



WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Welcome to this week's Newsletter

Another very busy week at Wessex Gardens!

It has been a wonderful week of exciting learning across the school, pupils have been working hard, showing curiosity, and making us proud with their enthusiasm and effort. Don't forget to ask your child about what they've been learning and the highlights of their week!

Our Reception children, who have been settling in part-time over the past two weeks, will now be joining us full-time. This is such an exciting milestone in their Wessex Gardens journey, and we are looking forward to seeing them continue to grow in confidence as they become fully part of school life.

We are also preparing for our Harvest celebrations. This is always a special time to reflect on what we have and to think of those who may not have enough. As in previous years, we will be collecting items to support those in need, please see the leaflet with this newsletter for more details. It is not only food items that are required; other essentials are also very welcome. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Next Thursday (25th September) we will also be holding a non-uniform day in support of Macmillan Cancer Support. Pupils are invited to come to school in their own clothes and bring £1. Alongside this, we will be holding a cake sale to raise further funds for this wonderful charity. Whether you bake, buy, or donate, your support will make a real difference.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in everything we do at Wessex Gardens.
Mr Banks
Headteacher

SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



Dates for your diary

- 22.09.2025 Y4 Trip to The Pirate Castle
- 24.09.2025 Rec-Y6 Flu vaccination (AM)
- 25.09.2025 Macmillan Cancer Support Fundraising Day
Non Uniform Day—please bring £1 donation
- 30.09.2025 Harvest Festival Assembly
- 07-10.10.2025 Book Fair
- 09.10.2025 Y6 School—Nursing Team:
National Child Measurement Programme
- 27.-31.10.025 School Closed—Half Term Holiday
- 03.11.2025 School reopens



Macmillan Cancer Support Day

On **Thursday 25th September** we will be holding a **non uniform day** for the children to come to school in their own clothes and bring in **£1** for Macmillan Cancer Support.

To raise extra money, we will also be holding a bring and buy **cake/treat sale** and would be grateful to receive donations of cakes/biscuits/sweet treats to be brought into school. If bringing home made items please include list of ingredients. Please send in items that can be sold individually like cup cakes, fairy cakes, mini rolls, crisps, etc (no nuts please). These will be sold to the children during break time at a cost of 50p each item.

e Admissions

Admissions for **Secondary school** places to start September 2026 is now open. The closing date for applications is 31st October 2025.

Admissions for **Reception school** places to start September 2026 is now open. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2026.

Applications for both to be made online at www.eadmissions.org.uk

TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS 2025-2026

AUTUMN TERM 2025

FIRST HALF: Wednesday 3rd September – Friday 24th October
HALF TERM

HOLIDAY: Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October

SECOND HALF: Monday 3rd November – Friday 19th December

SPRING TERM 2026

FIRST HALF: Monday 5th January – Friday 13th February

HALF TERM

HOLIDAY: Monday 16th February – Monday 23rd February

SECOND HALF: Tuesday 24th February – Friday 27th March

SUMMER TERM 2026

FIRST HALF: Monday 13th April – Friday 22nd May

MAY DAY: Monday 4th May

HALF TERM

HOLIDAY: Monday 25th May – Monday 1st June

SECOND HALF: Tuesday 2nd June – Friday 17th July



Harvest Festival/Food Bank Aid

We would be grateful to receive donations for our annual Harvest Festival. Items may be brought in any day next week with the last day on Friday 26th September. Harvest Festival Assembly will be on Monday 29th September. All donations received will again go to Food Bank Aid. For each item donated, your child will receive 5 dojo points. Thank you very much for your support.



English for Speakers of Other Languages

This is a fun and friendly way to improve your English and will give you the opportunity to meet other parents. To take part, please come along every Thursday from 1.00-3.00pm. Please report to the school office on arrival. Thank you.

Nursery

In Nursery we have introduced an 'All about me' segment. Please can we ask all parents to bring in photos of the children and their families. Can I also remind parents to ensure they have purchased a book bag and handed it in to any member of the nursery team. Book bags will start to go out from Thursday 25/09. Have a wonderful weekend!

Reception

We've had a fantastic week together! The children enjoyed their first lunch at school, practising carrying trays, finding seats, and eating with friends. We've spent time learning names, playing games, and getting to know each other. The children are quickly learning the daily timetable, which helps them feel settled and confident. We discussed how to look after ourselves, each other, and our classroom. Everyone is working hard to make kind and safe choices. It's been a brilliant start, and we are so proud of the children already!

Year 1

Year 1 has had another busy and exciting week! In English, we are continuing with our core text, *The Three Little Pigs*, and have been learning about using punctuation in sentences. In Maths, we've been ordering numbers using number tracks and applying our number skills to find missing numbers. In Science, our topic is materials, and we went on a material hunt around the school. In RE, we explored the concept of what is real and discussed how feelings like love are real even though we can't see them. In PSHE, we identified and explored different emotions, and in History, we began learning about toys from the past, comparing and sorting them. Please continue reading on Bug Club at home—it really helps support your child's phonics development!

