



Wessex Gardens Primary and Nursery School

Mr. Banks's Weekly Roundup

Number 1 – Friday 11th September



This year, we are making a few changes to the way we communicate with families. Our aim is to make sure information is clear, useful and comes directly from the right people.

You will receive dates, events and important notices from the school office. From me, you will receive whole-school achievements and a general round-up of the week.

From next Friday, class teachers will also send their weekly class round-up directly to parents and carers, rather than this information going through the school office. This will give you a more direct insight into what your child has been learning and enjoying each week.

Weekly Roundup

First of all, a huge welcome back after the summer break! It has been wonderful to see the school full of children again.

A particularly warm welcome to all of our new children and families who have joined Wessex Gardens this term. We hope your time at Wessex Gardens will be a happy and memorable one and that you quickly feel part of our school community.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do reach out. I am on the playground every morning and at the end of the school day, so please come and find me if there is anything you would like to discuss.

A really positive start

It has been a really positive start to the new academic year. The children have settled extremely well into their new classes and routines, and it has been lovely to see them approaching their learning with such enthusiasm.

We have also made changes to our KS2 lunchtime offer. Following feedback from our pupils, we have brought football back alongside a wider range of lunchtime activities. It has been fantastic to see the children enjoying the different opportunities available and being active together.

Thank you also to the many families who attended our Meet the Teacher meetings. It was incredibly encouraging to see so many of you there and to begin the year with such strong home-school partnership.

School Times – Important Reminder

We have noticed that a number of families are arriving at school very early with children who are not attending Breakfast Club. Please remember that children should not arrive before the appropriate drop-off time, as we are unable to supervise them before the gates open.

Year 1–Year 6

- Gates open for morning drop-off at 8.30am
- End of the school day/pick-up is 3.30pm

Nursery

- Morning Nursery: 8.30am–11.30am
- Afternoon Nursery: drop-off at 12.30pm
- Full-day Nursery: pick-up at 2.30pm

Reception – next week

- Reception children will begin staying for lunch next week.
- Pick-up will be at 1.15pm.

Thank you for helping us to keep arrival and collection times safe and well organised.

Speaking to your child's teacher

Please remember that teachers are available to speak to parents and carers at the end of the school day.

Unfortunately, they are not able to have conversations with parents in the morning as their priority at this time is welcoming the children, settling them into class and ensuring learning begins promptly. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

Proud of our uniform

Finally, it has been lovely to see our children returning to school wearing their Wessex Gardens uniform with pride.

Please help us to maintain these high standards by ensuring that children come to school each day in the correct uniform. We do allow trainers to be worn, but they must be plain black.

Thank you for such a positive start to the year and for your continued support. I hope you all have a wonderful and relaxing weekend.

Mr. Alexander Banks

Headteacher



WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY &
NURSERY SCHOOL

Celebrating Achievement

11th September 2026



Class	★ Weekly Award	📺 Treat from the Chest	✍ Excellent Presentation
Key Stage 1			
1 Acacia	Angelo	Layla	Anwar
2 Mahogany	Marwa	Chris	Deon
Key Stage 2			
3 Sycamore	Siwar	Yahia	Anum
4 Magnolia	Seleem	Aisha	Grace
5 Cedar	Zahra	Nuh	Ridha
6 Oak	Mia	Ethan	Ahyan

Attendance

We are aiming for at least 96% attendance each week in our classes. Well done Y4! What a brilliant start to the year!

Attendance Ladder



Weekly Attendance

YR	N/A
Y1	87%
Y2	92%
Y3	94%
Y4	98%
Y5	86%
Y6	92%