



WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Welcome to this week's Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I do hope you had a wonderful break and enjoyed Easter and Eid celebrations.

We are well and truly back in the swing of things at Wessex Gardens. This is the final term of this year and we want to make it a great one! Children have returned rested and ready to learn!

Nursery - Provision for two year olds

You may be aware that the Government is providing 15 hours of free child care for two year old children. Our Nursery currently accepts 3 year old children but I am looking to include two year olds. The first step is to find out if there will be a need for two year old places. Next week I will be sending out a quick questionnaire asking if you would have need for a place for a younger sibling. I am also hoping you will ask local family and friends with young children if they would be interested in a Nursery place at Wessex Gardens for their children when they turn two. There is some more information below in blue, but please do come and talk to us if you have any questions. If there is enough need in the area, then we will begin to include two year olds at Wessex Gardens from September 2024.

Free education and childcare for 2-year-olds if you claim certain benefits
 Your 2-year-old can get free childcare if you live in England and get any of the following benefits:

Income Support
 income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
 income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
 Universal Credit, and your household income is £15,400 a year or less after tax, not including benefit payments

the guaranteed element of Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit (or both), and your household income is £16,190 a year or less before tax

the Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Wishing you a relaxing weekend.
 Alexander Banks
 Headteacher

SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



Dates for your diary

25.04.2024	School Discos
01.05.2024	Y1 trip to Portrait Gallery TBC
06.05.2024	Bank Holiday—school closed
27.05-03.06.2024	Half term holiday—school closed
04.06.2024	School reopens

School Discos

Thursday 25th April 2024



Reception—Year 2: 3.30pm-4.30pm

Tickets cost £2.50 & include drink, crisps and chocolate treat.

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6: 4.45pm-5.45pm

Tickets cost £2.00 and bring pocket money to buy drinks, crisps and/or chocolate treat

Tickets on sale online at www.schoolmoney.co.uk

Food Bank Aid 22.04.2024-26.04.2024



We are asking families to send in items to donate to Food Bank Aid next week. You may send items in any day, Monday–Friday to your child's class. Please see list of what you can donate at the end of this Newsletter.

TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS 2023-2024

SUMMER TERM 2024

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

TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS 2024-2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024

FIRST HALF:	Wednesday 4 th September – Friday 25 th October
HALF TERM HOLIDAY:	Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November
SECOND HALF:	Monday 4 th November – Friday 20 th December

SPRING TERM 2025

FIRST HALF:	Monday 6 th January – Friday 14 th February
HALF TERM HOLIDAY:	Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February
SECOND HALF:	Monday 24 th February – Friday 4 th April

SUMMER TERM 2025

FIRST HALF:	Tuesday 22 nd April – Friday 23 rd May
MAY DAY:	Monday 5 th May
HALF TERM HOLIDAY:	Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May
SECOND HALF:	Tuesday 3 rd June – Friday 18 th July

Attendance % this week

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

No classes achieved 100% attendance this week

Letters home this week



Y2-5	After school Gymnastics club
Rec-Y2	Disco information (by schoolpooling)
Y3-Y6	Disco information (by schoolpooling)

Nursery

It's been a lovely first week back in Nursery. It is great to have new friends joining us this week. The nursery children had lots of exciting adventures in nursery. The children have enjoyed cotton bud painting, creating 3D shapes models with playdough and exploring the magnets. Outside the children have been caring for our plants, creating a pirate ship and enjoying group stories. Have a lovely weekend everyone. See you all on Monday, ready for a week full of adventures.

Reception

Wow! What a wonderful week full of adventures. The children have written some fantastic animal descriptions. Come in and see them hanging up in our classroom. They are working hard to remember their finger spaces when writing their sentences and captions. In maths, we are exploring numbers up to 20. We have been challenging ourselves to use the counting stick to create our own number lines using different resources. We have used bead strings, numicon and cubes. It was amazing to see the children challenging themselves with this activity. They are incredible! We have had lots of fun in our role play, going on our safari adventures. We were lucky enough to spot a giraffe, elephants and even a monkey. The children even made binoculars using the kitchen roll tubes to add to our safari. Have a lovely weekend everyone. Please read on Bug Club! See you all on Monday!

Year 1

Welcome back! Year 1 have made a great start to the summer term. In English, we created our own non-fiction text all about the lifecycle of a butterfly. In maths, we have been counting on in 2s, 5s and 10s to help us with multiplication problems next week. Our topic in science is 'plants' we will be learning about common plants in the gardens and also we will plant some seeds to observe how they grow. In history we will be learning about Mary Anning who was an English fossil collector, dealer, and palaeontologist who became known around the world for the discoveries she made in Jurassic marine fossil beds. Please continue to login to Bug Club and read daily! Also don't forget to practise phonics everyday!

