



# WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter

Spring Term - 3rd March 2023 (Issue 22)

## Welcome to this week's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another lovely week at Wessex Gardens. Thank you for supporting our Book Day! The children looked amazing dressed up as book characters. Thank you also to those who have submitted their book reviews. I am enjoying reading them all. Please do encourage your children to read as much as possible at home. Thank you.



### School Disco

Apologies for the very short notice, but we will once again be having a school Spring disco next week (Thursday 9th March). Please see below for more details—we hope you can make it. Discos are an easy way to raise funds for our school as well as providing the children with an enjoyable experience with their friends.

#### Details: Rec-Y1 3.30-4.30pm

Cost of ticket £2.00 and includes a drink, chocolate snack & crisps

#### Y3-6 4.45-5.45pm

Cost of ticket £1.50 - children to bring money to buy drinks, snacks and crisps

Tickets are available to buy online at <https://schoolmoney.co.uk>

All children will need to be collected promptly following the discos. NO lone travellers.

### Safeguarding: 10 Tips to Keep Your Children Safe Online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. The guide with this week's Newsletter provides parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as age inappropriate content, privacy issues and mental health.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend.  
Alexander Banks

## SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



### Dates for your diary

6&7.03.2023	Reception Hearing & Vision testing AM
07.03.2023	Inclusion Coffee Afternoon 2.30pm <b>POSTPONED</b>
08.03.2023	School Uniform—free giveaway recycled uniform 3.15-3.45pm Oak Room
09.03.2023	School Discos Rec-Y1 3.30-4.30pm Y3-6 4.45-5.45pm
15/16.03.2023	<b>Possible</b> Industrial Action—strike days
19.03.2023	Mothers Day
26.03.2023	British Summer time begins— clocks go forward 1 hour
29.03.2023	Football Club Y1&2 make up session
31.03.2023	Last day of term Nursery & School School closing 1.15pm No Friday afternoon provision



### School Uniform

#### Free Giveaway—Recycled Uniform

**Wednesday 8th March 3.15am to 3.25pm**

**In the Oak Room (please come to the Junior Gate for entrance)**

### TERM DATES 2022/2023

#### SPRING TERM 2023 SECOND HALF:

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

#### SUMMER TERM 2023

#### FIRST HALF: MAY DAY: KING'S CORONATION HALF TERM HOLIDAY: SECOND HALF:

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

### TERM DATES 2023-2024

#### AUTUMN TERM 2023

#### FIRST HALF: HALF TERM HOLIDAY: SECOND HALF:

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

#### SPRING TERM 2024

#### FIRST HALF: HALF TERM HOLIDAY: SECOND HALF:

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

#### SUMMER TERM 2024

#### FIRST HALF: MAY DAY: HALF TERM HOLIDAY: SECOND HALF:

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July



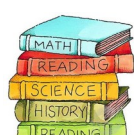
### Fabulous Friday—Coffee Morning

Every Friday from 8.40am in the Rainbow House

## Letters home this week

Nurs-Y6 Strike action 2.3.2023  
Information on classes closed





## TEA WITH THE HEAD



The children invited to Tea with the Head were:

Maple	Qudos & Samar
Chestnut	Filip
Palm	Maya
Redwood	Max
Cedar	Doha
Hawthorn	Hussain
Hazel	Lewis
Acacia	Saraa
Sycamore	Katrin
Mahogany	Dina
Magnolia	Andreea

**Congratulations!**

## Stars of the Week



### Superstars of the Week

Arvin, Maple class  
Ruqayya, Chestnut class  
Nicole, Palm class  
Mohamed, Redwood class

### Certificate of Merit

Fatima Cedar class  
Zahra, Hawthorn class  
Erika, Hazel class  
Monique, Acacia class  
Obay, Sycamore class  
Vini, Mahogany class  
Alea, Magnolia class

