



WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

Summer Term — 24th May 2024 (Issue 30)

Welcome to this week's Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers.

We have had such a lovely end to a very busy half term! I do hope you all have a wonderful time over the next week with loved ones. Please don't forget to do our questionnaire!

See you all on Tuesday 4th June!

Alexander Banks
Headteacher

SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



Dates for your diary

27.05-03.06.2024	Half term holiday—school closed
04.06.2024	School reopens
05.06.2024	Y3 trip to Kew Gardens
06.06.2024	School Photographer—Class Photos
10.06.2024	Y6 trip Bowling
13.06.2024	Y6 trip Crazy Golf
13.06.2024	School Discos
26.06.2024	Oak Class Assembly—parents invited
27.06.2024	Non Uniform day—bring in cakes/treats for Summer Fair
27.06.2024	Summer Fair after school
02.07.2024	Y4 trip to Natural History Museum
22.07.2024	Y3 trip to Natural History Museum
24.07.2024	Last day of term—school closes 1.15pm
	No After School Club

Swimming next half term

Children in each class will be swimming as follows:



Reception	Mixed	Wednesday
Maple	Mixed (all)	Monday
Chestnut	Mixed (all)	Monday
Palm	Boys	Wednesday
Redwood	Boys	Wednesday
Cedar	Girls	Friday
Hazel	Girls	Friday
Oak	Girls	Wednesday
Hawthorn	Girls	Wednesday
Acacia	Boys	Wednesday
Sycamore	Boys	Wednesday
Magnolia	Boys	Friday

Letters home this week



- Y6 Trip to St Agnes Church
- Y5 Secondary transfer Information

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	90%
Maple	99%
Palm	98%
Redwood	98%
Cedar	97%
Hazel	99%
Hawthorn	92%
Oak	88%
Acacia	99%
Sycamore	100%
Magnolia	98%
Mahogany	90%

Congratulation Sycamore Class on 100% attendance!

Nursery

We've enjoyed another interesting week in Nursery! This week we have been sharing the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' We have been observing the beans we planted last week and talking about changes. In maths, we have been matching 2D shapes and using these to create pictures. We had lots of fun exploring string painting and making toast. We are very kind and like to help our friends in lots of different ways! We've been continuing to develop our individual and group interests outdoors. Many of us are beginning to share and develop our ideas with our peers. Have a lovely half-term break!
The Nursery Team

Reception

What a wonderful half term it has been in Silver Birch, full of exciting adventures. This week we have been writing about ourselves and all the different things we like. In maths, we have been learning about subtraction and playing playdough smash. It's a fun game to do to learn all about subtraction. The children have been helping to water our beautiful flowers and plants in our outside garden. In our weekly P.E sessions, the children have become really confident with their climbing. They have all developed such strong gross motor strength. Have a lovely half term and enjoy the sunshine. See you all after the half term!

Year 1

This week, the Year 1 children have been engaging in a variety of exciting activities and lessons. In math we have been exploring ordinal numbers, counting to a 100 and revising halves and quarters. As part of English we brainstormed ideas about plants and are writing our class and individual poems. In history we created fossils using salt dough (that we made!!). During science we continued looking at our bean plant and wrote in our bean diaries. In art, we visited each others classrooms as part of a gallery experience and left feedback for our friends. Please continue doing Bug Club and watching Mr. Thorne's phonics videos over half term. Have a lovely half term holiday and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 4th June!

Year 2

Hello there lovely parents,
What a fantastic and fun week it has been for Year 2. First of all, a massive thank you to all the parents who were able to help with our trips this week. The children had so much fun visiting the Aquarium and the Brent Cross Pavilion.
Although it was a fun week, we also worked very hard during our lessons. In maths we continued with fractions and we learnt all about unit and non-unit fractions. In English, we wrote a recount of our trip to Sea Life (London Aquarium). In science we explored flowers and learnt about pollination and the different way that flowers can be pollinated. In geography, we understood all the different changes that have happened and will be happening in Brent Cross and got to see a real model of the whole of Brent Cross.
Over the half term, please work with your child on the SATs booklets so that they can practise. Please try to allow this to be done as independently as possible. Also, if your child has come home with any phonics, please allow them to practise and help them with their sounds (use Bug Club if unsure of sound). Don't forget to READ READ READ!
Have a great half term!
Year 2 Team

