



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 slightly shorter week, but just as busy! We are making the most of this wonderful weather getting the children out and about in the local area; visiting Brent Cross, Clitterhouse Farm and Basing Hill Park.

Mental Health Awareness Week

Next week is devoted to looking after our mental health. The theme is all about how physical activity has such a positive impact on the way we feel. We will be including activities throughout the week devoting time to our mental wellbeing. We will end the week with a non-uniform day where children may wear something that makes them feel happy! We are not collecting anything for this, it is all about feeling good!

Nursery - 2 Year Olds

Thank you to those families who have shown interest in expanding our Nursery to include 2 year olds. I have made the case to Barnet and they have visited our site and identified some alterations that need to be done. Once this has been agreed, I will be able to confirm our 2 year old Nursery but it is looking very promising! Please keep spreading the word!

Nursery 3 Year Olds

We have places in our Nursery for 3 year old children next year. Children may start Nursery the term after they turn 3, for example, if a child turns three in June, they may start with us after the Summer break, if their birthday is November, they may start after the Christmas break. Please do let friends and family know that places are available!

Year 6 SATs

Finally, I would like to wish the very best of luck to all our wonderful Year 6 children who will be taking their SATs tests next week. They have been working so hard as well as all the adults to be ready for this and really show what they can do!

Wishing you a relaxing weekend.

Alexander Banks
Headteacher

SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



Dates for your diary

- 13-16.05.2024 Year 6 SATs week
- 14.05.2024 Sycamore class—Assembly 9.00am parents invited
- 14.05.2024 Reception class—Hearing & Vision screening
- 16.05.2024 Y5 trip to Science Museum
- 16.05.2024 Reception—Happy Tails visit
- 17.05.2024 Non uniform day—wear something that makes you feel happy (No donations needed)
- 17.05.2024 Y6 Basing Hill Park (AM)
- 20.05.2024 Y3 trip to Golders Green Church
- 24.05.2024 Non uniform day—bring bottles/tins for Tombola stall—Summer Fair
- 27.05-03.06.2024 Half term holiday—school closed
- 04.06.2024 School reopens
- 05.06.2024 Y3 trip to Kew Gardens
- 13.06.2024 School Discos
- 27.06.2024 Summer Fair after school

SchoolMoney

We have had an increase recently in parents wanting to pay for trips etc in cash. Unfortunately we are unable to continue to take cash payments. All of the children have been set up on schoolmoney.com for payments and you will receive a message when there is a new payment due. Please check to make sure you have your login details and password well before any payments become due. If you have any problems please speak to the school office who will help you. Thank you.

TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS 2023-2024

- 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

TERM DATES 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

Attendance % this week

Chestnut	93%
Maple	98%
Palm	97%
Redwood	98%
Cedar	91%
Hazel	99%
Hawthorn	98%
Oak	95%
Acacia	100%
Sycamore	92%
Magnolia	96%
Mahogany	95%

Well done Acacia Class on 100% attendance this week!

Letters home this week



- Y4 Reading Plus Project
- Y3 Trip to Kew Gardens On 05.06.2024

Nursery

We've enjoyed an exciting week in Nursery! This week we have been continuing to explore the story Lulu loves Flowers by Anna Mc Quinn and Rosalind Beardshaw. We have been practising singing our favourite nursery rhymes while playing a range of musical instruments independently or in a small group. In maths, we have been working hard to continue to develop our counting skills. We have created some wonderful collages using different materials and have been learning how to use a spatula to spread glue! We are becoming very good at throwing and catching a large ball. We are continuing to develop our turn taking skills while playing our favourite ball games. Please ensure that you **bring your child to Nursery at 8.45am** so that they can benefit fully from the session.
The Nursery Team

Reception

What a fantastic week in Silver Birch! It has been lovely to finally have some sun! We went on a hunt to the secret garden. We found lots of different mini beasts and wonderful flowers and plants. We can't wait to visit again. In maths, we have been learning about adding more. We have even challenged ourselves to write number sentences independently. We have enjoyed playing cross the river and spray the phoneme outside. We are very excited about our animal visit next Thursday. Have a lovely weekend everyone and enjoy the sunshine. See you all on Monday!

Year 1

This week, the children engaged in activities that explored quarters in shapes, objects and quantities. In history the children examined the lives and contributions of two remarkable figures: Mary Anning and David Attenborough. They explored the differences and similarities in their approaches to studying the natural world, gaining insights into the evolution of scientific inquiry over time. Our budding scientists embarked on an exciting journey to Clitterhouse Farm, where they investigated the intricate structures of flowering plants. Through hands-on exploration and observation, they uncovered the secrets of plant anatomy, fostering a newfound appreciation for the wonders of the natural world. In religious education the children explored the similarities between celebrations in Islam, Christianity, and Judaism. By learning about the customs, traditions, and significance of various religious celebrations. This week in English, the children let their imaginations soar as they crafted captivating stories from the perspective of the 'girl' inspired by our Power of Reading book. Through their writing they showed empathy for the characters' experiences. Have a lovely weekend! The adventure continues next week.

