



WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Welcome to this week's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the first week of the Summer 2 term. Although the weather has been rather wet and rainy this week, it has been wonderful to see our pupils return to school ready to learn and eager to begin the final half term of the academic year.

This term, all classes across the school are taking part in exciting learning linked to **Environmental Science**. Pupils will be exploring how we can care for our planet, protect the environment, and make sustainable choices for the future. We are looking forward to seeing the children's knowledge and understanding grow as they investigate important environmental issues.

This week, our Reception pupils proudly showcased their creativity during a wonderful **Art Exhibition** in the school hall. The artwork on display was of an exceptionally high standard and reflected the hard work and imagination of the children. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended and supported the event, and a special thank you to the Reception team for organising such a successful and enjoyable exhibition.

A reminder that **Summer Fair Carnival raffle tickets are now on sale**. There are some fantastic prizes to be won, and all proceeds will help support opportunities for our pupils. Please make sure you purchase your tickets and join us for what promises to be a fun-filled community event.

I would also like to congratulate our Year 6 pupils, who worked incredibly hard to complete their SATs assessments before half term. They approached the week with maturity, determination and resilience, and we are all very proud of their efforts. Since completing SATs, the children have been enjoying a range of exciting trips and enrichment activities organised by their teachers as they begin to celebrate the final stages of their primary school journey.

Finally, a gentle reminder that Wessex Gardens Primary and Nursery School is a **nut-free school**. We have recently noticed that some pupils who have school dinners are bringing large packets of sweets and treats into the dining hall at lunchtime. We kindly ask parents and carers to speak with their child about not bringing sweets, chocolates, or large packs of treats into school. Your support helps us maintain a safe, healthy, and inclusive environment for all pupils.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another exciting and successful half term together.

Best wishes,

Ms Sharif
Deputy Headteacher

Swimming this half term

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



SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



Dates for your diary

09.06.2026	Y6 trip to Hollywood Bowl
12.06.2026	Y6 trip to Go Ape
16.06.2026	Y3 Class Assembly
17.06.2026	Y1 Class Assembly <i>change of date</i>
18.06.2026	Y4 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
07.07.2026	Y1 trip to London Aquarium
08.07.2026	Y1-6 Sports Day
09.07.2026	Y6 End of Year Production
17.07.2026	End of term school closing 1.15pm
17.07.2026	Nursery closed
17.07.2026	No After School club

TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS 2025-2026

SUMMER TERM 2026

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

Letters home this week

No letters home this week



Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have continued exploring our exciting topic, "Food Glorious Food!" The children have been learning about different fruits and vegetables, discussing their names, colours, textures, and tastes. We have enjoyed talking about our favourite foods as well as foods we may not like so much, helping to develop the children's speaking and listening skills. At home, you could support this learning by involving your child in preparing food, such as making their favourite fruit salad or helping to wash, peel, and chop vegetables with adult supervision. Talking together about different foods is a wonderful way to build vocabulary and encourage children to try new things. We look forward to continuing our food adventures next week!

Reception

This week, the children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the story of The Ugly Duckling. Through discussions and activities, they have been thinking about themes of kindness, belonging and celebrating our differences. In Maths, we have been learning about doubling and have been practising finding doubles in a variety of fun and practical ways. We were also very excited to hold our Art Exhibition on Tuesday, where the children proudly showcased their creativity and artistic talents. A huge thank you to everyone who supported the event. We are incredibly proud of the beautiful artwork the children created and sold to raise money for items on our classroom wish list. Their enthusiasm, hard work and sense of achievement have been wonderful to see. Have a wonderful weekend everyday! See you on Monday!

Year 1

Welcome back to the last term of Year 1! This term in Year 1, our English core text is *George Saves the World by Lunchtime*. We will be learning about waste and exploring ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle to help protect our environment. In Maths, we will be developing our understanding of place value and working with numbers to 100. In Science, we will be investigating plastics and learning about their impact on the environment. In PSHE, we have been exploring how families can change over time and discussing our emotions. In Art, we have been using photographs of ourselves to study the lines and shapes that make up our faces. Please continue reading at home and using Bug Club regularly to keep up with phonics and develop reading fluency!!