Year 2

Many thanks to all of the parents who attended our Meet the Teacher presentation on Tuesday. We hope the information was helpful. We are continuing to respond well to lots of praise and encouragement with our learning! In English, we have been working hard to develop our oracy skills and this is helping us to use new words creatively in our writing! In Maths, we have been continuing to focus on Place Value and are becoming increasingly confident with using a range of resources to support our learning. In Geography, we had lots of fun creating Islands in a small group and talking about the different features. In D.T; we enjoyed choosing the most appropriate equipment to help us prepare food in different ways (spreading, grating, cutting etc) for a real life purpose - sandwich making (delicious!).

Our swimming day is Wednesday; girls this half term and boys will be doing P.E.

Whole class P.E will take place on a Monday morning.

Please continue to support your child with their home learning and write a comment weekly in your child's Reading Record. Many thanks for all your support.

Oak Class

Year 3

This week we have been exploring *The Stone Age Boy* and linking it to our Art. The children looked at cave paintings and created their own, practising their skills in shape, proportion, and scale. They produced some fantastic work that they should be very proud of!

In Maths, we have continued with Place Value, working with numbers up to 1,000. The children are becoming confident in recognising the value of digits and showing numbers in different ways. In Science, we began our topic on animal nutrition, learning how to classify animals as herbivores, carnivores, or omnivores, and starting to understand food chains using new scientific words like *producers* and *consumers*.

It has been a great week in Year 3. The children are working hard, engaging well in lessons, and showing positive behaviour for learning. Thank you to all the parents who joined us for the Meet the Teacher meeting. We hope you found it useful and informative.

Year 4

This week in Year 4, we've been busy exploring Science. We learned all about the water cycle and how water changes state as it moves through evaporation, condensation, and precipitation. We also investigated solids, liquids, and gases, looking closely at how materials can change when they are heated or cooled. We enjoyed linking our ideas together to see how the water cycle is a real-life example of changing states of matter. We can't wait to see what we'll learn about next week

Year 5

Good Day Year 5 Parents,

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended the Meet the Teacher meeting. If you were unable to attend, please see your child's class teacher if you have any questions. Highlights of this meeting were:

- 1) Encouraging your child to read for at least 20 minutes daily.
- 2) Full PE kit needs to be worn on PE days and children need to have full swimming kit.
- 3) Building a positive parent- teacher relationships help our children strive for the best on their learning journey.
- 4) Encouraging children to follow the Golden Rules at school and have 100% attendance 😊.
- 5) EVERY child needs to have a water bottle.

This week has been very productive. In Maths we continued with our Place Value block and the children were introduced to the powers of 10. In English, we worked together to highlight features of a myth so that we could retell a famous myth. In Science, we carried out an investigation to test for solubility, hardness and magnetism. We are enjoying reading *The Children of the Benin Kingdom* for Guided Reading and uncovering Papa Eze's secret. It was a fun week of learning and we look forward to next week.

Year 6

This week in English, our SPaG focus has been on imperative verbs, modal verbs, conjunctions, paragraphing and expanded noun phrases. The children worked on organising their bullet points into paragraphs and have also been concentrating on improving their handwriting. In Maths, we have completed our Place Value unit and the children undertook a post-assessment before moving on to Addition and Subtraction using the column method. In Science, we started learning about how light travels in straight lines, and the children enjoyed an exciting experiment using torches to explore this. For Guided Reading, we continued with our book *One Place More Than the Other*, focusing on making predictions and exploring vocabulary. CGP homework books have now been sent out, and we kindly ask that children bring their homework books to school three times a week — on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Letters home this week



Y4 Trip to The Pirate Castle - 22.9.2025

TREAT FROM THE CHEST



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

1 Hawthorn	Leo
2 Oak	Dane
3 Sycamore	Jena
4 Acacia	Layan
5 Mahogany	Abdulo
5 Cedar	Megan
6 Magnolia	Kai

Congratulations!

Stars of the Week



Superstars of the Week

Aizah, 1 Hawthorn class
Ezdan, 2 Oak class

Certificate of Merit

Rasan, 3 Sycamore class
Mohammed, 4 Acacia class
Yusuf, 5 Mahogany class
Natalia, 5 Cedar class
Reagan, 6 Magnolia class

Excellent Presentation

Nouf, 1 Hawthorn class
Xhemi, 2 Oak class
Aresem, 3 Sycamore class
Basit, 4 Acacia class
Brook, 5 Mahogany class
Xhansu, 5 Cedar class
George, 6 Magnolia

Well done!

WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL IS COLLECTING FOR FOOD BANK AID



**THOUSAND IN OUR COMMUNITY CAN'T AFFORD FOOD...
EVERY SINGLE DAY...**

- Starting the day hungry
- Struggling to focus at school or work
- Facing challenges with no energy
- Falling behind through no fault of their own

But together, we can change that!

WHAT THE FOOD BANKS NEED



**Tinned food -
meat, fish & fruit**



**Biscuits, crackers, cereal
bars & dried fruit**



**Breakfast cereals &
porridge**



Laundry tablets & capsules



Instant noodles



**Shampoo, toothbrushes,
toothpaste & deodorant**



**Honey, jam &
spreads**



Feminine hygiene products

HOW TO DONATE

Please bring your donations to school on
FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

Thank you!



FOOD BANK AID