Year 3

We made it to the end of Summer 1! We took a trip round to Golders Green Parish Church to explore our R.E topic, different places of worship. It truly was magnificent and we thank Reverend Kamran for his time. Thank you to all parents who assisted. We will have another trip to Kew Gardens on the 5th June - if anyone is available to support please let class teachers know. We will be visiting the Natural History Museum on the 22nd July to consolidate our learning on Ancient Egypt and visit a volcano workshop. Talking of which we have completed our learning on tsunamis, earthquakes and floods and now we are looking at our new topic of Ancient Egypt. We have begun our learning by creating a timeline of events. In maths, we have been learning about time, please provide opportunities for the children to tell you the time using vocabulary such as: o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. And finally as an incredible treat for all their hard work, we watched Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Wishing you a lovely break!

Year 4

This week, Year 4 have published their persuasive leaflets to convince *you* to move to their fictional new towns. They were very imaginative and really enjoyed this topic. In geography, Year 4 have been looking at transport routes around the country. They used Google Maps to find out what the fastest route from A to B would be and how many different ways one could travel. In maths, we have now completed our money topic and are beginning time. Please do practise looking at an analogue clock with your child over half-term. Ensure they know the minute hand, the second hand and the hour hand. Remind them how to tell the time to the hour and past the hour. We will also be doing the Multiplication Tables Check when we return so do support your child with practising their times tables daily. Have a lovely half-term and we look forward to seeing you on the 4th June!

Year 5

Year 5s have had a great start to the summer term and have packed in loads of learning. In geography they have been learning about food from the farm to the table; how crops are grown and how the landscape affects the crops growth. In English they have now finished reading the book the Stormbreaker and looking at the similarities and differences between the novel and the film. The students were able to pick out many similarities, even in the graphic novel, the characters looked the same as the film. Even in the film the students recognised inside as they were on a trip there just recently. Maths has continued to inspire and engage the students as they have been learning about adding and subtracting decimals. Well done to all the Year 5s, as they have now completed the first part of the Summer term.

Year 6

This week, Year 6 held auditions for our end of year production. There sure was lot of competition and excitement about potential roles which was great to see. We will let the children know about their roles as soon as we make the decisions. After half term, we will begin practising straight away. In other news, the children wrote a recount of their SATs experience, recalling their personal thoughts and experiences. In history, we have begun our new topic 'history of medicine'. We explored medical practices and ideas in the medieval era and compared them to modern day medicine. The children were particularly interested in the role of the barber surgeon! In maths, we have been completing investigative tasks with the children working collaboratively. Thank you to all of you who have managed to make a contribution towards the London trips- it is much appreciated! Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

TREAT FROM THE CHEST



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

Silver Birch	Rihan
Maple	Zhivan
Chestnut	Enzo
Palm	Asma
Redwood	Mustafa
Cedar	Shirley
Hazel	Brooke
Oak	Jannah K
Hawthorn	Tawaab
Acacia	Aywel
Sycamore	Neil
Mahogany	Sadiyah
Magnolia	Kami

Congratulations!

Stars of the Week



Superstars of the Week

Zion, Silver Birch class
Yaqub, Maple class
Ilyas, Chestnut class
Jojo, Redwood class

Certificate of Merit

Nadine, Cedar class
Kamaya, Hazel class
Annis, Oak class
Lulu, Hawthorn class
Liba, Acacia class
Aaminah, Sycamore class
Mohammad, Mahogany class
Amirali, Magnolia class

Reader of the Week

Layan, Silver Birch class

Excellent Presentation Award

Kabir, Maple class
Alessia, Chestnut class
Arij, Palm class
Ines, Redwood class
Olivier, Cedar class
Jalil, Hazel class
Shae, Oak class
Rehan, Hawthorn class
Calvin, Acacia class
Charlie, Sycamore class
Monique, Mahogany class
Kyan-Lee, Magnolia class

Class Merit

Palm class

Well done!