



Wessex Gardens Primary and Nursery School

Mr. Banks's Weekly Roundup

Number 5 – Friday 9th October



Weekly Roundup

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week at Wessex Gardens! Thank you for your continued support and generosity, from our wonderful Harvest collection to our successful Cinema Night.

Cinema Night – over £600 raised!

What a fantastic evening! The children enjoyed *Toy Story 5*, delicious pizza and popcorn, and we raised **over £600 for our school**.

Thank you to everyone who came along and to all the staff who helped make the evening such a success.

School Council – making playtimes safer

Our new School Council has held its first meeting. Its first task is to look at the KS2 morning break and suggest ways to make it safer and more enjoyable.

Sometimes play can become a little too rough. Our councillors are busy collecting children's suggestions for safe games and simple activities that will help everyone enjoy their time in the playground. We look forward to hearing their ideas!

Behaviour and our Reflection Room

As part of our approach to behaviour, we have reintroduced our Reflection Room. Children who reach a '3' through our 123 Magic approach will spend **20 minutes at lunchtime** reflecting on what happened, who was affected and what they can do differently next time.

An adult will support children with this reflection. Our aim is to help them make safer, more positive choices and avoid repeating the behaviour.

We have also updated our Behaviour Policy, which I will share with you shortly. Please take some time to read it. Your feedback is always gratefully received.

A punctual start makes a difference

We have a soft start to the school day, giving families a window of time to arrive. Children should arrive between 8:40am and 8:50am. Please aim for 8:40am wherever possible and arrive by 8:50am at the latest.

Arrival after 8:50am is late. Children arriving after 9:00am will also have their lateness recorded in the register.

We run many reading and phonics groups in the morning, alongside extra practice activities. A child arriving at 8:40am has 20 minutes more learning each day than a child arriving at 9:00am. Over a week, that adds up to 1 hour and 40 minutes of valuable learning.

Please help your child benefit from these opportunities by bringing them to school promptly.

Attendance – fantastic improvements!

We have seen a big improvement in attendance in Years 1, 2 and 4, and Year 5 achieved an outstanding 100% attendance last week!

Well done, Year 5! No learning opportunities were missed through absence last week. Thank you to our families for supporting these improvements.

Every school day matters. Please keep up this positive progress by ensuring your child attends every day unless they are too unwell, and arrives on time, ready to learn.

Year 6 – secondary school applications

A reminder to our Year 6 families: you must complete and submit your secondary school application by 31 October 2026. This is the deadline for on-time applications.

Please do not leave it until the last minute. If you have any difficulties accessing or completing the online admissions form, please come and speak to me so that we can help.

Halloween dress-up – Friday 23 October

Our families have been so generous this term. You have supported Macmillan Cancer Support, donated so much to Food Bank Aid and joined in with Cinema Night. Thank you!

On Friday 23 October, we will be holding a Halloween-themed non-uniform day, with no collection or donation required – this is simply for fun!

Children are welcome to come to school in their favourite Halloween costume. There is just one rule: no masks or props, including items that need to be carried around.

If your child does not have a Halloween costume, please do not worry. They can simply wear their favourite clothes and join in the fun!

Harvest Festival

Thank you for the brilliant response to our Harvest collection for Food Bank Aid. Your donations will make a real difference to local families.

Bug Club

Please continue to encourage your child to use Bug Club at home and explore the books available to them. Regular reading helps children develop confidence, fluency and understanding.

If you have any difficulties logging in or accessing books, please let us know so that we can help.

Our PTA makes a difference

Our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) brings families and staff together to raise funds for the school. With school funding currently very tight, we rely on fundraising and donations to provide the extras that enrich our children's experiences at Wessex Gardens.

Our PTA does a fantastic job organising Christmas and Summer Fairs, discos, raffles and cinema nights. Every event raises money to help make school life even more enjoyable for our children.

Please support our PTA by joining in with activities, attending events or helping out where you can. Every contribution makes a difference!

Our next big event is the **Christmas Fair**. Next half term, the PTA will organise non-uniform days, inviting children to bring in donations for the cake sale and tombola. More details will follow soon.

Thank you to our PTA for all you do for our school community!

Have a relaxing weekend!

Mr Banks



Celebrating Achievement

Friday 9th October 2026



Class	Weekly Award	Treat from the Chest	Excellent Presentation	Swimmer of the Week
Key Stage 1				
1 Acacia	Ambra	Adam	Mersana	Aliyah
2 Mahogany	Mia	Lilia	Leo	Amelia
Key Stage 2				
3 Sycamore	Baisal	Najlae	Siwar	Najlae
4 Magnolia	Ishaq	Kabir	Alessia	Aresema
5 Cedar	Nabiya	Bushra	Ridha	Jo-Jo
6 Oak	Brooke	Kaleb/Ehsan	Harun	Rawda/Isabella

House points

Citrine:

Emerald:

Ruby:

Sapphire:

Congratulations Sapphire:

Attendance Ladder



Weekly Attendance					
W/B	21/9	28/9	5/10	12/10	19/10
YR	90	92	87		
Y1	94	94	96		
Y2	94	94	99		
Y3	96	93	91		
Y4	94	93	97		
Y5	99	99	100		
Y6	97	96	99		

We have our FIRST 100% attendance!

Well done all in 5 Cedar!

We are aiming for at least 96% attendance each week in our classes.

