

WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Welcome to this week's Newsletter

Dear Parent's and Carers,

Another great week at Wessex Gardens with lots of super learning taking place. The children are working so well. I saw some great science lessons this week with the children having lots of opportunity to explore scientific concepts. Hopefully they have told you all about it!

Become A School Parent Governor - we need you!

Thank you to those who came to the information session on Thursday. We decided as a group to run the session again to give the opportunity for more parents to attend. I will be holding the meeting again next Friday 2nd February at 9:00am. Please do come along!

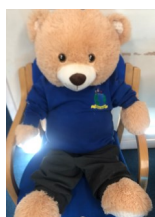
The role of a school governor is to contribute to the work of the governing board in ensuring high standards of achievement for all children and young people in the school by:

- setting the school's vision, ethos and strategic direction
- holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Attendance



We want the best for our children so we need to ensure they are in school every day and only miss if they are really unwell. The expectation for attendance is that children should be in school at least 96%. I do hope the children have told you about Otis our attendance bear! He wants to see the children in school everyday!



Alexander Banks
Headteacher

SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION

Dates for the Diary:

Dates for your diary

12-19.02.2024 School closed half term holiday
20.02.2024 School reopens (Tuesday)
04.03.2024 Y4 trip to Lee Valley

Pre-loved School Uniform

We are in need of Wessex Gardens school uniform, particularly boys grey trousers. If you have school uniform that your child has grown out of but is still in good condition we would be very grateful to receive. Please drop off at the school office. Thank you.



Parent/Teacher Consultation meetings will be held after school week beginning 5th February
Please see details below:

Nursery:	Monday 5th—Thursday 8th February
Reception	Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th February
1 Chestnut	Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th February
1 Maple	Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th February
2 Redwood	Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th February
2 Palm	Monday 5th—Friday 9th February
3 Hazel	Monday 5th—Thursday 8th February
3 Cedar	Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th February
4 Oak	Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th February
4 Hawthorn	Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th February
5 Acacia	Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th February
5 Sycamore	Monday 5th—Friday 9th February
6 Mahogany	Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th February
6 Magnolia	Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th February

Please book your appointment through our online booking system on schoolloop. Thank you.

Letters home this week



Y6 School Journey Moat
Mount parents meeting -
30.01.2024

Y6 School Nurse Health Service

N-Y6 MMR Immunisation
information

Attendance % this week

Chestnut	95%
Maple	91%
Palm	94%
Redwood	96%
Cedar	93%
Hazel	98%
Hawthorn	90%
Oak	94%
Acacia	95%
Sycamore	97%
Magnolia	92%
Mahogany	96%

No classes achieved 100% attendance this week

TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS 2023-2024

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

Please see term dates for the academic year 2024-2025 later in this Newsletter

Nursery

We've enjoyed another busy week in Nursery! This week we have been exploring the story Whatever Next by Jill Murphy. We have been talking about the pictures using lots of new language and sequencing the events in the story. We acted out the story using props with lots of enthusiasm. In maths, we created our own space pictures using 2D shapes. We are becoming very good at recognising, matching and describing shapes using mathematical vocabulary. We had sooooo much fun combining materials to create our own representations of different objects, creatures and people in Space. We are developing our imaginations. Have a lovely weekend!
The Nursery Team

Reception

What a wonderful week! Children embarked on enchanting role play adventures inspired by 'Stanley's Stick.' Imaginations soared as ordinary sticks transformed into magical wands, fishing rods and swords. They applied their phonics knowledge creating incredible captions for Stanley's Stick adventures. Have a look at them hanging in our classroom on Monday! In maths, we have been learning one more and one less than a given number. You can practise more and less with your child over the weekend. The art studio sparked with creativity as students turned tin foil into dazzling masterpieces. Please remember to read on Bug Club every night to support your child develop their reading skills. Thank you for being a part of our creative journey. Stay tuned for more exciting updates!

Year 1

It has been another busy and wonderful week of learning in Year 1. In English we continued with our core text, Patten's Pumpkin. We really enjoyed retelling the story pictorially and verbally. In maths, we have been comparing numbers to 20 and adding numbers by counting on up to 20. In science we have learnt how to measure temperature using a thermometer and we explored the different school areas to check the temperature. In history we went back in time to find out what life was like in the Victorian era. We looked at similarities and differences between life in Victorian times and the present day. In RE we read two stories The pigeon and the Ant and The Good Samaritan, then acted out the stories. In art, we enjoyed print making and used a variety of vegetables and shapes to create patterns. Please remember to read books on Bug Club. We will be checking their progress weekly!

Year 2

Good Day Parents,
Hope you all have had a great week. We have been very busy in Year 2 with our learning. In maths we continued with our money block. We have been learning how to make the same amount of money using different notes and coins and learning how to count money using coins and notes. In English, we have continued with our power of reading book The Secret of Black Rock and this week we wrote our book reviews and a retell of the story. In science, we carried out an investigation with different materials to check if they could be bent, twisted, squashed or stretched to change their shape. In geography, we learnt to locate London and identify it's physical and human features. For RE we took a closer look at some Christian, Hindu and Buddhist symbols and what they represented. We have worked very hard this week while having fun learning and we excitedly look forward to next week. Have a wonderful weekend!

