

WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Welcome to this week's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of a very busy half term. We announced the winners of our Football and Pokémon competition today. Thanks to Hussein, Charlie, MJ and Reyhana in Year 4 for running the competition so well and congratulations to our winners.

Year 2 worked hard on their SATs this week and tried their best. I am very proud of them.

I do hope our Year 6 children are looking forward to a fun packed week when return after the half term holiday, whether going to Moat Mount or embarking on the London Trips. Huge thanks to the staff who make all this possible for our children.

Safeguarding: What You Need to Know about Social Media and Mental Health

An estimated one third of children have a social media account, so it's important that trusted adults know what content young people are consuming; what they're posting; and what interactions they're having. On social media, it can be easy to go down a rabbit hole that isn't beneficial to our wellbeing. As platforms grapple with managing 'legal but harmful' content, lives are being impacted—sometimes to tragic effect. We might be daunted by the scale of the tech giants and their content which enthralls young people, but we can still help children to be mindful of their mental wellness: recognising when something isn't OK... and knowing what to do about content that upsets them.

In the guide attached this week, you'll find tips such as how to hide content, setting daily limits and discussing what children have seen online.

Wishing you a restful half term.

Alexander Banks
Headteacher

Attendance % week ended

Chestnut	87%
Maple	84%
Palm	96%
Redwood	100%
Cedar	94%
Hazel	97%
Hawthorn	92%
Acacia	100%
Sycamore	96%
Magnolia	94%
Mahogany	94%

Well done Redwood and Acacia class on 100% attendance

SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



Dates for your diary

29.05-05.06.23	Half Term Holiday—School Closed
06.06.2023	School Reopens
07.06.2023	Y2 trip to Trinity Church
07-09.06.2023	Year 6 School Journey—Moat Mount/ Year 6 Non School Journey London trips
22.06.2023	School Discos
27.06.2023	Year 2 trip to National Portrait Gallery
28.06.2023	School Photographer—Class Photos
06.07.2023	Summer Fair 2.30-5.30pm
14.07.2023	Year 2 trip to Royal Mews
21.07.2023	Last day of term—school closes 1.15pm No after school club

TERM DATES 2022/2023

SUMMER TERM 2023

FIRST HALF:	Monday 17th April – Friday 26th May
MAY DAY:	Monday 1st May
KING'S CORONATION	Monday 8th May
HALF TERM HOLIDAY:	Monday 29th May – Monday 5th June
SECOND HALF:	Tuesday 6th June – Friday 21st July

TERM DATES 2023-2024

AUTUMN TERM 2023

FIRST HALF:	Wednesday 6th September – Friday 20th October
HALF TERM HOLIDAY:	Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October
SECOND HALF:	Monday 30th October – Wednesday 20th December

SPRING TERM 2024

FIRST HALF:	Monday 8th January – Friday 9th February
HALF TERM HOLIDAY:	Monday 12th February – Monday 19th February
SECOND HALF:	Tuesday 20th February – Thursday 28th March

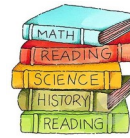
SUMMER TERM 2024

FIRST HALF:	Monday 15th April – Friday 24th May
MAY DAY:	Monday 6th May
HALF TERM HOLIDAY:	Monday 27th May – Monday 3rd June
SECOND HALF:	Tuesday 4th June – Wednesday 24th July

Letters home this week



Nurs-Y6	Letter from Immunisation Team
Rec-Y6	PHSE/RSE lesson information
Y5	SMSJ flyer & information performing arts scholarship
Y2	Trip to Trinity Church 07.06.2023



TEA WITH THE HEAD



The children invited to Tea with the Head were:

Pine	Alexzandra
Silver Birch	Yaqub
Maple	Diya
Chestnut	Matar
Palm	Hussein
Redwood	Nadine
Cedar	Malak
Hawthorn	MJ
Hazel	Alex P
Acacia	Wael
Sycamore	Malek
Mahogany	Darleme
Magnolia	Carmelita

Congratulations!



