



WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Welcome to this week's Newsletter

A lovely week at Wessex Gardens!

We have had a fantastic week at Wessex Gardens, with lots of great learning taking place across the school. The children are also very excited to begin the Wessex World Cup tournament! A huge thank you to Mr Khalil for organising this event. It is always one of the highlights of the school year. Please see further details from Mr Khalil later in this Newsletter.

We hope you are looking forward to our Summer Carnival on Thursday. Raffle tickets are already on sale, with a brand-new bicycle as the first prize! Remember, the more tickets you buy, the greater your chance of winning.

I am incredibly proud of the children who have been part of the Inter-faith Choir. They recently attended a celebration event and were awarded the winning project in the London Faith and Belief Forum competition. This is a wonderful achievement and a testament to their hard work, dedication and teamwork. A special thank you goes to Miss Mahir for organising and supporting this fantastic opportunity.

Pride Month

June is Pride Month, a time when people around the world celebrate diversity, inclusion and the contributions of LGBT+ people and communities. It is also an opportunity to reflect on the importance of ensuring that everyone is treated with kindness, dignity and respect. At Wessex Gardens, we are proud to be a school where every child feels welcomed, valued and safe. We teach our pupils that families, communities and individuals may be different in many ways, and that these differences should be respected and celebrated. Pride Month provides an opportunity to reinforce one of our core school values being kind and fair to everyone.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Summer Carnival and wish everyone a wonderful weekend.

Mr Banks
Headteacher



SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION



Dates for your diary

17.06.2026	Y1 Class Assembly <i>change of date</i>
18.06.2026	Summer Carnival 3.30pm-5.30pm
24.06.2026	5 Mahogany Class Assembly <i>change of date</i>
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	Y2 Class Assembly
07.07.2026	Y3 Class Assembly <i>change of date</i>
07.07.2026	Y1 trip to London Aquarium
08.07.2026	Y1-6 Sports Day
09.07.2026	Y4 Class Assembly <i>change of date</i>
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

Class Assemblies

Each class are delighted to invite their parents and carers to their class assembly (please see dates above). Each assembly will start at 9.00am and will last approximately 20-30 minutes. Please make sure you arrive in plenty of time. Thank you.

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	96%
1 Hawthorn	96%
2 Oak	95%
3 Sycamore	96%
4 Acacia	99%
5 Cedar	98%
5 Mahogany	100%
6 Magnolia	98%

**Congratulation Mahogany class
On 100% attendance this week**

Letters home this week



No letters home this week

Reception

This week we introduced our new core book, *Splash!*, and the children thoroughly enjoyed listening to the story and discussing the characters, using descriptive language to talk about their personalities and feelings. We also continued exploring stories about *Anna Hibiscus*, encouraging the children to share their ideas about the characters and their adventures. In expressive arts and design, the children had great fun creating their own band, exploring different instruments, rhythms and sounds whilst working together as a team. In Maths, we focused on doubling, using practical resources to help the children understand how numbers can be doubled and to identify simple number patterns. Hit the button game was a hit! During P.E., the children demonstrated increasing confidence as they practised balancing, jumping and moving safely in a variety of ways. Indoors, the large community blocks inspired lots of imaginative play, with the children constructing trains, castles and even a gym. They enhanced their play through dressing up and role play, developing their communication, cooperation and problem-solving skills whilst having lots of fun. Have a lovely weekend!

Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have been busy with lots of exciting learning. In English, we continued reading *George Saves the World by Lunchtime* and practised saying a sentence aloud before writing it independently. In Maths, we focused on place value, learning how to partition numbers into tens and ones. In Science, we investigated how widely plastic is used in our classroom and discussed its different uses. In Geography, we used a globe and an atlas to locate the United Kingdom and learn more about where we live. In PSHE, we talked about our feelings and discussed how we might feel if we lost something important to us. In Art, we explored the work of Paul Klee and created our own drawings inspired by his unique style. Well done, Year 1, for another week of fantastic learning!

Year 2

It has been another busy week in Year 2! In English, we have started to read a new book, 'Tidy', and have been using our prediction, retrieval and inference skills. In Maths, we have continued to learn about Time and have been applying our knowledge about minutes in an hour in different ways. In Science, we have started to learn about environmental science and litter pollution. In Geography, the children compared a coastal town with our local area, and created fantastic posters about their learning on coastlines.

