



WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

Autumn Term — 5th December 2025 (Issue 12)

Welcome to this week's Newsletter



It's been a lovely week at Wessex Gardens, and it's certainly starting to feel a lot like Christmas!

We've begun our countdown to Christmas with our school advent calendar, which the pupils are really enjoying. After School Club also had a wonderful time decorating our trees and adding their own festive touches.

Our school disco was a great success, thank you to everyone who came along and helped make it such an enjoyable event. A huge thank you as well to all families who supported the Christmas Fair. It was a fantastic community occasion, and we are especially grateful to Miss Nash for her hard work and organisation.

We've also taken part in several sporting events this week, and the pupils represented the school brilliantly. We are very proud of their effort, teamwork and sportsmanship.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Mr Banks
Headteacher

Attendance % this week

Silver Birch	91%
1 Hawthorn	94%
2 Oak	91%
3 Sycamore	95%
4 Acacia	95%
5 Cedar	94%
5 Mahogany	94%
6 Magnolia	90%

No classes achieved 100% attendance this week

Letters home this week

No letters home this week



SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



Dates for your diary

10.12.2025	Christmas Lunch
11.12.2025	School Closed—1 day only
12.12.2025	Y6 trip to Churchill War Rooms
15-17.12.2025	Y2 Parent Teacher Consultation Evening
16.12.2025	Y1 & Y2 Christmas Nativity production 9.30am
17.12.2025	Nursery and Reception Sing-a-long 9.30am <i>changed</i>
19.12.2025	End of term—school closing 1.15pm
19.12.2025	After school club closed
05.01.2026	School reopens

Reminder: Basketball finished this week.

Parent-teacher meetings



Year 2 Parent Teacher Consultation Evening

Parents evening for Year 2 will be Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th December 2025. Please use the online booking system to book a time to meet with your child's class teacher. Thank you.

e Admissions

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

Applications 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

Nursery

This week the children have been getting into the festive spirit as we prepared for our Christmas fair. One of our favourite activities has been decorating biscuits to sell at the fair—the children were so proud of their designs, carefully choosing colours, patterns and lots of sparkle! In Maths, we have been focusing on numbers to 3, exploring how to recognise, represent and build these numbers using counters, cubes and everyday objects. The children have also enjoyed joining in with a range of group games, helping them develop turn-taking, listening skills and teamwork. It has been a joyful and busy week, and we look forward to celebrating more festive fun with you soon.

Reception

This week in class has been full of energy, curiosity, and festive excitement! We have started exploring our new core book, *Look Up!* and the children are already completely captivated by Rocket and her passion for space. As we begin reading together, the children have been making thoughtful predictions about what might happen next in the story—many are convinced Rocket's big personality will lead to some unforgettable adventures! These prediction skills are a wonderful way to build early comprehension and encourage children to think like real readers.

In phonics, we have introduced a new outdoor activity called "Catch the Phoneme." The children listen carefully for a spoken sound and then run to find the matching phoneme card hidden around the outdoor area. It has been wonderful to see so much enthusiasm, teamwork, and active learning—many children who are usually quiet in phonics sessions are shining during this game! Activities like this help strengthen sound recognition in a playful, engaging way, and we encourage you to try similar listening games at home if you can.

The children had a fantastic time at the school disco and the Christmas fair. We danced, met Santa and enjoyed lots of yummy treats.

Thank you for your continued support in helping the children take part confidently in all aspects of school life. We're looking forward to another fantastic week ahead!

Year 1

This week in Year 1 has been full of fantastic learning and fun! In maths, the children practised subtraction using the crossing-out method and by taking away objects to help them work out the answers. In English, we focused on using capital letters for names and places. Our Science lessons explored the differences between evergreen and deciduous trees, while in History we learned how Guy Fawkes was stopped and why the Gunpowder Plot didn't happen. In PSHE, the children discussed how people can have different opinions, and in RE we talked about what makes the world wonderful. We also enjoyed a lively school disco on Tuesday and had a brilliant time at the Christmas fair on Thursday!

