



WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Welcome to this week's Newsletter



Another fantastic week at Wessex Gardens Primary School! Thanks to all who attended our movie night yesterday! It was a huge success. Special thanks to Miss Nash for organising the event and to all those who helped make it a fun event.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils, who achieved a brilliant silver medal at the recent seated volleyball tournament. Their teamwork, determination and positive attitude were wonderful to see— well done to all involved!

This week, we were also treated to an exceptional brass instrument workshop delivered by DaCapo Music Foundation and Fantasia Orchestra. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about all the different instruments and listening to some truly incredible live music. It was a memorable experience that inspired many of our budding musicians.

With the lovely spell of sunny weather continuing, just a few reminders:

- Please ensure all jumpers are clearly labelled
- Children should bring and wear sun hats
- Apply sun cream in the morning before school

Wishing you all a fantastic long weekend. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 5th May!

Mr Banks
Headteacher

SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



Dates for your diary

04.05.2026	School closed—May Day Bank Holiday
11.05.2026	Y6—SATs week (Monday to Thursday)
12.05.2026	Y4—trip to London Aquarium (Sea Life)
21.05.2026-	School Closed -
01.06.2026	Half Term Holiday
02.06.2026	School reopens

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

Attendance % this week

Silver Birch	94%
1 Hawthorn	98%
2 Oak	91%
3 Sycamore	94%
4 Acacia	95%
5 Cedar	99%
5 Mahogany	90%
6 Magnolia	96%

**No classes achieved 100% attendance this week
Cedar class—so close!**

Letters home this week

Y5 Secondary transfer information evening



Nursery

Another wonderful week in Nursery. In pre-Nursery (2 year olds), the children have continued to enjoy the story of The Hungry Caterpillar, we have also made the most of weather with lots of outdoor play. In Nursery (3-4 year olds), we have been listening to lots of different musical instruments and the different sounds they make and enjoyed our first Music lesson today. Wishing you all a lovely weekend—enjoy the Bank holiday and see you all on Tuesday.
The Nursery Team

Reception

In our learning this week, we have been enjoying our core book *Stanley's Stick*, which has inspired lots of imaginative play and discussion. The children wrote thoughtful character descriptions and had great fun role-playing with their own sticks, bringing the story to life. In maths, we have been practising addition through simple story problems, using key sequencing words such as *first*, *then* and *next* to help structure our thinking. We have also been busy in the outdoor area, clearing out our plants and getting ready to grow some new flowers. The children continue to make lovely progress with their reading and are enjoying reading every day. We also had a wonderful time at our movie night! Wishing you all a lovely Bank Holiday weekend.

Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have continued to build on our learning across the curriculum. In English, we looked at the beginning, middle, and end of a story and had a go at rewriting it in our own words. In Maths, we practised sharing equally into groups and began exploring halves and quarters. In History, we learned about how Barnet has changed over the years, focusing on streets and homes. In RE, we explored a story from Islam to help us understand the importance of kindness. In PSHE, we discussed how to stay safe online, and in Science, we looked closely at trees and described their common features.

Year 2

Year 2 have had another busy week. In English, we have finished reading 'Grace and Family' and have been learning about nouns, adjectives and suffixes. In Maths, we are continuing to learn about fractions. The children have been recognising and finding a half, a quarter and a third, and exploring a fraction wall. In Science, we have been learning about the life cycle of a plant, including germination.
Well done on your wonderful efforts this week Year 2!

Year 3

In Year 3, we have had another fantastic week in class. In English, we have started planning and writing our fantasy stories based on Gregory Cool, using our imagination to create exciting ideas. In Science, we have been learning about the parts of plants and their functions. In Maths, we have begun our new topic on money, exploring how we recognise and use different coins and notes. The children have shown great creativity in their writing and enthusiasm in their learning across the curriculum. We are very proud of their hard work and positive attitudes this week.
We hope everyone has a lovely Bank holiday weekend!

Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have really enjoyed all the exciting things we have been learning. In Science, we started learning about circuits and had fun building our own, using bulbs and switches to see how everything worked together and solving problems when they didn't light up. In English, we explored *Coming to England* by Floella Benjamin and wrote our own versions of the story from Floella's point of view, thinking carefully about her journey and emotions. In RE, we have been learning about good and evil, using the story of Adam and Eve to hold our own court, where we discussed choices, consequences, and shared our different opinions. We are really proud of what we have achieved and are excited to continue our learning next week!

Year 5

This week, Year 5 have been working hard across all subjects and showing great progress in their learning.
In English, we have been focusing on how authors create mood through their word choices and sentence structure. The children have been exploring how language can make the reader feel different emotions. They have also been drafting a retelling of *Mama Miti* from a villager's perspective, using their plans to include detailed descriptions and express feelings effectively.
In Maths, we have been learning about angles. The children have been estimating angles, measuring angles up to 180°, and drawing lines and angles accurately using a protractor.
In Science, we have been studying life cycles. The children can now compare the similarities and differences between the life cycles of a frog (an amphibian) and a butterfly (an insect).
In History, we have been learning about the Kingdom of Benin. The children have located Benin on a map and explored how its geographical features influenced its development, including the causes and consequences of these features.
In PSHE, we have been discussing the importance of respecting people's identities. The children have explored ways to show respect, such as listening to others and not making assumptions, and have reflected on why inclusion is important in our communities.

Year 6

Year 6 have had a very focused and productive week as we continue preparing for the upcoming SATs. In English and Maths, we have been revising key SPaG skills and arithmetic methods, alongside completing a full reading test and a reasoning paper to build confidence and familiarity with test conditions. These papers have been sent home as homework so children can review their answers and learn from any errors. With SATs approaching, we have been doing lots of revision in class to ensure all pupils feel as prepared and confident as possible. Letters have also been sent home regarding free breakfast provision during SATs week (beginning 11th May), and we kindly ask that these are signed and returned promptly. In science, we have begun our new topic on electricity, where children explored static electricity through a fun balloon experiment, which they thoroughly enjoyed. In RE, we have been looking at different world views, comparing how beliefs can be similar and different, particularly in relation to morals and values. In PSHE, our discussions have focused on growing up, including how to ask questions about puberty in a respectful and appropriate way. Overall, it has been a busy and engaging week for Year 6.

TREAT FROM THE CHEST



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

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| 1 Hawthorn | Faiza |
| 2 Oak | Nina |
| 3 Sycamore | Rania |
| 4 Acacia | Nuh |
| 5 Mahogany | Kaleb |
| 5 Cedar | Rahaam |
| 6 Magnolia | Nikki |

Congratulations!

House Points

This week are

Citrine 301

Emerald 248

Ruby 332

Sapphire 322

Stars of the Week



Superstars of the Week

Chris, Hawthorn class
Xhemi, Oak class

Certificate of Merit

Rasan, Sycamore class
Mohammad, Acacia class
Hamza, Mahogany class
Doha, Magnolia

Excellent Presentation

Aizah, Hawthorn class
Jacob, Oak class
Alessia, Sycamore class
Layaan, Acacia class
Eshan, Mahogany class
Shirley, Cedar class
William, Magnolia class

Class Merit

Cedar class

Well done!



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