Year 2

Good Day Parents,
It has been a lovely first week to the term. It was great to see the children well rested and eager to start their learning.
In maths we completed our Length and Height block and we have started our Mass, Capacity and Temperature block. In English we have started our Power of Reading text which is Rapunzel, by Bethan Woolvin. So far, we have been enjoying how the book unfolds and cannot wait to find out what the twist is. In RE, we have been looking at religious books used in Christianity, Hinduism and Buddhism. In science, we have started our Plants topic and we explored different seeds and bulbs.
It has been a wonderful week and we hope that this positive attitude that the children came back with, continues until the end of the term. Please encourage your child to read at least 15-20 minutes every day as this will help with their writing and give them the vocabulary to express themselves.

Year 3

Welcome back we hope you've had an incredible holiday filled with lots of rest and fun! This week we have delved back in embracing our rules and routine. In English, we have completed writing and editing our instruction text on how to make an exploding volcano. Furthermore, we have begun to engage in our new core text Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and engaging in developing character descriptions. In maths, we continue with our topic from last term of Mass and weight and converting between Kg and g. In PSHE, we are learning about budgeting and how to best spend our money to ensure we maximise funds. In science we have begun looking at key vocabulary on plants and living things. In geography we have begun our amazing topic of Earthquakes and how they occur. Wishing you a lovely weekend. Year 3 team.

Year 4

Welcome back Year 4! This week has been jam-packed and full of fun! We've started our new art topic called 'Islamic Art'. It's been so much fun learning to tessellate and create our own geometric patterns. Our new English text, The Firework-Maker's Daughter, is very interesting. This week we got to know the main character, Lila, and create a character description. In maths we've been dividing two digit numbers by 10 and using place value charts to support us as the numbers move into the decimals. This week we started our new computing topic called 'Audio Editing'. We are learning how to make podcasts! In science, we've started to learn about living things and were excited to visit Wessex's secret garden! What a treat!

Year 5

Well done to the Year 5s this week with their active learning especially in geography and science lessons this week. They are learning about solar system and how the planets orbit the sun. They actually had to perform being the sun and the moon and earth and spinning around - it was really great fun.
In geography the Year 5s have started a new unit on agriculture and farming. They have been learning about different types of farming and the planting and growing crops. They even took a visit to the secret garden.
Well done Year 5s a great start to the Summer term.

Year 6

What a fantastic week of revision and learning in year 6. This week, we went on a lovely trip to the London Zoo, where the children were able to exercise their prior learning of classification and groupings of animals. They had a fantastic time and were very well behaved. We are looking forward to writing a recount of the trip to the zoo in English. We have been continuing with our SATs revision in maths, covering essential topics such as fractions, decimals and percentages. In geography, we had a look at natural resources found on Earth and how they are extracted or obtained. We are looking forward to another week of learning.

TREAT FROM THE CHEST



The children invited to take a treat from the chest were:

Silver Birch	Arkham
Chestnut	Mahoor
Maple	Kabir
Palm	Ridha
Redwood	Arthur
Cedar	Darren
Hazel	Nadine
Oak	Zainab
Hawthorn	Ersi
Acacia	Deen
Sycamore	Keleecia
Mahogany	Canfidan
Magnolia	Enam

Congratulations!

Stars of the Week



Superstars of the Week

Xhemal, Silver Birch class
Cassius, Chestnut class
Azaan, Maple class
Mohamed, Redwood class

Certificate of Merit

Pia, Hazel class
Ioane, Oak class
Rehan, Hawthorn class
Adonis, Acacia class
Jedidiah, Mahogany class

Reader of the Week

Sarah, Silver Birch class
Grace, Chestnut class
Maryam, Maple class
Aqil, Palm class
Matar, Redwood class
Jalil, Cedar class
Amarni, Hazel class
Annis, Oak class
Mohammed, Hawthorn class
Rayhana, Acacia class
Nour, Sycamore class
Sadiyah, Mahogany class
Bedrija, Magnolia class

Class Merit

Cedar class
Sycamore class

Well done!

WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL IS COLLECTING FOR FOOD BANK AID



THIS SUMMER FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY WILL STRUGGLE TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR CHILDREN

Food Bank Aid delivers donations to food banks across North London, helping feed over 20,000 people (inc 5,500 children)

WHAT THE FOOD BANKS NEED



Tinned food -
meat, fish, fruit, veg



Breakfast cereals &
porridge



Rice, grains &
noodles



Instant coffee, tea,
sugar, UHT Milk



Honey, Marmite, jam



Cooking oil (1L)



Biscuits, crackers, cereal
bars & dried fruit



Shampoo, toothbrushes,
toothpaste & deodorant



Baby formula & nappies
(large sizes)

HOW TO DONATE

Please bring your donations to school from
Monday 22nd - Friday 26th April. Thank you!



Food Bank Aid: North London



@foodbankaid_nl