Year 2

Year 2 have made a great start to the new half term. In English, the children have been writing their postcards from Grace to Ma, making sure they include all the features we have been learning about. In Maths, we are continuing our topic on Time and have been learning about minutes to the hour. In Geography, we have been learning more about coastlines and using maps to locate islands. Keep up the lovely effort Team Oak!

Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic start to term- We hope everyone had a lovely and restful break! In Science, we have begun our exciting new topic on biodiversity, exploring different habitats and the plants and animals that live within them. In Geography, we have started looking at land use in Brent Cross, discussing how different areas are used and how places change over time. In English, we have begun exploring our new text based on nature, which has sparked some fantastic discussions and ideas. In Maths, we have been continuing to focus on time, and the children enjoyed taking part in a fun practical activity where they measured what they could do in minutes and seconds, including how quickly they could put on their jumpers! The children have returned to school with a positive attitude and enthusiasm for learning.

Year 4

This week in English, we began our new class text, *World Burns Down*. This linked brilliantly to our previous Geography topic on the Amazon rainforest, as the story is set there. We explored the setting, characters and themes of the text and used it to inspire our own descriptive writing, focusing on creating vivid settings and ambitious vocabulary. In Science, we started our new topic on extinction. We discussed what extinction means and began exploring some of the reasons why animals and plants become extinct. We will continue to investigate how environments can change over time and the impact this can have on living things. We have had a fantastic week of learning and look forward to building on this knowledge in the coming weeks.

Year 5

We were delighted to welcome the children back after the half-term holiday. They returned with enthusiasm and a positive attitude towards their learning. In Maths, we began our new unit on decimals. The children have been learning how to find complements to 1 for numbers with up to three decimal places and how to add and subtract decimals across 1. They have been using their place value knowledge to solve problems accurately and explain their reasoning. In English, we have started exploring the exciting novel *The Wilderness War* by Julia Green. To immerse themselves in the story, the children imagined stepping into a magical and mysterious forest for the very first time. They used their senses to picture the setting and discussed what they might see, hear and feel in the wilderness. The children then wrote descriptions of a character's first experience of the wilderness, using powerful verbs, ambitious vocabulary and the past tense to create atmosphere and engage the reader. We were impressed by the imaginative ideas and vivid language they used to bring the forest to life. In History, the children have been learning about the Kingdom of Benin and its significance in world history. They explored the achievements of the Benin civilisation and considered its importance in comparison with other civilisations they have studied throughout history. In Science, we have been studying the life cycles of different organisms. The children compared life cycles in a variety of environments and discussed how factors such as habitat, climate and the availability of resources can influence growth and development. In PSHE, the children have been learning about legal and illegal drugs. They discussed different types of drugs, their uses, and the risks they can pose to health and wellbeing.

Year 6

This week, Year 6 started writing their Yearbook messages in preparation for the end of the year. We have also been practising for our production, and it has been wonderful to see all the different talents and strengths within the class. We have been enjoying two computing sessions each week, where the children have shown great creativity and enthusiasm. In DT, we have started creating props for the production, and the children have worked hard to bring their ideas to life. Overall, this week has been full of creativity and fun! We also had a fantastic trip to Pizza Express, where the children made their own pizzas. They were delicious! We are now looking forward to our exciting trips to Hollywood Bowl and Go Ape next week.

Attendance % this week

Silver Birch	92%
1 Hawthorn	93%
2 Oak	99%
3 Sycamore	91%
4 Acacia	98%
5 Cedar	99%
5 Mahogany	100%
6 Magnolia	95%

Congratulations Mahogany class on 100% attendance this week!

TREAT FROM THE

CHEST



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

1 Hawthorn	Sachi
2 Oak	Layan
3 Sycamore	Jena
4 Acacia	Hans
5 Mahogany	Kaydon
5 Cedar	Nataliia
6 Magnolia	Bilan

Congratulations!

Stars of the Week



Superstars of the Week

Mia, Hawthorn class
Anum, Oak class

Certificate of Merit

Hassan, Sycamore class
Arvin, Acacia class
Alaa, Mahogany class
Rahaam, Cedar class
Tawaab, Magnolia class

Excellent Presentation

Mohamad, Hawthorn class
Orabelle, Oak class
Ola, Sycamore class
Freya, Acacia class
Noor, Mahogany class
Ethan, Cedar class
Sirine, Magnolia class

Well done!