



WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Welcome to this week's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have arrived at the end of another great term at Wessex Gardens. Thank you for all the support and encouragement you have given throughout the term. We have enjoyed so many successful school trips, which would not have been possible without the kindness of our parents and carers who generously gave their time to support us, we are very grateful.

Yesterday, we also judged our Easter Egg Competition. The quality of the entries was incredible—thank you for supporting such a creative and enjoyable event.

Our winners are:

Children's Category

- 1st Prize Amelia (Year 1)
- 2nd Prize Reagan (Year 6)
- 3rd Prize Arifah (Year 4)

Family Category

- 1st Prize Saya (Year 2)
- 2nd Prize Alicia (Reception)
- 3rd Prize Enzo (Year 3)

We awarded chocolate eggs and certificates to our winners!

We wish you all a wonderful, restful and enjoyable Easter holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 13th April.

Mr Banks
Headteacher

Swimming next half term

Silver Birch	See Class Teacher	Tuesdays
1 Hawthorn	Group 1	Wednesdays
2 Oak	Girls	Wednesdays
3 Sycamore	Girls	Mondays
4 Acacia	Girls	Thursdays
5 Cedar	Boys	Wednesdays
5 Mahogany	Boys	Thursdays
6 Magnolia	Boys	Thursdays
	Girls	Thursdays



SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



Dates for your diary

30.03.26-	
10.04.2026	School Closed Easter Holiday
13.04.2026	School Reopens
22.04.2026	School Photographer—Class Photos
30.04.2026	9.00am Y5 Parents Meeting—Secondary Transfer

Attendance % this week

Silver Birch	95%
1 Hawthorn	92%
2 Oak	96%
3 Sycamore	92%
4 Acacia	95%
5 Cedar	98%
5 Mahogany	97%
6 Magnolia	91%

No classes achieved 100% attendance this week

TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS 2025-2026

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

TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS 2026-2027

AUTUMN TERM 2026

FIRST HALF: Thursday 3rd September – Friday 23rd October
HALF TERM
HOLIDAY: Monday 26th October – Monday 2nd November
SECOND HALF: Tuesday 3rd November – Friday 18th December

SPRING TERM 2027

FIRST HALF: Tuesday 5th January – Friday 12th February
HALF TERM
HOLIDAY: Monday 15th February – Monday 22nd February
SECOND HALF: Tuesday 23rd February – Thursday 25th March

SUMMER TERM 2027

FIRST HALF: Monday 12th April – Friday 28nd May
MAY DAY: Monday 3rd May
HALF TERM
HOLIDAY: Monday 31st May – Monday 7th June
SECOND HALF: Tuesday 8th June – Thursday 22nd July

Nursery

We have had a lovely and busy half term in Nursery, full of fun, learning and new experiences! The children have enjoyed a range of Easter activities, including making their own Easter egg cards.

In our outside classroom, we have been playing lots of ball games, helping to develop co-ordination, turn-taking and teamwork skills. It has been wonderful to see the children gaining confidence and enjoying being active together.

In our daily singing sessions, the children have loved learning the songs *5 Little Speckled Frogs* and *Tiny Tim*. They have been joining in with actions and words enthusiastically – you may even hear them singing at home!

We have also been focusing on developing self-help skills, encouraging the children to become more independent with everyday tasks. Alongside this, we have been practising our cutting skills, with the children showing great progress in using scissors safely and confidently. We are very proud of all the children and how much they have achieved this half term. We wish you all a wonderful half term break and a very Happy Easter!

Reception

We have had a truly wonderful half term, filled with exciting activities, creativity and lots of learning! The children thoroughly enjoyed getting into the Easter spirit. One of the highlights was making delicious chocolate Easter nests – a fun (and tasty!) way to practise following instructions and developing fine motor skills. We also had a fantastic Easter egg hunt, where the children showed great enthusiasm and teamwork as they searched for hidden treats.

In our learning, we explored 3D shapes, identifying and discussing their properties. The children did a brilliant job recognising shapes in the world around them and using mathematical language to describe them. Creativity has also been in full swing with our Easter chick crafts. The children loved designing and making their own chicks, showing great imagination and care in their work. It has been a joy to see the children so engaged, happy and eager to learn throughout the half term. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you all have a lovely break and a very Happy Easter!

Year 1

This week, Year 1 had a fantastic and exciting time, especially during our trip to London Zoo. The children thoroughly enjoyed seeing real animals up close, including amphibians and reptiles, which helped to consolidate their learning in our Science topic, animals.

In Maths, we explored capacity, learning about concepts such as empty, full, and half full through practical activities. In Science, we went on a nature hunt around our local area to spot signs of Spring and observe the changes happening in the environment.

In RE, we discussed why celebrations are important and how they bring friends and families together. In Art, the children showed great creativity by making paper weaving Easter cards, and they also had a wonderful time making delicious Easter chocolate eggs! We hope you have a lovely Easter holiday.

Year 2

We have had another busy week in Year 2! In English, children have published their own versions of *The Lonely Beast* and have started to learn about writing letters. In Maths, we have been learning about the 10 and 5 times tables, and dividing by 10 and 5. In Science, the children have been researching and finding out about habitats around the world. They have been trying to use scientific vocabulary to explain their findings and how living things depend on each other. Keep up your lovely efforts Year 2!

Year 3

In Year 3, we have had a great week of learning! In Maths, we have been exploring capacity and volume, learning how to measure and compare different amounts. In Computing, we have been working on branching databases, developing our skills in grouping and sorting information.