Year 2

Year 2 have had a wonderful week! The disco on Tuesday was an absolute highlight! What fun! The class have enjoyed writing their instructions for finding diamonds. They are learning how to subtract a 2-digit number from another 2-digit number in Maths. In Science, they learnt all about germs and how they spread. We must all remember to regularly wash our hands and look after our own hygiene. Have a great weekend!

Year 3

Year 3 have had another great week of learning. In Maths, we have been focusing on the 3× table for both multiplication and division, and many children are now moving on to the 4× table. Please continue to practise these at home to help build fluency, as they will be used regularly in upcoming lessons.

In English, the children are making strong progress with their non-fiction unit. They have been exploring the features of non-fiction texts and gathering information about London in preparation for writing their own pieces.

In DT, the class has moved into the planning stage of their seasonal tarts. To support their learning, we encourage families to involve children in small food-preparation tasks at home and to explore seasonal vegetables and flavours they may not usually try. Conversations about why eating seasonal produce is beneficial for the environment will also reinforce our class discussions. The children continue to work with enthusiasm and focus—well done, Year 3!

Year 4

This week Year 4 have been busy designing and constructing their own model pavilions. They have shown fantastic creativity and problem-solving skills as they explored different structures and materials.

In English, the children have started learning about the features and purpose of a warning. They have thoroughly enjoyed experimenting with modal verbs and rhetorical questions to make their writing more powerful and engaging.

Well done, Year 4, for another brilliant week of learning!

Year 5

What an exciting week we've had in Year 5, with the school disco, Christmas fair and lots of fun learning in between!

In English, the children have been developing their writing skills by learning how to use modal verbs to write persuasive sentences. We have also been using hyphens to create compound adjectives and practising how to add detail using colons and dashes in our sentences to make our descriptions more interesting and informative.

In Maths, we have been learning how to compare and order fractions that are less than and greater than one whole. The children have been building confidence in identifying equivalent fractions and using number lines to support their understanding.

In Geography, we explored human features across Europe and learnt how people live, work and use the land in different countries. The children were able to compare different regions and identify key human characteristics such as transport, settlements, and land use.

In Science, we made predictions and carried out hands-on investigations to explore friction. The children enjoyed testing different materials and discussing how friction affects movement in everyday life.

Year 6

This week in Year 6 has been fantastic! In Maths, the children have been working on converting between metric units of length, mass and capacity, showing great confidence as they applied their knowledge to problem-solving. In English, we continued our SPaG revision, focusing on conjunctions, relative clauses, active and passive voice, and identifying main clauses. Science was a real highlight, as the children carried out an exciting experiment to make a model of blood and learn more about plasma, red and white blood cells, and platelets; they absolutely loved it, and we also explored the heart in more detail. In PSHE, we discussed bullying and its impacts, and our circle times were very productive in helping the class work through friendship issues. To finish the week, the Christmas fair and disco were a huge success. Such a fun and memorable way to end a brilliant week!

TREAT FROM THE CHEST



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

1 Hawthorn	Eman
2 Oak	Siwar
3 Sycamore	Nabil
4 Acacia	Qudos
5 Mahogany	Kaydon
5 Cedar	Izabela
6 Magnolia	Shae

Congratulations!

House Points

Citrine	3021
Emerald	3302
Ruby	3375
Sapphire	4058

Stars of the Week



Superstars of the Week

Nouf, Hawthorn class
Sarah, Oak class

Certificate of Merit

Ishaq, Sycamore class
Izzy, Acacia class
Roham, Mahogany class
Ramani, Magnolia class

Excellent Presentation

Leo, Hawthorn class
Eve, Oak class
Grace, Sycamore class
Elias, Acacia class
Nour, Mahogany class
Nadine, Cedar class
Lewis, Magnolia class

Class Merit

Cedar class

Well done!



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WINTER HOLIDAY 3 DAY
CRASH COURSE
22/23/24 DEC
9.30am & 10.00am



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Claremont, Childshill & All Saints pupils £1.50 discount