



# WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter

### Summer Term — 7th June 2024 (Issue 31)

## Welcome to this week's Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I do hope you all had a wonderful break and the children are happy to be back. For our KS1 children, thank you for saying goodbye at the door. It is great to make them that little bit more independent.

### Percussion Workshop

The children were thrilled to take part in the Take Note percussion workshop and concert on Wednesday morning with Dacapo. All children from Early Years through to Year 6 were able to benefit from the experience of a live percussion orchestra.

### School visits

We continue to have exciting visits and experiences for the children, Year 3 had a wonderful trip to Kew Gardens and they made us very proud. Y6 are off on their trips next week and we are hoping to the best weather for them

### Parent Questionnaire

Thank you so much to the 73 families who have responded to our questionnaire. We will keep the survey open for one more week. Your opinion is very important to us and will feed into our school improvement plan. The questionnaire was sent by Ping and we do have paper copies available.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend!

Alexander Banks  
Headteacher

## SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



### Dates for your diary

- 10.06.2024 Y6 trip Bowling
- 11.06.2024 Y6 TFL workshop Mill Hill (AM)
- 12.06.2024 Y6 Whitefield School –sports (AM)
- 13.06.2024 Y6 trip Crazy Golf
- 13.06.2024 School Discos
- 14.06.2024 Y5 Cooking Champions
- 26.06.2024 Oak Class Assembly—parents invited
- 26.06.2024 Non Uniform day *change of date* - bring in cakes/treats for Summer Fair
- 27.06.2024 Summer Fair after school
- 02.07.2024 Y4 trip to Natural History Museum
- 10.07.2024 Y3, 4 & 5 trip to Theatre at Hyde Park
- 22.07.2024 Y3 trip to Natural History Museum
- 24.07.2024 Last day of term—school closes 1.15pm
- No After School Club

## School Discos

### Thursday 13th June 2024



### Reception—Year 2: 3.30pm-4.30pm

Tickets cost £2.50 & includes 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](http://www.schoolmoney.co.uk)

## Attendance % this week

Chestnut	98%
Maple	92%
Palm	97%
Redwood	99%
Cedar	93%
Hazel	96%
Hawthorn	98%
Oak	96%
Acacia	98%
Sycamore	86%
Magnolia	96%
Mahogany	96%

**No classes achieved 100% attendance this week**

### TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS 2023-2024

#### SUMMER TERM 2024

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

### TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS 2024-2025

#### AUTUMN TERM 2024

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

#### SPRING TERM 2025

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

#### SUMMER TERM 2025

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

## Letters home this week



- Y1-6 RSE curriculum letter
- Y3 Trip to Natural History Museum 22.07.2024
- Y3-5 Trip to Theatre at Hyde Park 10.07.2024
- Y5 Cooking Champions 14.06.2024
- Nurs-Y6 Class Photos—ordering details

## Nursery

We were all pleased to be back at Nursery! This week we have been sharing the story, All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold. We have been engaging in lots of social play in our role play and construction area and are making lots of progress with developing our language skills! In maths, we have been continuing to develop our counting and sorting skills. We are working hard to develop our cutting skills at our new cutting station. We are also making lots of progress with completing 'challenging puzzles.' Have a lovely weekend!  
The Nursery Team

## Reception

It has been a busy week in Silver Birch. The children have written some great letters to the workmen who are working outside the school. We hope to deliver the letters to them next week. In maths, we have been learning about doubling. The children are becoming more confident with this, please continue to practise doubling with them at home. We had the opportunity to develop our junk modelling skills. The children have created some amazing wands, swords and a crown. They looked amazing. All the children in the Early Years have been helping to redesign our outside classroom and have been helping the adults with some DIY. We hope you all have a wonderful weekend. See you all on Monday!

## Year 1

What a fun week Year 1 has had! In English, the children have started making predictions about a new book they will be learning about this term. In maths, they are continuing to practise their counting, specifically to 100. In geography, the children learned about daily weather patterns in the UK and even had the chance to draw their own weather chart! In design and technology, they have started to identify where foods come from, looking at both animals and plants. In science, the children discussed different everyday materials and their various purposes. Please continue to read on Bug Club daily with your child. Remember to watch Mr. Thorne's video clips for phonics practise!

