



Wessex Gardens Primary and Nursery School

Mr. Banks's Weekly Roundup

Number 2 – Friday 18th September



Weekly Roundup

We are now back in the full swing of the autumn term! A special welcome to the new families who have joined Wessex Gardens this week. We are delighted to have you as part of our school community and hope that you and your children will have a very happy time with us.

High Expectations

Across the school, we are continuing to have high expectations of ourselves and of each other, making sure that we follow our Golden Rules and demonstrate positive learning behaviours.

I have been particularly impressed by how many children are showing that they can be safe, caring and responsible around the school. It is lovely to see children looking after one another, making good choices and taking pride in our school.

Reading at Wessex Gardens

I hope you have received information from your child's class teacher about homework and, in particular, the importance of making sure that your child reads every day.

Reading is right at the top of the agenda at Wessex Gardens! Developing confident, fluent readers is one of the most important things we can do for our children, and regular reading at home makes a huge difference.

We will shortly be providing more information about our online reading scheme, Bug Club. This is a fantastic resource, and we want to support all families to make as much use of it as possible.

We will be holding a Bug Club information meeting on Wednesday 30th September at 9:00am. We hope that as many parents and carers as possible will be able to join us

House Captains and Vice-Captains

We are continuing to develop leadership skills amongst our pupils. We have invited selected children from Year 6 to become House Captains, supported by children from Year 5 as Vice-Captains.

You will see the names of our newly selected Captains and Vice-Captains below. I am very grateful to them all for accepting the invitation. They are already enthusiastic about their new responsibilities and are determined to motivate their Houses, encourage positive behaviour and help everyone achieve their best.

Congratulations to all of our new pupil leaders!



Breaktime Snacks

A reminder about the snacks children may have at breaktime.

Children in EYFS and KS1 have access to fresh fruit each day. Children in KS2 are welcome to bring fresh fruit or vegetables from home for their breaktime snack.

Please remember that no other snacks should be brought into school, unless this has been specifically agreed through our SEN team.

On Fridays, our Year 6 pupils run the Tick Shop, when children have the opportunity to purchase a small sweet treat. This is the only day of the week when sweet treats are available in school.

Supporting Others

An important part of our values at Wessex Gardens is teaching our children about the importance of caring for others and supporting charities and our wider community. Throughout the year, we will provide opportunities for our children and families to support a range of good causes.

Our first charity event will be a non-uniform day **on Friday 25th September** in support of Macmillan Cancer Support. Children are invited to wear non-uniform and bring a £1 donation.

We will then be collecting donations for Food Bank Aid ahead of our Harvest Festival on Monday 12th October. Suitable donations include tinned vegetables, fruit, soup, beans and fish; pasta and rice; cereals; tea and coffee; biscuits; long-life milk; cooking sauces; and other unopened, non-perishable foods. Please make sure that all donated items are in date and unopened. Donations should be brought into school by **Thursday 8th October**. All collected food will be donated to Food Banks Aid

Thank you in advance for your generosity. Even a single item makes a contribution, and together we can show our children how our school values of kindness, care and community can make a difference.

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 25th September – Macmillan Non-Uniform Day

Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform and bring a £1 donation to support Macmillan Cancer Support.

Wednesday 30th September, 9:00am – Bug Club Parent Information Meeting

Come along to find out more about Bug Club and how you can use our online reading resources to support your child's reading at home.

Thursday 8th October – Harvest Donations Deadline

Please send any donations for Food Bank Aid into school by this date.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It has been a really positive start to the term, and I am looking forward to seeing all that our children achieve over the coming weeks.

Mr Banks

Headteacher



Celebrating Achievement

18th September 2026



Class	★ Weekly Award	📦 Treat from the Chest	✍️ Excellent Presentation
Key Stage 1			
1 Acacia	Mersana	Ambra	Hamed
2 Mahogany	Ayla	Lilia	Dishaan
Key Stage 2			
3 Sycamore	Saya	Maks	Orabelle
4 Magnolia	Barin	Ola	Savanna
5 Cedar	Zach	Qudos	Arifah
6 Oak	Xhansu	Olivier	Kaydon

Attendance Ladder



Weekly Attendance

YR	94
Y1	93
Y2	94
Y3	92
Y4	95
Y5	97
Y6	98

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

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Small
change
makes a big
difference!

NON-UNIFORM DAY

People
with cancer
are not alone

in support of

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Together
we can make
a difference

Wear your own clothes to school and help
support Macmillan Cancer Support!



Please bring in **£1** on
Friday 25th September



Wear what makes you happy ♥ Give £1 ♥ Support a great cause

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**
RIGHT THERE WITH YOU