



WESSEX GARDENS PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Welcome to this week's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week! We have had discos, a visit from the Fire Brigade telling us about keeping safe and a visit to Clitterhouse Farm as well as all the usual great learning that takes place. Clitterhouse Farm is a lovely place to visit and it is so local to us! Please do look at the end of this newsletter so see the events and clubs they offer to families.



Food Bank Aid Week and Non Uniform Day

Thank you for all the donations for Food Bank Aid. Some families brought in multiple items! This is so very generous of you.

Nursery - 2 Year olds

Thank you to families who have returned the letter about 2 year olds. If you know of anyone with a young child, please let me know so I can see if there would be interest in a Wessex Gardens 2 year old nursery.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend.

Alexander Banks
Headteacher

Pre-loved School Uniform

We are in need of Wessex Gardens school uniform, particularly boys grey trousers. If you have school uniform that your child has grown out of but is still in good condition we would be very grateful to receive. Please drop off at the school office. Thank you



Attendance % this week

Chestnut	98%
Maple	96%
Palm	96%
Redwood	99%
Cedar	99%
Hazel	95%
Hawthorn	96%
Oak	93%
Acacia	99%
Sycamore	100%
Magnolia	97%
Mahogany	97%

Congratulations Sycamore class on 100% attendance this week!

Letters home this week



Y1	Trip to National Portrait Gallery 01.05.2024
Y5	Trip to Science Museum 16.05.2024
Rec	Happy Tails in school 16.05.2024

SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION

Dates for your diary

01.05.2024	Y1 trip to Portrait Gallery TBC
06.05.2024	Bank Holiday—school closed
13-16.05.2024	Year 6 SATs week
14.05.2024	Reception class—Hearing & Vision screening
16.05.2024	Y5 trip to Science Museum
16.05.2024	Reception—Happy Tails visit
27.05-03.06.2024	Half term holiday—school closed
04.06.2024	School reopens
13.06.2024	School Discos
27.06.2024	Summer Fair after school



Amazing sports achievement

Wessex Gardens won first and fourth place in a Penathlon multisport competition, competing against 11 other schools in Barnet. This took place on Tuesday at Hendon Leisure Centre. We had two teams representing our school, participating in a variety of sports and multitask activities such as footfall, boccia, tennis, curling and aiming games. The children demonstrated great gross motor skills, fantastic determination and teamwork! Well done everyone! You made us very proud! (Blue team- Asma, George, Noor, Rehan, Hussain. Pink team- Reagan, Yahya, Kaliciya, Yusef, David, Lucas)

TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS 2023-2024

SUMMER TERM 2024	
FIRST HALF:	Monday 15 th April – Friday 24 th May
MAY DAY:	Monday 6 th May
HALF TERM HOLIDAY:	Monday 27 th May – Monday 3 rd June
SECOND HALF:	Tuesday 4 th June – Wednesday 24 th July

TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS 2024-2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024	
FIRST HALF:	Wednesday 4 th September – Friday 25 th October
HALF TERM HOLIDAY:	Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November
SECOND HALF:	Monday 4 th November – Friday 20 th December

SPRING TERM 2025	
FIRST HALF:	Monday 6 th January – Friday 14 th February
HALF TERM HOLIDAY:	Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February
SECOND HALF:	Monday 24 th February – Friday 4 th April

SUMMER TERM 2025	
FIRST HALF:	Tuesday 22 nd April – Friday 23 rd May
MAY DAY:	Monday 5 th May
HALF TERM HOLIDAY:	Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May
SECOND HALF:	Tuesday 3 rd June – Friday 18 th July

Nursery

We've enjoyed a busy few days in Nursery! This week we have been exploring the story 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle. We have been talking about how to look after seeds and plants. In maths, we have been learning about 2D shapes and enjoyed making different arrangements both indoors and outdoors. We were very excited about making Fruit Kebabs with our parent volunteer, Lillia. We used lots of wonderful vocabulary while describing and tasting fruit. We learnt about the importance of healthy eating!

The Nursery Team

Reception

What a busy week in Silver Birch! Lots of the children had a great time at the disco. Silver Birch had lots of great dance moves. In maths, we have continued exploring numbers to 20. We have played a new number game with counters and a dice and created our own number lines. We have learnt lots of facts about lions and have written some amazing sentences about lions. Pop into our class and see them hanging up. We have created incredible animal sunset pictures with animal shadows. In P.E the children are becoming more confident at climbing, balancing and moving in different ways. Have a lovely weekend everyone. See you on Monday!

Year 1

Year 1 has been filled with exploration and discovery across various subjects. In our English lessons, we have embarked on an exciting adventure with the Power of Reading text, igniting children's imaginations as they draw vibrant settings. In science, our journey led us to the park where we explored trees, uncovering the mysteries of deciduous and evergreen plants. In maths, the children have eagerly dived into multiplication, starting with the concepts of arrays and doubling. Our art lesson buzzed with creativity as the children enjoyed using collage techniques to enhance their self-portraits. In history, we delved into the life of the pioneering paleontologist, Mary Anning, sparking curiosity about the ancient world. Our religious education lessons focused on Judaism this week, and we look forward to exploring Islam next, delving into their rich traditions and celebrations. Wishing you all a fantastic weekend, and we are excited to continue this journey of learning and growth with your children next week!

