



WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Welcome to this week's Newsletter



A lovely final week of the half term! The children have really been enjoying their learning, and it is wonderful to see some classes reaping the benefits of their hard work with special events in class after earning enough Dojo points. Well done to everyone!

I had the pleasure of attending our SACRE (Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education) Choir rehearsal this week. They sounded incredible! Good luck with the live recording session alongside pupils from other schools. You make Wessex Gardens so proud!

It is great to see that we are becoming more sustainable by using reusable water bottles in school. However, I spoke in assembly this week to remind the children about water bottle hygiene. Water bottles should be washed thoroughly every day with hot, soapy water to help keep everyone healthy and safe.

A reminder that school is closed on Monday 1st June and will reopen on Tuesday 2nd June.

Wishing you all a lovely half term break! It is going to be very hot.

Mr Banks
Headteacher

SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



Dates for your diary

- 25.05—1.06.2026 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—class swap
- 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	98%
1 Hawthorn	98%
2 Oak	96%
3 Sycamore	97%
4 Acacia	98%
5 Cedar	100%
5 Mahogany	99%
6 Magnolia	95%

**Congratulations Cedar class
100% attendance this week**

Letters home this week

- Y1 Trip to London Aquarium Sea Life
- Rec Trip to Topsy Turvy 25.06.2026



Nursery

This half term in Nursery, the children have been absolutely fantastic and have made us so proud with their enthusiasm and progress. They have enjoyed taking part in lots of exciting activities including communication and listening games, singing rhymes and songs, story sessions, counting activities, and outdoor learning. The children have grown in confidence, independence, and friendships, and it has been wonderful to see them joining in so enthusiastically during carpet sessions and play activities. Thank you for your continued support this half term — we hope you all have a lovely and restful break!
Nursery team

Reception

This week in class we have been enjoying our core book, *On Sudden Hill*. The children have loved exploring the story through discussions, role play, and activities linked to friendship and imagination. In Maths, we have been focusing on addition using ten frames and counters. The children have been practising counting carefully, combining groups, and representing numbers in different ways.

We have also been busy building with a variety of construction materials, encouraging creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork. The children will also be creating artwork for our upcoming Art Exhibition. We would like to invite you to join us on Tuesday 2nd June at 3pm to celebrate their wonderful creations. We look forward to seeing you there. Thank you for your continued support. Have a wonderful half term!

Year 1

This week in Year 1, we had a very busy final week of Summer Term 1, spending time consolidating and finishing our topics. In Maths, we began learning about position and turns, using positional language to describe where objects are and how they move. In English, we reached the final part of our core text *Lila and the Secret of Rain*, and the children wrote diary entries from Lila's point of view. In Science, we sorted and identified flowering and non-flowering plants. In History, the children created posters showing how Barnet has changed over the years. In RE, we explored the Golden Rule and discussed ways we can follow it in our daily lives. In PSHE, we talked about trusted adults and how to ask for help when we need it. Have a lovely half term, and please remember to keep reading every day!

Year 2

It has been a lovely week in Year 2. In English, children have been using their editing skills and publishing their wonderful stories based on 'Grace and Family'. In Maths, we have started a new topic on Time and are applying our learning on fractions to show understanding of 'o'clock', 'half past', 'quarter past' and 'quarter to'. In Science, we have been finding out about plants that grow in different habitats and classifying them after carefully looking at the features that make them suited to particular habitats.
Well done on your fantastic efforts Team Oak!

Year 3

In Year 3, we have had another lovely week of learning! In Maths, we have been learning to tell the time, exploring both digital and analogue clocks and practising reading different times accurately.

In History, we have been exploring the Roman invasion and learning about how the Romans arrived in Britain. In Science, we investigated water transportation in plants and looked at the life cycle of a flower. We hope everyone has a lovely and restful half term break!

Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have continued to enjoy lots of exciting learning across the curriculum. In Maths, we have been exploring money, including adding and subtracting amounts and solving real-life problems involving spending and change. Over the May half term, can you carry on practising these skills in everyday situations, such as helping to pay for items in shops, checking receipts, or working out change? Don't forget to tell us all about it! In English, we completed and published our balanced arguments about moving countries. We worked incredibly hard to present both sides of the argument clearly and thoughtfully, using persuasive language and organisational features in our writing! In R.E., we reflected on the different paths people take in life and what these journeys mean to us personally. We shared thoughtful ideas about goals, choices, beliefs, and the experiences that help shape who we are becoming. We were very impressed with the respectful discussions and reflections that took place during these lessons! We hope you have a lovely half term break!

Year 5

This week in Year 5 we have been very busy with lots of exciting learning across the curriculum!

In Maths, Year 5 focused on coordinates, translation and lines of symmetry, using problem-solving skills to apply their understanding.

In English, the children completed the final drafts of their reports about Wessex Gardens' tree planting project. They used relative clauses, imperative and modal verbs, formal language and cohesive devices to create informative and persuasive writing.

In History, we explored the Kingdom of Benin and evaluated different historical sources, considering their usefulness and reliability like historians.

In Science, the children learned about sexual reproduction in animals, including the differences between external and internal fertilisation.

In PSHE, we discussed why hygiene becomes more important during puberty and learned about the role hormones play during this stage of development.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope you have a lovely half term break!

Year 6

In Science, the children learnt about how series circuits differ from simple circuits. They explored what happens when buzzers and extra cells are added to a circuit and discussed the changes this caused. The children also learnt how electric current flows through a circuit and investigated conductors and insulators. In English, the children identified the features of a narrative and analysed a model of excellence. They then planned their own stories and began writing their segregation narratives. We have also started production practice and the children have really been enjoying learning and rehearsing their parts.
Have a lovely break!

TREAT FROM THE CHEST



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

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| 1 Hawthorn | Shreya |
| 2 Oak | Mona |
| 3 Sycamore | Ola |
| 4 Acacia | Elias |
| 5 Mahogany | Darren |
| 5 Cedar | Harun |
| 6 Magnolia | Lewis |

Congratulations!

House Points

This week are

Citrine 927

Emerald 901

Ruby 935

Sapphire 833

Stars of the Week



Superstars of the Week

Amelia, Hawthorn class
Najlae, Oak class

Certificate of Merit

Santiago, Sycamore class
Zahra, Acacia class
Talia, Cedar class
Roman, Magnolia class

Class Certificate

Mahogany class

Excellent Presentation

Deon, Hawthorn class
Anum, Oak class
Kabir, Sycamore class
Qudos, Acacia class
Kaydon, Mahogany class
Mohamed, Cedar class
Sirine, Magnolia class

Well done!