Year 3

Another fun week of learning in Year 3. In science, we carried out an experiment looking at the formation of shadows, whilst in history, we investigated the invasions of the Romans in Britain. In maths, we have consolidated learning with multiplication and division and we are now looking at how to use remainders in division. In English, we are becoming news reporters! We are reporting on sightings of the Iron Man by Hogarth. We were able to meet Hogarth and delve deep into his experience of seeing the Iron Man! In R.E, we excitingly explored different religious symbols and statues. In PSHE, we continue to explore praise and how to deal with put downs. Please access your home learning in your books and online. Wishing you a lovely weekend. Year 3.

Year 4

What a fun week Year 4 have had! In science we investigated solids, liquids and gases and learnt how they change when they are heated or cooled. It was so interesting to see what happened when we put different solids in a 'water bath' - not all melted! We tried cooling different liquids too but they didn't all freeze in the same way. We found out that this is because not all liquids and solids have the same melting and boiling points. In geography we used atlases to find out more about where different rivers are located in the world. It was great fun learning to use an index accurately! We've continued learning how to use formal written methods to multiply which we've found a little tricky. It's been great fun writing our own versions of our English text, The Rhythm of the Rain. We've worked really hard this week!

Year 5

Once again the Year 5s have been working on their timeline in history and learning about ground breaking Greeks. They are concentrating on the Minoans and the Mycenaeans, throughout the Bronze age. At first the students needed to get into a timeline of birthdays of their eldest sibling. They had fun doing that task, but it also helped them to think about the timeline in history from the Neolithic to the Romans. The students are still continuing with their poetry writing in English - they are now putting sounds to their words and getting constructive feedback.

Year 6

In maths, we have been learning about measurement before going on to solve real life world problems. In English, we have been focusing on editing and improving through peer assessment. The children have completed well-written diary entries that showcase their knowledge of life during the Second World War. We are nearing the end of our topic 'Britain at War' and we are delighted with how much knowledge the children have acquired on both world wars. This week, they compared weaponry and technology in both world wars and discussed factors that contributed to the deadliest conflict in human history. We continued with investigative learning in science, learning about how light behaves when reflected off different types of mirrors. In other news, an organisation (Growing Against Violence) visited us on Thursday, educating our pupils all about the risks associated with social media and gangs. It's incredibly important our Year 6 pupils are educated on these subjects, particularly as we prepare them for secondary school transition. Thank you for all that you do to support your children- it is much appreciated!

TEA WITH THE HEAD



The children invited to Tea with the Head were:

Silver Birch	Xhemal
Chestnut	Cassius
Maple	Maryam
Palm	Arvin
Redwood	Joseph
Cedar	Hussein
Hazel	Pia
Oak	Suha
Hawthorn	William
Acacia	Anik
Sycamore	Cain
Mahogany	Magd
Magnolia	Badrija

Congratulations!

Stars of the Week



Superstars of the Week

Dane, Silver Birch class
Jena, Chestnut class
Ines, Maple class
Arij, Redwood class
Jana, Redwood class

Certificate of Merit

Malik and Kahi, Cedar class
Mohammad, Hazel class
Rana, Oak class
Ersi, Hawthorn class
Deen, Acacia class
Stacy, Sycamore class

Reader of the Week

Jacob, Silver Birch
Ola, Chestnut class
Kabir, Maple class
Diya, Palm class
Freya, Redwood class
Jalil, Cedar class
Talia, Hazel class
Kai, Oak class
Abdumalik, Hawthorn class
Rayhana, Acacia class
Neil, Sycamore class
Maya, Mahogany class
Wassim, Magnolia class

Class Merit

Mahogany and Magnolia classes

Well done!

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SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2024 / 2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024

FIRST HALF: Wednesday 4th September – Friday 25th October

HALF TERM HOLIDAY: Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November

SECOND HALF: Monday 4th November – Friday 20th December

SPRING TERM 2025

FIRST HALF: Monday 6th January – Friday 14th February

HALF TERM HOLIDAY: Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February

SECOND HALF: Monday 24th February – Friday 4th April

SUMMER TERM 2025

FIRST HALF: Tuesday 22nd April – Friday 23rd May

MAY DAY: Monday 5th May

HALF TERM HOLIDAY: Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May

SECOND HALF: Tuesday 3rd June – Friday 18th July



HIGH QUALITY HOLIDAY CAMPS

FEBRUARY HALF TERM SPORTS & ACTIVITY CAMPS 2024

EARLY BIRD
10% SAVING
BOOK BEFORE
1st Feb 2024

USE CODE
AFS_FEB_24

St Mary's St John's School
Neale House NW4 3SL
(Hendon)

*Ofsted Registered Venue. EY461026
Childcare vouchers accepted.

WEEK 12th – 16th FEBRUARY



10am – 4pm

WEEK £125

DAILY £35

Early drop off from 8:30am: Additional £10 per session

Late Pick up until 5pm: Additional £10 per session

Reception to Year 6

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Attitude



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Inclusive



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Determination



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Sportsmanship



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