Well done on your wonderful efforts this week Year 2!

Year 3

Year 3 have had a great week of learning and discovery! In English, we have begun exploring our new class text, *Lob* by Linda Newbery, and the children are already captivated by the mystery and adventure of the story. In Maths, we have been investigating our new topic on Shape, turns and angles, using practical activities to help us understand how shapes move and rotate. In Geography, we have become map-makers, creating sketch maps of our local area and drawing a map of Wessex to deepen our understanding of the setting in our learning. The children have approached every lesson with curiosity and enthusiasm, and we are excited to continue our learning journey next week!

Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have been learning all about money in Maths. We practised calculating totals, finding change and estimating amounts. We used a variety of strategies to solve money problems and learned how estimation can help us check whether our answers are sensible. We worked hard and showed great confidence when applying our skills to real-life situations.

In History, we began our exciting new topic on the Battle of Barnet. We learned about the causes and consequences of this important battle and discussed its significance in history. We particularly enjoyed taking part in role-play activities, where we acted out key events and explored the viewpoints of different people involved. This helped bring history to life and deepened our understanding of the topic.

We have had a fantastic week of learning and are looking forward to continuing our new history topic next week.

Year 5

This week we had a very busy and productive week in Year 5.

In English, pupils practised using past and present tense verbs correctly to show different points in time. They also used adjectives, adverbs and fronted adverbials to make their writing more detailed and engaging. As part of their narrative work, they explored how flashbacks help readers understand a character's thoughts, feelings and experiences.

In Maths, pupils built their confidence with decimals by adding and subtracting numbers with different numbers of decimal places. They also developed their understanding of place value by multiplying and dividing numbers by 10, 100 and 1,000.

In Science, pupils investigated fossil fuels and analysed how they are used in everyday life. They explored why fossil fuels are important, how they are formed, and asked thoughtful questions about their impact on the environment and future sustainability.

In Geography, pupils investigated where everyday products come from and used maps and clues to explain how our local area is connected to the wider world through trade and transport networks.

In PSHE, pupils explored different beliefs about drug use and discussed social norms, including the fact that most young people do not smoke. They considered how influences can affect decision-making and the importance of making healthy choices.

TREAT FROM THE CHEST



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

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| 1 Hawthorn | Haowen |
| 2 Oak | Dane |
| 3 Sycamore | Seleem |
| 4 Acacia | Davi |
| 5 Mahogany | Eshan |
| 5 Cedar | Nadine |
| 6 Magnolia | Jana |

Congratulations!

House Points

This week are

Citrine 128

Emerald 243

Ruby 253

Sapphire 113

Stars of the Week



Superstars of the Week

Dishaan, Hawthorn class
Saya, Oak class

Certificate of Merit

Mia, Sycamore class
Jojo, Acacia class
Yusuf, Mahogany class
Sharanya, Cedar class

Excellent Presentation

Milan, Hawthorn class
Sarah, Oak class
Aresema, Sycamore class
Aya, Acacia class
Noor, Mahogany class
Megan, Cedar class
Lewis, Magnolia class

Class Merit

Magnolia class

Well done!

WESSEX WORLD CUP 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the **FIFA World Cup 2026** kicking off last night,
it's time for our...

8th Annual WESSEX WORLD CUP!

24 teams from Y1-6 will battle it out to be the
CHAMPIONS OF WESSEX!

Here is a list of the countries your children are representing **next week**, and what **colour top they should wear** on their match day:

*(If they don't own a top in their team's colour, we have bibs available, so their school PE kit or any football kit is perfectly fine)

Any questions or queries please let Mr Khalil know as soon as possible

Monday 15th June –

Y5 Boys – ENGLAND (white) VS SCOTLAND (blue)

Y5 Girls – CAPE VERDE (yellow) VS PORTGUAL (red)

Tuesday 16th June –

Y3 Boys – CURACAO (yellow) VS USA (white)

Y3 Girls – AUSTRALIA (blue) VS IVORY COAST (orange)

Wednesday 17th June –

Y4 Boys – NEW ZEALAND (blue) VS SOUTH AFRICA (red)

