE RESERVE

BIG BUG HUNT Bug pot in hand and ID chart at the ready. Search for some of the reserve's smallest residents. All that wiggles, creeps, scuttles, crawls and flutters can be closely observed and identified. The hunt is on!

BOGGARTS Boggarts are strange little creatures that live in woods and play tricks on people. Find out more about these crafty creatures and make your own using leaves, twigs and seeds.

FOLKLORE AND FLEECY TREES Trees have stories to tell. Their fruits, leaves and seeds take on different meanings across time and cultures. Join this 'Tree Walk', with a simple tree craft for children in the shade of the woods.

GROW A GARDEN in a box. Using a mixture of seeds, and compost made on the reserve, colour your label and sow your garden. Add plant markers.

POND DIPPING Nymphs and newts: beetles and boatmen. Explore the micro-habitat of pondlife at Monkton. Ages 6+.

STORY TIME Free nature stories read by local authors and our volunteers.

STORY WALK Inspired by 'The Lost Words', a book dedicated to encouraging a love of nature in children. We will visit some of the species in the book: Newt, Willow and Ivy. The session will end in the Education Garden, where we will make willow hearts.

WILD CLASSROOM Campfire cooking at its best. Experience this tasty vegetable tagine, made together, with the reserve as a back-drop.

WORM COMPOSTING Join 'Compost King' John, in 'Compost Corner' to find out about our busy, composting worms and our hot composter. Why is compost so important? Prepare food for the worm workforce. Make a compost bin character.

JULY	11AM	11:30AM	12PM	1PM	AUGUST	11AM	12PM	1PM
21st:	Bugs	Story	Pond	11th:	Worms	Story	Folklore	
23rd:	Bugs	Pond	Garden	13th:	Pond	Garden		
24th:	Bugs	Story	Folklore	14th:	Bugs	Boggarts		
28th:	Pond W.C'm	Story	Folklore	18th:	Bugs	Story	Walk	
31st:	Bugs	Boggarts		20th:	Walk	Pond		
				21st:	Bugs	Folklore		
AUG 11AM	12PM	1PM		25th:	Folklore	Story	Garden	
4th:	Boggarts	Story		27th:	Bugs	Walk		
6th:	Bugs	Walk		28th:	Pond	Boggarts		
7th:	Folklore	Garden						

HOW TO BOOK
www.monkton-reserve.org/events/
Visit our museum, café, gift, and book shops.

MORE INFO:
education@monkton-reserve.org

PRICE PER CHILD
Members: £8
Non-Members: £5 (incl. entrance to the reserve)
Wild Classroom Members: £9.00
Non-Members: £15.00

WHERE
Monkton Nature Reserve
Canterbury Road

WWW.MONKTON-RESERVE.ORG
THANET COUNTRYSIDE TRUST (CHARITY NO: 1211099)



Arts Summer School

suitable for all primary-aged children

Faversham

August 3rd - 7th

St Mary of Charity Primary

10am - 4pm £35
or £40 for wraparound care (9am - 5pm)




Canterbury Summer Timetable

20th July - 26th August 2026

Our Activities

- Baby Groups
- Child Health Clinics
- NCT Infant Feeding Support Groups
- Parenting Support Advice Drop-Ins
- Strengthening Family Relationships
- Introducing Solid Foods
- Talking Walk Ins

Contact us
Canterbury@kent.gov.uk

Find us on Facebook or
Twitter @KentCanterbury
Family Hub



FREE Wilder Wellbeing for adults living in East Kent

Enjoy gentle walks at West Green and Thornden Woods, CT6 7NZ. Learn relaxation techniques to experience the benefits of nature in a small group setting.

WILDER WELLBEING:
For parents and carers of SEND children and young people
Wednesday 30th September, 7th, 14th, 21st October, 11th & 18th November: 10.30am-12.30pm

WILDER WELLBEING:
For adults living with a mental health condition, or experiencing loneliness or isolation.
Wednesday 30th September, 7th, 14th, 21st October, 11th and 18th November: 1.30-3.30pm

To find out more visit kent.gov.uk/wellbeing or email wilderwellbeing@kent.gov.uk

We ask that you commit to attending as many of the six sessions as possible. Speak to us if you need support with funding transport - we may be able to assist.

Between 29th June and 6th September 2026, families can access free Kellogg's breakfasts in all Morrisons Cafés. This is available to **both children and adults**, who can choose from much-loved favourites Corn Flakes or Rice Krispies, topped with their choice of dairy or non-dairy milk and a free apple or banana.

In addition to the Kellogg's Breakfast offer, Morrisons 'Kids Eat Free' offer will continue to run in all its Cafés, allowing families to enjoy a free meal and drink for one child aged 16 or under when they purchase an adult main meal costing over £5 from The Breakfasts and The Classics menu.

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 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 – parent or carer must collect

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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