

# WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter

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### Welcome to this week's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very busy week at Wessex Gardens with lots of great learning taking place. On Monday we spoke about Bonfire Night and why we remember the 5th of November! Ask your children if they can remember something of this very important time in history a key name they should know is Guy Fawkes and key vocabulary is traitor and treason!

#### Remembrance Assembly

Next week Year 6 will be holding our annual Remembrance Assembly. Friends and family are invited to attend on Tuesday 14th November at 9:15am.

#### School Council and Harvest Festival



We have now elected our school council members and the councils' first task is to encourage everyone to bring in something to donate, non-perishable food, toiletries or cleaning products. Please donate whatever you can and send into school by Wednesday 15th. We send the donations to Food Bank Aid.

#### Y5 and Y6 Lone travellers

It is dark by 4:30pm now which is too dark for our lone travellers to travel home after clubs or booster groups. If your child is attending an after school activity, they must be picked. Wishing you a restful weekend.

Alexander Banks  
Headteacher

#### Letters home this week

Y3/4 Trip to Unicorn Theatre 15.11.2023  
Nurs Primary School Admission -Applying for Reception class 2024  
Y3 Trip to British Museum 29.11.23  
Nurs-Y6 Harvest Festival-15.11.23



#### TERM DATES 2023-2024

##### AUTUMN TERM 2023

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

##### SPRING TERM 2024

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

##### SUMMER TERM 2024

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

### SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



#### Dates for your diary

- 14.11.2023 Y6 Remembrance Assembly 9.15am— Year 6 Parents invited
- 15.11.2023 Harvest Festival Assembly
- 15.11.2023 Y3&4 trip to Unicorn Theatre
- 17.11.2023 Odd Socks Day
- 22.11.2023 Year 1 trip to Science Museum
- 28.11.2023 SEND Coffee afternoon
- 29.11.2023 Year 3 trip to British Museum
- 05.12.2023 KS1 Nativity—Year 1 Parents to watch 9.15am
- 06.12.2023 KS1 Nativity—Year 2 Parents to watch 9.15am
- 06.12.2023 Christmas lunch (to be pre-ordered on Parents.feedinghungryminds.co.uk)
- 07.12.2023 Year 5/6 trip to ROH—Nutcracker performance
- 13.12.2023 Year 2 trip to National Gallery (tbc)
- 14.12.2023 Christmas Fair 3.00-5.00pm
- 20.12.2023 Last day of term school closing early After School Club closed



#### Poppy Appeal

We are selling poppies and other items for the annual Poppy Appeal. These can be purchased from the school office for a £1 donation each item. We will be selling until the end of Tuesday 14th November as Year6 will be giving their Remembrance Assembly that day. Thank you.



#### Anti Bullying Week

Monday 13th-17th

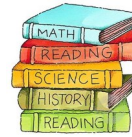
November 2023

As part of anti bullying week the children, we are holding an odd socks day on Friday 17th November. Children to come to school wearing odd socks (NO donations necessary). Thank you.

### Attendance % this week

Chestnut	97%
Maple	95%
Palm	96%
Redwood	96%
Cedar	94%
Hazel	98%
Hawthorn	97%
4 Oak	95%
Acacia	97%
Sycamore	96%
Magnolia	95%
Mahogany	97%

**No classes achieved 100% attendance this week**



## TEA WITH THE HEAD



The children invited to Tea with the Head were:

Chestnut	Basil
Maple	David
Palm	Hans
Redwood	Jana
Cedar	Antwon
Hazel	Oliwier
Oak	Manween
Hawthorn	Cynthia
Acacia	Adonis
Sycamore	Hussain
Mahogany	Anna
Magnolia	Kayme

Congratulations!

### Stars of the Week



### Superstars of the Week

Nabil, Chestnut class  
 Younes, Maple class  
 Bushra, Palm class  
 Jeevika, Redwood class

### Certificate of Merit

Kai, Oak class  
 Mariana, Hawthorn class  
 Denis, Acacia class  
 Greta, Sycamore class  
 Alisa, Mahogany class  
 Kyan Lee, Magnolia class

### Reader of the Week

Mia, Chestnut class  
 Ishaq, Maple class  
 Davi, Palm class  
 Nazanin, Redwood class  
 Rayan, Cedar class  
 Aisha, Hazel class  
 Lewis, Oak class  
 Ersi, Hawthorn class  
 Lisa, Acacia class  
 Stacy, Sycamore class  
 Aris, Mahogany class  
 Sumaya, Magnolia class

### Class Merit

Cedar class

Well done!

