



WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Welcome to this week's Newsletter

Another busy week at school!

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils for the positive attitude and resilience they showed during SATs week. They approached each day with maturity, determination and confidence, and represented the school brilliantly. A huge thank you also goes to the Year 6 team for all of their hard work, support and dedication in preparing the pupils so well. As SATs has now come to an end, our focus will begin to turn towards supporting pupils with their transition into secondary school.



Year 4 had a fantastic trip to the Aquarium this week and they made us all very proud. The pupils showed excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the visit. Thank you to all staff and parent helpers who supported the trip and helped make the experience so memorable for the children.

We have also recently welcomed several new children to our school community. It has been wonderful to see the kindness, care and thoughtfulness shown by their classmates as they have settled in. The warm welcome our new pupils have received is a real strength of our school community and something we are very proud of.

Finally, a reminder that we still have places available in Nursery for next year. Please help spread the word to friends and family who may be interested in joining our wonderful school community!

Wishing you a relaxing weekend.

Mr Banks
Headteacher

SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



Dates for your diary

- 25.05-01.06.2026 School Closed -Half Term Holiday
- 02.06.2026 School reopens
- 09.06.2026 Y1 Class Assembly
- 16.06.2026 Y3 Class Assembly
- 18.06.2026 Summer Carnival 3.30pm-5.00pm
- 23.06.2026 5 Mahogany Class Assembly
- 25.06.2026 5 Cedar Class Assembly
- 29.06.2026 Transition Morning
- 30.06.2026 Reception Class Assembly
- 01.07.2026 Nursery and Reception Sports Day
- 02.07.2026 Year 2 Class Assembly
- 08.07.2026 Y1-6 Sports Day
- 09.07.2026 Y6 End of Year Production

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	95%
1 Hawthorn	94%
2 Oak	97%
3 Sycamore	92%
4 Acacia	97%
5 Cedar	99%
5 Mahogany	99%
6 Magnolia	99%

**No classes achieved 100% attendance this week
Cedar, Mahogany and Magnolia class—so close!**

Letters home this week

No letters home this week



Nursery

Another fun week in Nursery. Our 2 year olds enjoyed sensory play time, making buildings and towers. The children had a great time making porridge for Golding Locks and the Three Bears. The children also practised good sharing and how to be gentle with their hands. Our 3 years olds had a wonderful time making crabs, turtles and octopuses for our under the sea display. Have a lovely weekend. The Nursery Team

Reception

We have had another exciting and busy week in Silver Birch! This week, the children were very interested in the Goldcrest bird we found in the playground. We took the bird for a visit to the vet to make sure it was safe and well cared for. We learnt facts about the Goldcrest, which is the smallest bird in the UK. The children discovered that Goldcrests eat spiders and live in nests. In Maths, we have been focusing on addition. The children have been practising adding numbers together using different methods and developing their confidence when solving number problems. The children have also continued creating beautiful artwork for our upcoming art show. They have been working very carefully and creatively, and we are looking forward to sharing their wonderful pieces with you soon. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 1

This week in Year 1, we developed our oracy skills in English by retelling and acting out stories. In Maths, we continued learning about halves and quarters of quantities. In Science, we labelled the parts of a flower. In History, we explored how Barnet has changed over time and why these changes were important. In RE, we discussed the Golden Rules, and in PSHE, we learnt about different types of families. Please practise reading on Bug Club!

Year 2

It has been another busy week in Year 2. In English, the children have been writing their own versions of 'Grace and Family' using their plans, past tense and expanded noun phrases. In Maths, we have been finding and recognising two quarters and three quarters. In Science, we have continued to make careful observations and have been identifying healthy and unhealthy plants. We have also been making further investigations about the effects of water, sunlight and the right temperature on the growth of plants. Well done on your efforts this week Year 2!

Year 3

This week Year 3, showed very good understanding of the 24 hour digital clock in Maths. In History, the children enjoyed learning about Julius Caesar and acting out roles to gain more understanding of life during Roman times. In Art, the children showed great enthusiasm drawing live plants we have in the classroom. Have a good weekend.

Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have had a fantastic time learning across the curriculum. In Art, we created beautiful mood boards inspired by the rainforest, exploring different textures, images, and colour swatches to help us develop our ideas and creativity. We enjoyed experimenting with colours and discussing how different shades can create different moods and feelings. In Science, we investigated conductors and insulators as part of our learning about electrical circuits. We explored which materials allow electricity to pass through them and which materials block electricity, carrying out exciting investigations and making predictions before testing our ideas. We also had a fantastic trip to the SEA LIFE London Aquarium as part of our topic on living things and classification. The children were fascinated by the amazing sea creatures and enjoyed learning how different animals can be grouped and classified based on their characteristics. It was a memorable experience for everyone. A huge thank you to all of our parent volunteers who helped support us on the trip — we really appreciate your time and enthusiasm.

Year 5

This week, Year 5 were busy developing their learning across the curriculum. In Maths, we improved our skills in calculating angles on a straight line, explored lengths and angles in shapes, and identified regular and irregular polygons. We also began a new topic on reading and plotting coordinates. In English, pupils wrote information reports using fronted adverbials, commas and relative clauses to add detail and clarity. Children wrote about Wessex Gardens' tree planting project and the benefits of trees using formal language and factual information. In Science, pupils learned about plant reproduction. They explored the differences between sexual and asexual reproduction in plants and observed examples of each process. In History, we investigated the Benin Kingdom and explored the causes of Benin's success, including trade, innovation and skilled craftsmanship. In RE, we had some amazing discussions while investigating the "ultimate goal" in Christianity, Buddhism and Humanism. Well done, Year 5, for another fantastic week of learning!

Year 6

This week has been SATs week, and it has certainly been a very busy one. We are incredibly proud of all the children for their hard work, resilience, and positive attitude throughout the tests. They have shown great determination and maturity, and they should all feel very proud of themselves. As we move beyond SATs, we are looking forward to an exciting final term in Year 6, with lots of enjoyable trips, new learning opportunities, and memorable experiences ahead.

TREAT FROM THE CHEST



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

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| 1 Hawthorn | Marwa |
| 2 Oak | Rashad |
| 3 Sycamore | Aisha |
| 4 Acacia | Naz |
| 5 Mahogany | Noor |
| 5 Cedar | Olivier |
| 6 Magnolia | Suha |

Congratulations!

House Points

This week are

Citrine 661

Emerald 652

Ruby 664

Sapphire 656

Stars of the Week



Superstars of the Week

Annabel, Hawthorn class
Malak, Oak class

Certificate of Merit

Nikolas, Sycamore class
Hans, Acacia class
Abdulo, Mahogany class
Xhansu, Cedar class

Class Certificate

Magnolia class

Excellent Presentation

Milan, Hawthorn class
Siwar, Oak class
Mia, Sycamore class
Zach, Acacia class
Brooke, Mahogany class
Rehan, Magnolia class

Well done!