### Reader of the Week

Davi, Maple class  
Jana, Chestnut class  
All of Palm class  
Talía, Redwood class  
Denis, Hawthorn class  
Jannah K, Hazel class  
Raissa, Acacia class  
Kmi, Sycamore class  
Ardil, Mahogany class  
Halil, Magnolia class

**Well done!**

### Nursery

This week we have continued to focus on the theme 'Transport.' We have been sharing a wide range of transport stories and songs and finding out about different forms of information using books. This week we have enjoyed learning about how to make play dough and including describing the changes we observe using all of our senses. Please encourage your child to 'have a go' at making some play dough with you at home. We have been learning some group games including: Honey Bear, Duck, Duck, Goose and What's the time Mr Wolf. We are making good progress with our listening to and following instructions.

Many thanks to all of you who attended your child's parent meeting this week.  
The Nursery Team

### Reception

It was Boo Day on Wednesday and the children were buzzing with excitement. The children came to school dressed as their favourite characters. In English we have started a new book and we have explored different types of texts, fiction and non-fiction. In maths the children have been learning about pairs and grouping. Cross the river was the children's favourite phonics game outside this week. Have a lovely weekend and the adventure continues next week.

### Year 1

It has been a fantastic learning week in Year 1. We have been positive and we have had a growth mindset, so we got lots of learning done.

In maths we have been learning how to double numbers to 10 and how to find near doubles which can help us with our mental maths later. We have also been learning to subtract ones using our number bonds. It was a bit tricky, but with practise and more learning we will get there.

We have come to the end of our Power of Reading text. Oh how we enjoyed Lila and the Secret of Rain. We did some role playing around the book and talking about how the main character feels throughout the book and we also wrote a retell of the story in our books.

Science was fun! We went outside to observe the weather even got to write down our findings like proper scientists. In R.E we continued with Purim and made our own masks in honour of celebrating the Jewish holiday. In geography, we continued learning about cities and got the chance to look at different cities and describe them. In ICT we continued learning how to programme different commands into a robot using Beebots. That was so much fun.

Please remember that boys are swimming in Year 1 this half term and that ALL boys should have their swimming kits on TUESDAYS (Both Maple and Chestnut). Thank you for all your support and have a lovely weekend!

### Year 2

Happy World Book day! The children came into school dressed up as their favourite book character on Wednesday. We talked about our favourite books and some children wrote a book review about it. In English, we wrote a diary entry in role (as Beast!). In maths, we started to learn about the relationship between multiplications and divisions. In geography, we looked at some really old photos of Clitterhouse farm and the children had to describe what it was like to live in a different period. In science, we learned about how living things change over time and sort them based on their features.

### Year 3 & 4

In English this week, we have been writing shape poems about volcanoes. The children were able to use their scientific and geographical knowledge of volcanoes to inform their poetry writing. In maths, Year 3 have been comparing lengths, and Year 4 have been exploring perimeter of regular and irregular polygons. Our topic learning took an exciting turn this week. The children took on the roles of volcanologists, studying different volcanoes around the world and their features. Do ask them about their chosen volcano and what they discovered. In other news, it was lovely to have the children come to school dressed up for Book Day- thank you for your support with this. Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

### Year 5

Year 5 have been continuing their non-chronological report in English. Pupils have been writing about what an allotment is including the World War II campaign 'Dig for Victory.' In maths, Year 5 have been building on prior knowledge by finding fractions of an amount. In science, we are coming to the end of our topic on Space—please feel free to test your children on which planets make up the Solar System. As part of our geography topic 'Sow, Grow and Farm,' Year 5 had the opportunity to visit the school's allotment and experience the excitement of weeding. Year 5 also had fun dressing up on Book Day as a character from their favourite book.

### Year 6

Year 6 have had a cracking week! We have studied the works of William Shakespeare, in particular Macbeth. The children have enjoyed acting in role and exploring the human dilemmas that occur in this tragic tale. In maths, we have been working on pie charts and using protractors to draw them precisely. In geography, the children have been exploring all the different natural resources that originate from the Arctic regions. We are looking forward to another exciting week next week!