



# WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter

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### Welcome to this week's Newsletter

Dear All,

A very busy Spring Term has come to an end. What shame it has been such a soggy day!

We wish the very best to all our families leaving us at this time and a special goodbye to the members of staff leaving us this week, Ms Undre, Ms Ferdous, Hashim and Orsi. I would like to thank them for all they have done for the families of Wessex Gardens.

As you will know, school will remain in session until 3:30 for all pupils (except Nursery) on Fridays following the break. It will be great to be together all week again!

Wishing you all the happiest of breaks.

Alexander Banks  
Headteacher



### SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



#### Dates for your diary

17.04.2023	School and Nursery reopen
18.04.2023	National offer day Reception places
22.04.2023	Pine class visit to Golders Green Library
25.04.2023	Earth Day
27.04.2023	Silver Birch class visit to Golders Green Library
01.05.2023	School Discos
08.05.2023	Reception Hearing & Vision Recalls
09-12.05.2023	Bank Holiday—School Closed
29.05-05.06.23	Bank Holiday—School Closed—Kings Coronation
06.06.2023	KS2 SATs week
07-09.06.2023	Half Term Holiday—School Closed
27.06.2023	School Reopens
28.06.2023	Year 6 School Journey—Moat Mount/
14.07.2023	Year 6 Non School Journey London trips
21.07.2023	Year 2 trip to National Portrait Gallery
	School Photographer—Class Photos
	Year 2 trip to Royal Mews
	Last day of term—school closes 1.15pm
	No after school club

#### Swimming after Easter:



Swimming for Reception classes will move to Wednesdays. Cedar and Palm classes will change to Thursdays.

Silver Birch	Mixed	Wednesday
Pine	Mixed	Wednesday
Maple	Girls	Tuesday
Chestnut	Girls	Tuesday
Palm	Mixed	Thursday
Redwood	Mixed	Thursday
Cedar	Boys	Thursday
Hazel	Boys	Monday
Hawthorn	Boys	Thursday
Acacia	Boys	Monday
Sycamore	Boys	Wednesday
Magnolia	Girls	Thursday
Mahogany	Girls	Wednesday

Reception classes continue to swim in groups, please speak to your class teacher to find out which group your child is in. Year 2 classes will start to swim in groups, your class teacher will let you know when your child will be swimming.



#### Congratulations to the winning ticket holders:

1st	2 x Flip Out Tickets	Arthur (Nursery)
2nd	Chocolate Hamper	Nicolas (Silver Birch)
3rd	Large Easter Egg	Chloe (Maple)
4th	Easter Chocolate Treat	Saaliha (Acacia)
5th	Easter Chocolate Treat	Halil (Magnolia)
6th	Easter Chocolate Treat	Max (Sycamore)
7th	Easter Chocolate Treat	Max (Sycamore)
8th	Easter Chocolate Treat	Gesi (Magnolia)
9th	Easter Chocolate Treat	Gesi (Magnolia)
10th	Easter Chocolate Treat	Keleecia (Hazel)

Thank you for supporting our Easter Raffle which raised £150.00 for our PTA fund.



Thank you to all those families who visited the Book Fair. The Book Fair raised £688.90 which means the school will receive more books for the children.

#### Letters home this week

Y2-4	Gymnastics Club
Y1-3	Football Club
Y4-6	Football club
Rec	Trip letter - Golders Green Library
N-Y6	Free bowl of breakfast cereal at Morrisons (Schoolping)



#### 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:

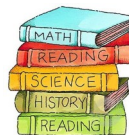
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

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



## TEA WITH THE HEAD



The children invited to Tea with the Head were:

Maple	Ridha
Chestnut	Nourrsin
Palm	Kahi
Redwood	Shirley
Cedar	Bronek
Hawthorn	Victoria
Hazel	Samuel
Acacia	Fadel
Sycamore	Livia
Mahogany	Maryam
Magnolia	Carmelita

### Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been focusing on Easter. We have been sharing a range of stories about Spring. We are continuing to develop a wide vocabulary and learn what new words mean. We have enjoyed making Easter cards, matching patterns on eggs and creating bunny headbands. We are continuing to develop the skill of hopping. We are becoming confident at moving imaginatively and have been very proud of our achievements. Please remember to upload to Tapestry your child's home learning and other special activities during the Easter break. Have a lovely Easter break!  
The Nursery Team

### Reception

Well done to all the children for their hard work this term. We started off the week by making chocolate nests and writing instructions on how to make chocolate nests in English. We have continued exploring our book 'The Gigantic Turnip' through role-play and mark making. In maths the children have been learning about patterns and 'Hit the Button' an interactive number bonds game has been very popular this week. To find the Easter eggs in the playground the children had to follow the clues left by the 'Easter Bunny', what an adventure! Wishing you all a lovely restful holiday.