Y4 Girls – ARGENTINA (white) VS SAUDI ARABIA (green)

Thursday 18th June –

Y6 Boys – HAITI (red) VS EGYPT (black)

Y6 Girls – JAPAN (white) VS UZBEKISTAN (green)

Friday 19th June –

Y1 Boys – SENEGAL (yellow) VS GHANA (green)

Y1 Girls – FRANCE (blue) VS NORWAY (red)

Friday 19th June –

Y2 Boys – ALGERIA (white) VS QATAR (red)

Y2 Girls – SPAIN (yellow) VS TUNISIA (white)

Friday 19th June – (No match for EYFS)

Reception Boys – Morocco (Red)

Reception Girls – Iran (Green)

Nursery Boys – Uruguay (Blue) or Brazil (Green)

Nursery Girls – Netherlands (Blue) or Belgium (Yellow)

*Early years may wear their nations colours on **Friday 19th June**

***Finals will be the following week for successful teams**

Here are the teams!

Y1 Boys –

SENEGAL (yellow)

Ahmed, Bader, Deon, Dishaan, Milan, Rateb

GHANA (green)

Ali, Chris, Hussain, Haowen, Leo, Mohamad, Seosamh

Y1 Girls –

FRANCE (blue)

Aizah, Amelia, Eman, Marwa, Mia, Otilia, Sachi

NORWAY (red)

Annabel, Faiza, Isabel, Lilia, Malak, Nouf, Safiya, Shreya

Y2 Boys –

ALGERIA (white)

Ezdan, Ivyan, Lewis, Maks, Tomasz, Yahia

QATAR (red)

Jacob, Jack, Igor, Maneel, Rashad

Y2 Girls –

SPAIN (yellow)

Anum, Fatima, Layan, Najlae, Sarah, Shivia, Siwar

TUNISIA (white)

Dane, Eve, Malak, Mona, Orabelle, Saya, Nina

Y3 Boys –

CURACAO (yellow)

Basil, Hassan, Ishaq, Joel, Nabil, Rasan, Santiago, Yaqub, Zhivan

USA (white)

Enzo, Ibrahim, Ismaeel, Kabir, Nicolas, Razeem, Seleem, Velroy

Y3 Girls –

AUSTRALIA (blue)

Aisha, Aresema, Grace, Ines, Lamar, Ola, Savana

IVORY COAST (orange)

Alessia, Barin, Inas, Iris, Jena, Mia, Rania

Y4 Boys –

NEW ZEALAND (blue)

Arvin, Davi, Hans, Nuh, Qudos, Rickai, Uzair

SOUTH AFRICA (red)

Basit, Elias, Jojo, Mohamed, Ridha, Yahya, Zach

Y4 Girls –

ARGENTINA (white)

Amelia, Asma, Barwaaqo, Bushra, Izzy, Joud, Nabiya, Zahra

SAUDI ARABIA (green)

Arifah, Arij, Aya, Freya, Jana, Layan, Nazanin

Y5 Cedar –

CAPE VERDE GIRLS (yellow)

Izabela, Megan, Nadine, Rama, Rawda, Sharanya, Shirley, Talia, Xhansu

SCOTLAND BOYS (blue)

Ahyan, Amarni, Ethan, Harun, Matin, Mohamed, Olivier, OliWier, Rahaam, Samuel

Y5 Mahogany –

PORTGUAL GIRLS (red)

Afsa, Brooke, Kamaya, Mia, Noor, Nour, Zahra

ENGLAND BOYS (white)

Abdulo, Alaa, Darren, Ehsan, Hamza, Jalil, Kaleb, Kaydon, Nirvan, Rayan, Roham, Yusuf

Y6 Boys –

HAITI (red)

Annis, Ersi, Ioane, Lewis, Noel, William, Roman

EGYPT (black)

Bronek, George, Kai, Mohammed, Ramani, Tawaab, Rehan

Y6 Girls –

JAPAN (white)

Bilan, Celin, Jannah, Jana, Natalie, Ranim, Suha, Sumiya

UZBEKISTAN (green)

Cynthia, Deenah, Doha, Nikki, Mariana, Reagan, Sirine

Good Luck to ALL!