



WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Welcome to this week's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week at Wessex Gardens!

As well as some great learning we had a group of children attend the New Age Curling event this week, and they represented our school so well. I am incredibly proud of their determination and positive attitude throughout the event. A huge thank you to Mrs Atanassova for organising this opportunity.



Year 1 are having a wonderful time recording their stories as part of an exciting storytelling project with University College London. It has been amazing to see just how imaginative and creative our pupils are!

Our non-uniform day and toothpaste and tooth brush collection has been a tremendous success. Thank you so much for your generosity. I had originally planned to run this over two weeks, but the response has been so overwhelming that we will no longer be carrying the collection over into next week. Food Bank Aid will be incredibly impressed and grateful for your support.

Please note that Parents' Evenings will take place straight after the half term break. Appointment information will be sent out early next week, so please make sure you sign up.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Mr Banks
Headteacher

SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



Dates for your diary

- 11.02.2026 Y4 trip Tower Bridge and HMS Belfast *amended*
- 16.02.2026-
- 20.02.2026 Half term holiday—school closed
- 23.02.2026 School reopens

English for Speakers of Other Languages



ESOL Classes run every Thursday afternoon from 1pm-3pm from 15th January to 26th March 2026.

Newcomers welcome.

Letters home this week



- Y4 Trip to Tower Bridge and HMS Belfast
- Nurs-Y6 Non Uniform Day-Food Bank Aid
- Rec Hearing and Vision Screening information
- Nurs Changes to Nursery timings and survey

TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS 2025-2026

SPRING TERM 2026

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

HALF TERM

HOLIDAY: Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

SECOND HALF: Monday 23rd 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

Attendance % this week

Silver Birch	96%
1 Hawthorn	89%
2 Oak	83%
3 Sycamore	98%
4 Acacia	99%
5 Cedar	98%
5 Mahogany	87%
6 Magnolia	93%

No classes achieved 100% attendance this week

Acacia class—so close!

Nursery

Another busy week in the Nursery. We have been enjoying our class story Walking through the Jungle, mimicking the movement, sound and shapes of the animals we encountered. The children have made binoculars to help them find animals around the class and go on safari.

The children have practised their fine motor skills colouring and cutting out animal shapes and learning different animal names.

We have been counting to ten inside and outside, recognising number shapes and using their fingers to show a number. We have also matched the number of multi-link cubes to numerals.

We have used the polydron magnetic shapes to build structures and the wooden blocks outside to build pathways over rivers and identify the animals along the path.

Can you please remember that your children have need to bring a change of clothes to leave at school. Thank you for your continued support and please get in touch if you have any questions.

Reception

This week in Silver Birch we have been exploring numbers 6, 7 and 8 in Maths, using the part-part-whole model to help children understand how numbers can be made in different ways. We created a great part-part-whole action to help us remember. Our core text has been Errol's Garden, which inspired some thoughtful discussions and writing, including questions for the gardener and learning about what plants need to grow. In Art, the children enjoyed experimenting with tin foil painting to create interesting textures and effects. In PE we have been developing coordination and confidence through dance. It has been a busy and creative week of learning. Have a wonderful weekend!

Year 1

We have had another busy and exciting week in Year 1. In English, we explored recipes, with a special focus on fruit kebabs. The children learned about the key features of a recipe and then enjoyed making their own delicious fruit kebabs — it was great fun! Next week, we will be writing instructions on how to make a fruit kebab. In Maths, we have been learning how to subtract using number bonds to 20 and counting back with a number line. In Science, we learned about our five senses and how they help us to explore the world around us. In Geography, we have been learning about clothing and choosing suitable outfits for different types of weather. In RE, the children explored religious artefacts and learned about their importance. In PSHE, we discussed how daily routines, such as going to bed at the right time, help us to stay healthy. We have one more fun-filled week to enjoy before the half-term holiday!

Year 2

This week, Year 2 practised using past tense to write an underwater description, inspired by the text, 'The Secret of Black Rock.' The children practised reading scales to identify the mass of different objects using grams and kilograms. We continued learning about Mogadishu and London in Geography while in Science we thought more about the properties of materials. It's been another busy but exciting week! Have a lovely weekend. The Year 2 team

Year 3

This week in Maths, we have continued our unit on length and perimeter. The children are doing very well working with millimetres, centimetres, and metres, and converting confidently between the three. They have also shown great effort in their times table tests; however, regular practice at home is essential, so please continue to time your child using their weekly times table sheets. In History, we have been learning about Egyptian mummification, which has sparked lots of curiosity. The children have been asking thoughtful questions and developing their critical thinking as they compare Ancient Egyptian beliefs about the afterlife. Thank you for your continued support—it plays an important role in the children's progress and confidence.

Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have been exploring the layering audio in computing, different worldviews in R.E. and the digestive system in Science.

In Computing, we recorded sounds and experimented with layering beats, drumming and singing patterns to create our own musical masterpieces, learning how different elements combine to make music. In RE, we have been looking at different perspectives within religions and worldviews, discussing how people can share beliefs yet express them in different ways and learning to respect and understand others' viewpoints. In Science, we investigated the oesophagus, stomach, small intestine and large intestine, learning how food travels through the body and discovering new words such as peristalsis. We can't wait for next week!

Year 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here's a snapshot of what Year 5 have been learning this week:

English

We've been working on *Romeo and Juliet*, speaking in role as Romeo or Juliet and using persuasive language to argue why the feud should end. The children have explored emotive language, rhetorical questions and modal verbs in their writing.

Maths

We have started a new fractions unit, learning how to multiply fractions and mixed numbers by an integer, and find a fraction of a quantity and an amount. Children have been using clear reasoning and representations to explain their thinking.

Science

We explored the effects of ageing on the body and emotions, thinking about how humans change over time.

History

We learned about the Islamic Golden Age and why it was such an important period in history.

RE

Pupils discussed how different perspectives and interpretations can exist within one non-religious worldview.

Year 6

This week, pupils have been revising key arithmetic skills in Mathematics, including addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, while developing their understanding of volume, with a particular focus on calculating the volume of cuboids by multiplying length, width and height and recognising that volume is measured in cubic units. In English, the children explored the difference between active and passive voice, learning how and why writers choose each form, and studied modal verbs to express possibility, obligation and certainty in their writing. They also planned the key features of a balanced argument, identifying how to present both sides of an issue clearly and fairly, and annotated a model of excellence to highlight effective language choices, structure and organisational features to support high-quality writing. In Geography, pupils learned about different countries around the world and the natural resources they possess, such as water, oil, minerals and forests, and discussed how these resources influence a country's economy, trade and way of life. It's been a lovely week of learning, we are looking forward to another week!

TREAT FROM THE CHEST



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

- 1 Hawthorn Aizah
- 2 Oak Malak
- 3 Sycamore Rasan
- 4 Acacia Rickai
- 5 Mahogany Roham
- 5 Cedar Mohamed
- 6 Magnolia Celin

Congratulations!

House Points

This week are

Citrine 1054

Emerald 1075

Ruby 1124

Sapphire 1042

Stars of the Week



Superstars of the Week

Faiza, Hawthorn class

Siwar, Oak class

Certificate of Merit

Joel, Sycamore class

Barwaaqo, Acacia class

Zahra, Mahogany class

Olush, Cedar class

Annis, Magnolia class

Excellent Presentation

Annabel, Hawthorn class

Dane, Oak class

Ola, Sycamore class

Nuh, Acacia class

Rayan, Mahogany class

Megan, Cedar class

Rehan, Magnolia class

Well done!



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