## Year 2

Good Day Parents,  
It has been a wonderful week back! We jumped right into our learning and we have been doing lots of different things this week. In maths, we continued with fractions and we have been identifying  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a shape with a given amount. We have also been learning to count using fractions. In English, we have been having fun with our new book, Tidy by Emily Gravett. In history, our new topic is Changes in Travel and Transport. We looked at different types of boats and how the different forms of transport has changed over the years. In science, we began a new topic called Litter Pollution and we have been understanding what litter is and how it is created. Please continue to read with your child for at least 15 minutes a day. We are seeing a decline in reading fluency in both classes. There is also a decline in the number of children completing their homework. Homework needs to be done as this allows us to see where support is needed and to consolidate the learning done in class. Boys are swimming this half term on Wednesdays and PE is on Thursdays. Have a wonderful weekend!

## Year 3

An exciting week back in Year 3! We went on a journey to Kew Gardens to consolidate our learning from our previous topic of greenhouses and plants. What a view it was! We saw some incredible plants and the most magnificent greenhouses.  
We have an upcoming theatre trip to Hyde park on the 10th July and a trip to Natural History Museum on 22nd July to consolidate our ancient Egypt and volcanoes and earthquakes. Learning that took place this week in maths was consolidation of time. Please ask your children the time during the day. In English we have begun our new book, The Promise. In history we continue to look at ancient Egypt and in RE we have begun our topic on the different pilgrimages that happen in different religions.  
Have a lovely weekend!

## Year 4

Welcome back Year 4! What a great start to the week we've all had! It's been wonderful to kick start our new topics alongside bright sunshine! This week in history we've learnt a little bit of background about the War of the Roses as we commence our local topic on the Battle of Barnet. In science, we've focused on extinction and natural selection. The children know lots now about how animals have adapted to their habitats - ask them! It was great fun to finish our Islamic Art topic by creating our very own clay tiles. Some of us are particularly creative! One of the highlights of the week had to be watching an incredible percussion performance by DaCapo. What a treat! Next week we will be completing our times tables check. Please practise all the times tables with your child this weekend so that they are really secure. Have a lovely weekend!

## Year 5

The Year 5s, have had a great start to the second half of the Summer term. They have started to learn about fossil fuels in science and why they are important in their every day lives. They are learning about efficient ways of adding and subtracting decimals. The students are starting to grasp this concept as the week has progressed. English has also started well, as the students have started to look at settings and characters in a book.  
Have a lovely weekend.

## Year 6

It has been a wonderful start back after the half term for Year 6! We have got stuck right in with production rehearsals and it's already looking good! Please encourage your children to practise their lines, as this will really help us with preparations. In other news, we have a very busy and exciting week ahead of us. We will be kickstarting the week with a visit to Hollywood Bowl in Finchley on Monday. Please do not provide you child with a packed lunch as food will be provided at the venue. We thought it would be nice for the children to wear their choice of clothes on the trips, so they do not need to come to school in full school uniform. Also, they do not need to bring any spending money- we will be giving them some money to spend in the arcade. If you wish to give your child additional spending money, please do not give any more than £5.00. Wishing you all a peaceful weekend.



## TREAT FROM THE CHEST



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

Silver Birch	Jacob
Maple	Ines
Chestnut	Lamar
Palm	Zahra
Redwood	Emily
Cedar	Kaydon
Hazel	Ethan
Oak	Roman
Hawthorn	Celin
Acacia	Lisa
Sycamore	Cain
Mahogany	Canfidan
Magnolia	Max

## Congratulations!

## Stars of the Week



## Superstars of the Week

Sultan, Silver Birch class  
Marinel, Maple class  
Enzo, Chestnut class  
Diya, Palm class  
Sedat, Redwood class

## Certificate of Merit

Enrico, Cedar class  
Olush, Hazel class  
Kai, Oak class  
Sirine, Hawthorn class  
Adonis, Acacia class  
Aaminah, Sycamore class  
Ethan, Mahogany class  
Dina, Magnolia class

## Reader of the Week

Najlae, Silver Birch class

## Excellent Presentation Award

David, Maple class  
Inas, Chestnut class  
Arij, Palm class  
Nuh, Redwood class  
Abdulo, Cedar class  
Rahaam, Hazel class  
Abdumalik, Hawthorn class  
Jannah, Oak class  
Calvin, Acacia class  
David, Sycamore class  
Mohammad, Mahogany class  
Lola, Magnolia class

## Class Merit

Oak class