

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 week packed full of learning! Our Y1 were transported back in time to The Victorian times where they experienced what life was like for a child in a Victorian school. It is a great way of learning about history by acting out what it was like in the past. The children and teachers looked incredible dressed up as Victorians. Thank you to the Year 1 team for making it so special.



Become A School Parent Governor

Rescheduled Meeting: 9:00am Friday 9th February

I will be holding the information meeting next Friday 9th 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.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend.
Alexander Banks



PE News

Last week our Year 3&4 and Year 5&6 Boccia teams took part in a competitive event at Burnt Oak Leisure Centre. Both teams displayed a high level of skill for a new sport they had only recently learnt, with our younger team finishing 5th overall and our UKS2 team progressing to the semi-finals just shy of a podium finish, coming in at 4th place out of the 22 teams taking part.

Our Year 6 Netball team also had the long-anticipated opportunity to compete at the Primary Netball Tournament at Copthall School this week, almost going unbeaten in the group stages, only losing out to the eventual tournament winners, and missing out on a semi-final place level on points on goal difference! A respectable 5th place finish out of the 20 teams taking part.



Well done everyone, we are very proud of you all!

SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION

Dates for your diary

06-09.02.2024	Book Fair
06.02.2024	Y6 Parent Information meeting
	Moat Mount
09.02.2024	All Parents—Parent Governor Information meeting
12-19.02.2024	School closed half term holiday
20.02.2024	School reopens (Tuesday)
04.03.2024	Y4 trip to Lee Valley
07.03.2024	World Book Day
10.03.2024	Mothering Sunday
13.04.2024	Y1 trip to London Aquarium



Attendance % this week

Chestnut	97%
Maple	86%
Palm	98%
Redwood	96%
Cedar	91%
Hazel	92%
Hawthorn	97%
Oak	98%
Acacia	98%
Sycamore	96%
Magnolia	97%
Mahogany	97%

No classes achieved 100% attendance this week



We are delighted to inform you that the Book Fair will be visiting Wessex Gardens again next week. The Book Fair will run from Tuesday 6th to Friday 9th February every morning from 8.30am-9.30 am. Each year group are invited to attend on the following days:

Nursery and Reception	Tuesday 6th February
Years 1 and 2	Wednesday 7th February
Years 3 and 4	Thursday 8th February
Years 5 and 6	Friday 9th February

There will be lots of books and other item (stationery/ gifts) to buy so please do come along. If you have children in different year groups then please just choose a day that suits to come along or come on multiple days. Please note we will only be able to accept cash payments.



This is a fantastic way to support your school. For all money raised at the Book Fair the school will receive a commission to spend on books for our children.



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. Closing day for booking will be Sunday 4th February.

Letters home this week

N-Y6 Immunisation Team MMR vaccination/ Measles outbreak



Nursery

We've enjoyed another busy week in Nursery! This week we have been exploring the story, Aliens love Underpants by Claire Freedman and Ben Cort. 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 have been designing our own pants by creating different patterns. We are becoming very good at recognising, matching and talking about, using mathematical vocabulary. We have been creating some lovely artwork on a small and large scale using different materials. We are very proud of our achievements. Our new starters are continuing to do extremely well!!! Many thanks for working in partnership with us during the settling in process.

Have a lovely weekend!
The Nursery Team

Reception

What a wonderful week full of adventures in Silver Birch. The children have enjoyed role playing our Power of Reading story Stanley's Stick. We have turned our sticks into lots of wonderful different things. We have had swords, laser lights, broomsticks and magic wands. We tried our best to apply our phonics knowledge to our caption writing. Please remember to use Bug Club to support your child's reading and writing skills at home. In maths, we have been exploring numbers up to 10. We have been on a number hunt and thinking of different actions to use to represent the numbers. We created incredible wind catchers this week after we saw Year One's wonderful wind catchers flying in the playground. We have enjoyed playing number bingo, hide and seek and what's the time Mr Wolf. One of the children wrote a letter to Mr Banks inviting him for story time. It was an exciting treat having Mr Banks read us the story Peace at Last. It has been a week full of fun in Silver Birch! Have a lovely weekend. See you all on Monday!