Year 2

Hi there Parents,
First of all, a big thank you to those of you who were able to help out with our trip this week. The children really enjoyed it. They loved learning about the different changes happening in Brent Cross and they had fun identifying the different places that we have been looking at in our lessons. We have also had a fun week of learning. In maths, we continued with fractions and we have been learning to identify one half and one quarter. In English, we have been learning how to write instructions and looking at the different features of instructional writing. In science, we learnt about the importance of the correct temperature for plants to grow and how certain plants adapt themselves for different climates. In geography, we compared Brent Cross to Stratford and it was amazing how many differences and similarities that we were able to find.
Also, remember that Year 2 girls swim on Wednesdays and PE is on Thursdays. Have a wonderful weekend!

Year 3

So much learning so much fun! Our children's mind are always growing with the amount of knowledge they are learning everyday.
We have finally completed our bizarre and eccentric letters to the children of Wessex Gardens Primary School inviting them to our wonderful chocolate factory to explore all of our delicious chocolate. We are now creating a diary entry recounting the events of the day that Charlie found a magnificent golden ticket. In maths, we are looking into money, how to count it, spend it and save it. In geography, we have been learning about tsunamis, why and how they are caused, and how they affect human settlements. In science we have discovered perfect and imperfect plants and that have both male and female parts, we even visited the allotment to have a look at all the amazing plants we have! Excitingly, we have begun to look at different places of worship in Islam, Christianity and Sikhism. We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Year 4

Welcome back, everyone! We hope you had a fantastic Bank Holiday Monday. This week in Year 4, we delved into the captivating world of Islamic art, immersing ourselves in the intricate beauty of repeated motifs. Our art lessons were filled with vibrant colours and mesmerizing patterns. In English, we embarked on an exciting journey into persuasive writing, starting work on crafting persuasive leaflets. Through engaging discussions and creative activities, we honed our skills in convincing others to see things from our perspective. Meanwhile, in R.E., we explored various places of worship, learning about the diverse architectural styles and cultural significance behind them. It's been a week filled with exploration, creativity, and cultural understanding in Year 4!

Year 5

The Year 5s have been enjoying their science lessons, learning about the solar system. Astronomers and astronomy. The students have been learning the order of the planets. How the Earth rotates, and how we get day and night. The students have been learning new key words like geocentric and heliocentric. Learning about which scientists have contributed to the world of science. The students have had a good week also learning about angles and co-ordinates in maths. They have also learnt the world translation and the meaning behind it.
Well done. Year 5s.

Year 6

All of our preparations for SATs are complete and the children are more than ready for next week. The whole of our Wessex Gardens family are rooting for them and wish them the best of luck. 🍀

There will be breakfast club next week for all of our Year 6 pupils. This is a nice opportunity for them to have breakfast with each other, making their day as normal as possible. We are in for a wonderful weekend of sunshine, so we recommend going outdoors and making the most of it! On behalf of all of the Year 6 team, we would like to say a huge thank you to you, our families, for your continued support and as always, it is much appreciated! Wishing you a wonderful and peaceful weekend. 🌻

TREAT FROM THE CHEST



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

Silver Birch	Angelo
Maple	Sofia
Chestnut	Aron
Palm	Aqil
Redwood	Matar
Cedar	Kaleb
Hazel	Navya
Oak	Suha
Hawthorn	Mariana
Acacia	Avesta
Sycamore	Nour
Mahogany	Roua
Magnolia	Kyan Lee

Congratulations!

Stars of the Week



Superstars of the Week

Lena, Silver Birch class
Razeem, Maple class
Ismaeel, Chestnut class
Jana, Redwood class

Certificate of Merit

Mia, Cedar class
Ayhan, Hazel class
Natalie, Oak class
Lulu, Hawthorn class
Adonis, Acacia class
Alex, Sycamore class

Reader of the Week

Jack, Silver Birch class

Excellent Presentation Award

Maryam, Maple class
Mia, Chestnut class
Diya, Palm class
Filip, Redwood class
Kaydon, Cedar class
Aisha, Hazel class
Pandora, Oak class
Jana, Hawthorn class
Zahra, Acacia class
Victoria, Sycamore class
Keyaan, Mahogany class
Sumaya, Magolia class

Class Merit

Palm class
Mahogany class
Magnolia class

Well done!