#### Nursery

This week we have been learning about the Hindu Festival of Light, Diwali. We have been learning the story of Diwali and learning some important facts about how the festival is celebrated. We have enjoyed making our own divas from salt dough, creating some rangoli patterns and learning a new dance! In maths, we have been continuing to develop our sorting and counting skills. We have been continuing to explore moving in different ways in the outdoor area.  
 The Nursery Team

#### Reception

What a wonderful week of learning in Silver Birch! The children have loved role playing in the Wessex hospital. The children have been taking great care of the patients. We have created colourful Diva lamps for Diwali and wonderful poppy paintings for Remembrance Day. The children have started their phonics learning this week. Please support your child to practise the phonemes s, a, t and p. In maths, we have been exploring circles and triangles. We created shape pictures and went on a shape hunt. We hope you all have a lovely weekend! See you on Monday, ready for a week full of adventures!

#### Year 1

Year 1 have had a fun week! The children are continuing to learn about a part-whole model in maths. This week, we learnt how to use a part-whole model to write number sentences. In English we continued to work on sentence punctuation using a full stop, capital letters and finger spaces. We also explored adjectives and verb in texts. We have started to read The Robot and the Bluebird by David Lucas. This is our core text for this half term and we will be using it to do our English work. In geography, children have been learning about human and physical features around them. Our fantastic science topic is all about human senses. The children will learn about the senses, the body parts associated with each sense and their role in keeping us safe. In RE, we are learning about Diwali, the festival of lights and we enjoyed making paper diva.

#### Year 2

Hi Parents,  
 We have had another great week of learning in Year 2. In English we continued with our Power of Reading text - How to find Gold by Viviane Scharzw. This week we took a deeper look into the characters of the story and wrote letters to them asking them to share their gold with us so that we could improve our school and have some fun activities as well. We have also been learning how to use commas for a list in our writing. We wrote our own poems in groups and we had to perform in front of an audience. Oh what fun that was!  
 In maths we have been learning to find 10 more and 10 less than any given number within 100. We have also been learning to add and subtract multiples of 10 and add two 2-digit numbers. Please provide the opportunity to practise at home.  
 In science, we have started our new topic Habitats. We have been looking at a range of habitats and what they provide for the animals and plants that live there.  
 In R.E we have started looking at Christianity and looking at Christmas. We got to listen to the story of Christmas and had to retell the story using pictures and our own words.  
 In history we have been looking at people in the past who have made a significant impact in the world either in making people's lives better or changing the way people think. We also learnt about the Dawson's model and used it to make our own judgements about some significant people in the past.  
 For art we have been looking at the topic Still Life and the children have been analysing work by various artists such as Vincent Van Gogh, Paul Cezanne, Claude Monet and Henri Matisse. They also had a go at creating their own detailed sketch.  
 Please continue practising your reading and writing every night. Have a wonderful weekend.

#### Year 3

Thank you to everyone who was able to come to 3 Cedar's assembly. It was lovely celebrating their work and achievements with you. This week, we delved deep into our new topic, one planet, one world. We further reviewed our learning around through the ages and the skeletal system. We are very excited to start our new book in English called The Tin Forest and write a diary entry and furthermore looking into our new topic in R.E of Sikhism. In maths, we continue to perfect our technique of addition and subtraction and kindly request the children continue to practise at home on games such as 'Hit the Button'.  
 We thank you for your efforts and wish you a lovely weekend.  
 Year 3 Team.

#### Year 4

This week Year 4 have got stuck into their new topics - Invasion (history) and Sound (science). We've learnt about how the Roman withdrawal from Britain left it vulnerable to attack. In science, we've thought about how we hear sound and learnt that sound is actually vibrations! In English, the children have loved pretending to be Varjak Paw recounting his experiences in the first chapters. Please don't read on as that will spoil the surprises! Have a lovely weekend.

#### Year 5

This week has been a great week for Year 5. The students have been making lanterns for the start of Diwali - the festival of light. They really enjoyed making them as they expanded their creative skills. The students sat a maths test this week on multiplication and division. Its always good for them to reflect back at what they have learnt. In English, Year 5 are learning about Mama Miti - this is enabling them to be able to draft and write a structured diary entry using determiners, prepositional phrases, adjectives and nouns. It has definitely been a busy and enjoyable week for the year group.

#### Year 6

In Year 6 this week we have been preparing for our Remembrance Assembly scheduled for next week. Parents have been invited to attend on Tuesday morning at 9:15. Mental calculations and estimations have been the focus in our math lessons, and the children have been finding them enjoyable. As for English, the children have been studying child evacuees and are excited to apply the literary devices they have learned to write their own war poems. Kindly ensure that the children complete the homework assigned on SPAG.com