Year 1

Year 1 team would like to say a big THANK YOU to our parents and careers for supporting the children with their amazing Victorian costumes! It really made a difference to the wonderful experience we had on Wednesday morning. The children had an exciting morning dressed in period costumes, we enjoyed a Victorian classroom experience with chalkboard writing and engaging historical games like marbles, skipping, hopscotch, and bowling. In maths, we've delved into finding doubles and refining addition skills within numbers up to 20. Practical, hands-on activities have made maths a fun experience. We also learned about crucial road safety, ensuring our children are well-prepared to navigate the world safely. In science lesson, we investigated day length variations during different seasons, using torches and a globe for a hands-on exploration of the natural world. Continuing our journey in religious education, we've highlighted similarities between Christianity, Islam, and Judaism through stories from the respective special book. We have explored themes like kindness, respect, responsibility, and gratitude. The adventure continues next week. Have a delightful weekend!

Year 2

This week was a wonderful week of learning in Year 2. We have continued with money for our maths learning. We have been comparing different amounts of money using greater than, less than and equal to. We have also been adding and subtracting with money. In English this week, we learnt how to create a leaflet with interesting information about London. First we looked at the different features of a leaflet and how to arrange our information. Then we created a plan so that we could make our leaflet. It was a lot of fun! In RE we learnt all about symbols in religious stories and what these symbols meant. In geography we learnt so much about Somalia and Mogadishu from a lovely parent who took the time out to come and speak to us. The children enjoyed it! In science, we carried out another investigation on different materials to check which ones were absorbent, waterproof and transparent. What fun that was! Don't forget that Redwood and Palm girls swim on Fridays this half term.

Year 3

An incredible week of learning filled with consolidation of light in our science lessons, children created a beautiful poster filled with all the knowledge they have attained during this term. In history, we have reviewed the Roman Army and their attire and we have analysed the hierarchy in the Roman Army. In maths, we have begun our exciting topic of length and perimeter. We are engaging with real life context of where we would find perimeter and area. In English we have completed our newspaper report and we have published a brilliant copy with beautiful presentation based on the sighting of the Iron Man. In computing, we have looked at moving our little buddy Scratch. Next week, we will be consolidating all areas of our learning that we have done this term and we are excited to see what the children have learnt.

Year 4

This week in Year 4 we have been busy writing narratives about a character called Isaac. We have used detailed descriptions to describe the different habitats he explored that were teeming with life! Then we created our own book covers, and illustrated them beautifully. We came up with some beautiful and inviting titles such as 'The Echoes of the Estuary' and the 'The Secrets of the Stream.' We are so proud of our writing and would love for you to read our stories!

Year 5

In English, Year 5 have been hot-seating in class, taking on the role of Shane from the story *Way Home*. The children worked together to compose interesting, open-ended questions to find out more about the character - they had a lot of fun doing this! In maths, we have started our new topic which is on fractions and how to multiply fractions by integers. Please can you support your child in practising their times tables up to 12 daily as it will help them greatly in their maths. We would like Year 5 children to become less dependent on times tables squares and hand outs as they move through the year. Please can you also ensure that your child is completing their homework every week. Their homework will support them in remembering what they have been learning in class. As always, thank you so much for all that you do!

Year 6

We are particularly proud of our Year 6 children this week as they have completed another set of SATs mock tests. They demonstrated great maturity and positivity during the tests and it is very clear that all of their hard work is paying off! We will be sending home the marked papers next week after parent consultations. In other news, Year 6 have been learning about the Battle of Britain and how it was a significant turning point in World War II. We would like to say a huge well done to those children from Year 6 who took part in a netball competition on Thursday, winning us 5th place! Lastly, we look forward to seeing you at parent consultations and wish you a wonderful weekend!

TEA WITH THE HEAD



The children invited to Tea with the Head were:

Silver Birch	Anum
Chestnut	Joel
Maple	Nicolas
Palm	Bushra
Redwood	Ines
Cedar	Hussein
Hazel	Nadine
Oak	Roman
Hawthorn	Lulu
Acacia	Alaynah
Sycamore	Aaliyah
Mahogany	Saraa
Magnolia	Kyan Lee

Congratulations!

Stars of the Week



Superstars of the Week

Angelo, Silver Birch class
Aron, Chestnut class
Seleem, Maple class
Mustafa, Redwood class
Ridha, Palm class

Certificate of Merit

Natalia, Hazel class
Kai, Oak class
Erika, Hawthorn class
Yusuf, Acacia class
Victoria, Sycamore class
Dauhud, Mahogany class
Vidi, Magnolia class

Reader of the Week

Lena, Silver Birch class
Iris, Chestnut class
Sofia, Palm class
Zach, Palm class
Jeevika, Redwood class
Hamza, Cedar class
Asher, Hazel class
Natalie, Oak class
Cynthia, Hawthorn class
Denis, Acacia class
Sean, Sycamore class
Yassine, Mahogany class
Kashika, Magnolia class

Class Merit

Cedar class
Oak class

Well done!