### Year 1

Happy Friday Parents,  
We have had a lovely week in Year 1 this week. We have been enjoying lots of fun activities during our learning time. In maths we have been learning about partitioning numbers into tens and ones. It has been fun working with the Deines blocks and part whole model to partition our numbers. At first it was a bit tricky, but we got the hang of it.  
In English we were learning all about instructional writing. That was fun! We got to make our own jam sandwiches and eat them, then write instructions on how to make the perfect jam sandwich. Don't be surprised if you get a jam sandwich made all for you one day soon.  
In science we got to learn about sun safety and the different instruments used to measure and record different weather conditions. We had fun revising the work we did in our other subjects.  
As we come to the end of the Spring term, we say goodbye to one of our Maple students Kareem who is moving away. We will miss him and we wish him all the very best in his new school.  
Have a good break and please don't forget to keep reading and practising your writing! See you next term.

### Year 2

What an incredible term we have had in Year 2! The children have finished their learning on measures by exploring length, weight and capacity. In English we wrote a few poems about water creatures and used our recent local walk to Clitterhouse farm field to write a recount. Please remember to login to Bug Club over the holidays and complete your 'Topic Quest' homework, Magnificent Monarchs. Have a lovely holiday from the Year 2 team!!

### Year 3 & 4

The Year 3/4 team would like to say a big thank you for all of your support this half term. The children have worked incredibly hard and should be very proud of themselves. We are very excited about our new topic 'Emperors and Empires' next term. The children have been given a task sheet which will help them gain lots of prior knowledge of this topic. Please support them with completing the tasks if possible. Have a wonderful Easter if you are celebrating and a happy holiday if not.

### Year 5

This week, Year 5 have been writing a job advertisement in English. Specifically, pupils have been using their prior knowledge from their research in fair trade and cocoa farmers to help them write for a new job role. In maths, Year 5 have been developing their knowledge in rounding by learning how to round up/down, when presented with numbers to 1 decimal point. In science, we are continuing our work on life cycles. This week we looked at the juvenile stage of a human life cycle; pupils observed and recorded the behaviours of younger children in the school. Citrus growing in California was the Geography topic for this week. Year 5 learned that due to the high quality soil, California is the ideal place to grow fruits such as oranges and lemons.

### Year 6

This week in year 6 we've been busy doing our Mock SAT's. The children did really well and persevered through them. It was sad to see Ms. Undre leave this Wednesday. The children also got to be crafty and created some bridges for DT. In History, the children were learning and note-taking about the Titanic to form a report.

### Stars of the Week



### Superstars of the Week

Qudos, Maple class  
Hiroto, Palm class  
Rahaam, Redwood class

### Certificate of Merit

Cain, Hawthorn class  
Abokor, Sycamore class

### Reader of the Week

Basit, Maple class  
Arifah, Chestnut class  
Enrico, Palm class  
Ivan, Redwood class  
Troy, Cedar class  
Anik, Hawthorn class  
Sumiya, Hazel class  
Fadel, Acacia class  
Yulia, Sycamore class  
Lamar, Mahogany class  
Alea, Magnolia class

### Class Merit

Chestnut, Cedar, Acacia, Mahogany and Magnolia classes

**Well done!**

### Attendance % week ended

<b>Chestnut</b>	<b>85%</b>
<b>Maple</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Palm</b>	<b>87%</b>
<b>Redwood</b>	<b>87%</b>
<b>Cedar</b>	<b>93%</b>
<b>Hazel</b>	<b>92%</b>
<b>Hawthorn</b>	<b>93%</b>
<b>Acacia</b>	<b>96%</b>
<b>Sycamore</b>	<b>92%</b>
<b>Magnolia</b>	<b>86%</b>
<b>Mahogany</b>	<b>96%</b>

**Congratulations Maple class 100% attendance this week!**