In Science, we carried out experiments as part of our topic on light, investigating how light reflects on different surfaces and describing the patterns we observed. In Geography, we have been learning about how mountains are formed, deepening our understanding of the Earth's features. We hope everyone has a lovely and restful Easter half term!

Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have been busy developing our writing! In English, we have stepped into the paws of Varjak Paw and begun writing our own letters from his perspective. We thought carefully about his thoughts and feelings as he explores the city, using descriptive language and the features of a letter to bring his voice to life. It has been fantastic to see the children showing creativity and empathy in their writing, as well as applying their knowledge of greetings, paragraphs and sign-offs.

In Science, we have been exploring how humans can impact the habitats around us. We discussed both positive and negative effects, such as pollution, deforestation and conservation efforts. The children shared thoughtful ideas about how we can help protect local environments and the living things within them, showing a growing awareness of their role in caring for the world around them.

Year 5

This week we had an exciting time in Year 5! Pupils took on the role of newspaper reporters, practising their writing skills and reported speech by creating reports about the battle between Beowulf and Grendel. This helped them learn to report events clearly and use reporting vocabulary effectively.

In Maths, children explored the perimeter of polygons, the area of rectangles and compound shapes, and practised estimating area.

In Geography, pupils investigated how physical geography influences human activity, comparing the Lake District and the Alps. They explained that both regions are mountainous but have different physical and human features.

In Science, the children used models to understand why the Sun appears to move across the sky. We also had a fantastic time visiting the Science Museum, exploring space exhibits, and taking part in a fun, engaging workshop.

Thank you for your continued support. We wish everyone a restful holiday and a Happy Easter to all those celebrating

Year 6

This week marks the final week of term and we are very proud of all the hard work the children have shown. They have completed several assessments, including arithmetic tests, and have done very well. In Maths, the children have been focusing on multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000, as well as practising short and long division, showing great progress. In Science, they have been learning to write a scientific explanation describing how variation and adaptation lead to evolution over time, and have used computers to research different animals. In RE, the children have explored how our situation in life relates to the decisions we make and have taken part in thoughtful discussions. Homework will be set over the half term, and some children have been given laptops, so please ensure they are used responsibly and that children continue to revise during the break. Thank you for your continued support and we hope you have a restful half term.

TREAT FROM THE CHEST



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

1 Hawthorn	Shreya
2 Oak	Jack
3 Sycamore	Grace
4 Acacia	Lucas
5 Mahogany	Nour
5 Cedar	Amarni
6 Magnolia	Mohamed

Congratulations!

House Points

Citrine	1212
Emerald	1271
Ruby	1192
Sapphire	1259

Stars of the Week



Superstars of the Week

Dishaam, Hawthorn class
Xhemi, Oak class

Certificate of Merit

Razeem, Sycamore
Mohamed, Acacia
Bilan, Magnolia

Excellent Presentation

Isabel, Hawthorn class
Siwar, Oak class
Enzo, Sycamore class
Ridha, Acacia class
Abdulo, Mahogany class
Megan, Cedar class
Kai, Magnolia class

Class Merit

Mahogany class

Well done!

Letters home this week
Nurs-Y6 New lunch menu



Wessex Gardens Easter Egg Competition Photo Gallery

We are very proud to share photos of the eggs –cellent entries to our Easter Egg Competition!



Winners of the Easter Raffle Draw

- 1st Daniel—Nursery
- 2nd Amelia—Y2
- 3rd Max – Y1
- 4th Angelo—Silver Birch
- 5th Shreya—Y1
- 6th Max—Y2
- 7th Max—Y2
- 8th Amelia—Y1
- 9th Nazi—Y4
- 10th Max—Y2
- 11th Asiya—Nursery
- 12th Marwa—Y1
- 13th Amelia—Y1
- 14th Amelia—Y1
- 15th Orabelle—Y2
- 16th Amelia—Y1

The free Dr Bike service in Barnet for the current financial year has been hugely popular, particularly among parents/carers and children.

The Dr Bikes for the new financial year, starting this April, are below and can also be found at

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/roads-and-pavements/transport-and-around-barnet/cycling/free-dr-bike-sessions-barnet>

Location Name	Location Description	Date	Time
Finchley, Lodge Lane car park	Yellow chevrons immediately to the right of the entrance to the Car Park (opposite NL Auction Rooms N12 8JH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 13 May ● 8 July ● 9 September ● 11 November ● 13 January 2027 ● 10 March 2027 	4pm to 7pm
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 20 May ● 15 July ● 16 September ● 18 November ● 20 January 2027 ● 17 March 2027 	4pm to 7pm
Middlesex University	Pavement on The Burroughs, outside Middlesex University adjacent to Hendon Fire Station, 91 The Burroughs, NW4 4BL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8 April ● 10 June ● 12 August ● 14 October ● 9 December ● 10 February 2027 	4pm to 7pm
High Barnet, Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 15 April ● 17 June ● 19 August ● 21 October ● 16 December ● 17 February 2027 	4pm to 7pm

The Dr Bike sessions are run by qualified bicycle mechanics. Members of the public can take along their bicycles to have a free, full safety check, which includes the condition of tyres, rims, gears, brake function and tyre pressure and adjustments can be made if required, all for free. Both adult and child bicycles can have the free safety check and adjustments made if necessary.

Best wishes
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