Stars of the Week

Superstars of the Week

Maryam P, Pine class
Everyone, Silver Birch class
Lian, Chestnut class
Afsa, Palm class
Izabela, Redwood class

Certificate of Merit

Leila, Hawthorn class
Natalie, Hazel class
Ardil, Mahogany class
Aidel, Magnolia class

Reader of the Week

Enzo, Pine class
Santiago, Silver Birch class
Davi, Maple class
Alaizza, Chestnut class
Abdulo, Palm class
Amarni, Redwood class
Fatima, Cedar class
Cain, Hawthorn class
Suha, Hazel class
Anna, Acacia class
Diya, Mahogany class
Izza, Magnolia class

Class Merit

Cedar, Acacia and Sycamore class

Well done!

Nursery

This week we are continuing our topic, On the Beach. We have been learning some facts about different sea creatures. Our focus story is, The Rainbow Fish, by Marcus Pfister. This is a story about a beautiful fish who learns to make friends by sharing his most prized possessions. We have enjoyed creating a very beautiful large scale Rainbow Fish.

In maths, we have been ordering sea creatures by length. In phonics, we have been counting and clapping the syllables in simple words. We also had lots of fun discovering which objects float and sink and were very good at recording our observations by sorting pictures.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half term holiday.

The Nursery Team

Reception

The Reception, the children have been very busy this week. In maths, they have been investigating 2D shapes outside and number bonds (alternative ways to make 10). The children learned about "Caring Friendships," "Being Kind," and "Families" during our PSHE classes. The children created a booklets about crocodiles in English. We have started going to assembly every Friday, please keep an eye out for certificates in your child's book bag. Well done to each and every child for their efforts this term. Enjoy your break, the adventure continues after half term.

Year 1

Year 1 travelled back in time to the Victorian times and practised Copperplate handwriting; the children had to be on their best behaviour and the teacher was incredibly strict! We then wrote a diary entry about our unusual lesson. We have been learning about arrays and repeated addition in maths, in the lead up to multiplication. Science was highly enjoyable, with us sorting seeds and bulbs according to their features and we even went to the allotment to plant them! Year 1 have had a very busy couple of weeks and we are all looking forward to a restful half term. Have a wonderful holiday and see you on Tuesday 6th of June! As you may be aware, Iwona will not be in Maple class next half term. We would like to say a big thank you to her from both Maple and Chestnut- we will all miss you so much!

Year 2

Y2 had their assessment week and they all worked incredibly hard. They had English Reading, Maths Arithmetic and Reasoning tests, some questions were quite tricky but they all worked and tried their best. Well done!! To celebrate their achievements, we planned a dojo party and they chose to dress up and eat some sweets and snacks. We are planning some more exciting trips next half term and the first trip is to the local church. Please fill out the form for the first day back. Please also remember to login to the Bug club and the Times tables rock star during the holiday! Have a lovely half-term holiday!

Year 3 & 4

This week in Year 3/4 we have been learning about the different systems of power that existed in Rome. It was really interesting to compare our monarchy today with that of the monarchy during the Roman era. In English, we have been learning how to write riddle poems. We had lots of fun with this and hope to share them with the rest of the school during whole school assembly. I'm maths, Year 3 and 4 have been comparing different amounts of money and calculating change. Money management is a key life skill, so please do continue getting your children familiar with money where possible. We would like to say a huge thank you for your continued support and, as always wishing your a wonderful half term. The Year 3/4 Team.

Year 5

This week in Year 5 we did lots of fun activities. The event Acacia and Sycamore loved the most was the trip to Kidzania,. In Kidzania there was a secret tunnel (lots of children went in there). There was a police academy, firefighters station and an ambulance department. Lots of adults went with us too so we would like to thank them! On Friday we had a fun day as a treat for the children working so hard this term.

Jed, Acacia Class

Year 6

Another productive week in Year 6! This week the children have been planning a narrative story from the perspective of William Beech. They have been analysing language features and practising showing not telling in their writing This was done through hot seating using the five senses. In Maths, we have been continuing with our NRICH problem solving investigations. One of which were decoding number values.; the children found the challenges very exciting. Very soon we will be allocating roles for our Year 6 production, which we will be ready to begin in due course. Enjoy your half term and we are looking forward to coming back for another term of exciting plans and adventures.