Year 2

Hi Parents,

It has been another week of hard work and fun in Year 2. In maths we learnt all about weighing in grams and kilograms. We have also learnt about volume and capacity and measuring in millilitres. In English, our story of Rapunzel is slowly starting to unfold and we are enjoying the story. In RE we looked at special religious books and why they are special to the religious communities that use them. In science, we learnt about the process of germination and what happens during that process. We also placed some seeds to germinate and we will be observing what happens as the days go by.

We had a visit from the London Fire Brigade and we thoroughly enjoyed it, as it was very informative. We learnt how to keep ourselves safe if there ever was a fire and what we could do to prevent fire at home.

Year 3

Another exciting week of learning! We delved deep into natural disasters and earthquakes, we explored what causes an earthquake and how tectonic and plate boundaries create friction which then releases energy to create an earthquake, or if under oceanic plates, a tsunami. We further explored some recent natural disasters like flooding in the gulf. In English we were able to write our character descriptions and even provided children an opportunity to create a character description independently. In maths we continue to compare measurements in L and no and M and mm. In PSHE, we have been looking at spending and budgeting and what is best value for money. The children agree it's best to get things in the sale so they can spend the rest of their money elsewhere. Future millionaires! In guided reading we are really enjoying reading our story of Charlie and Chocolate Factory and learning about all the new characters. In art and design we have been exploring greenhouses and the materials they use to build greenhouses. Whilst in science we have been looking at flowering and non flowering plants and the features of it! Have a lovely weekend!

Year 4

Exciting times in Year 4 this week! The highlight was definitely our short trip to Clitterhouse Farm for some hands-on science learning! Year 4 dove into the world of classification, putting their skills to the test as they classified various plants. In geography, they've been identifying different settlements like cities, villages, towns, and hamlets. Can you remember visiting any of these? In art, our young artists are exploring Islamic art, focusing on tessellating shapes. They've been busy creating their own stunning artwork inspired by tiles and mosaics. It's been a week full of fun, learning, and creativity in Year 4!

Year 5

Well done to Year 5s as they have been purposefully learning and engaging and reflecting on their learning.

In English they have been reading Stormbreaker. They have had to plan and then write a formal letter to MI6 saying whether they would want to decline or accept an offer of being a spy as a child. The students have been viewing and recording the real MI6 website.

In maths the students have been learning angles and shapes - acute; obtuse and reflex - and then measuring it using a protractor and a ruler - a skill that they will have to be using throughout their maths learning.

They also had a visit from the London Fire Brigade - what a great visit as they learnt about the effects of fire within a home but how to prevent that happening. It really was a great learning experience for them all.

Year 6

It has been another wonderful week in Year 6! In English, the children wrote a recount of their trip to London Zoo before going on to edit and improve their writing. In maths, we are continuing to revise, as we draw nearer to our SATS. Please ensure that your children are accessing Mathletics and SPAG.com to solidify their learning. In geography, the children learned about indigenous groups of people living in the Arctic regions and how their traditions and cultures have changed over time. In PSHE, we are learning about potential risks that we might encounter when we are out and about in our local area, and what to do if we find ourselves in tricky situations. Thank you to all of our families for donating foods that will help those in need in our local area. Wishing you all a wonderful, peaceful weekend!

TREAT FROM THE CHEST



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

Silver Birch	Anum
Chestnut	Mariam
Maple	Ishaq
Palm	Ali
Redwood	Emily
Cedar	Rahaam
Hazel	Antwon
Oak	Zainab
Hawthorn	Tawaab
Acacia	Aleynah
Sycamore	Greta
Mahogany	Elena
Magnolia	Kami

Congratulations!

Stars of the Week



Superstars of the Week

Rihan, Silver Birch class
Inas, Chestnut class
David, Maple class
Arvin, Palm class
Rassa, Redwood
Rickai, Redwood Class (last week)

Certificate of Merit

Megan, Cedar class
Hussein, Hazel class
Kai, Oak class
Celin, Hawthorn class
Anik, Acacia class
Neil, Sycamore class
Maya, Mahogany class
Kyan Lee, Magnolia class

Reader of the Week

Dane, Silver Birch class

Excellent Presentation Award

Ola, Chestnut class
Alexandra, Maple class
Samar, Palm class
Arifah, Redwood class
Zahra, Cedar class
Rama, Hazel class
Holly, Oak class
Doha, Hawthorn class
Yusuf, Acacia class
Cain, Sycamore class
Yassine, Mahogany class
Malek, Magnolia class

Well done!

For Kids 6+
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per session



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**BRANCHING
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April, May & June

**NATURE ARTS &
CRAFTS CLUB**

Every Thursday
4.00 - 5.30

**TEXTILES
& CRAFTS CLUB**

Every Sunday
11.00 - 12.30



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Kids Garden Club

Our Kids Garden Club offers
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EVERY FRIDAY

15th March - 3rd May

1.00 - 3.00

OR

3.45 - 5.30

***Dates no Club 29th and 5th**

The suggested age is 6+ however, younger children can participate with an accompanying adult
Parents of children 6+ can enjoy some coffee & cake from our lovely shop and collect the children after the club session.



Book on Eventbrite
www.ouryard.org



OUR YARD

at Clitterhouse Farm

NIGHT MARKETS

LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

27TH APRIL

4PM - 9PM

LIVE MUSIC*FOOD STALLS*DRINKS*ARTS

***CRAFTS*PLANT SALE**

& MUCH MORE

If you would like to volunteer or hold a stall
please email info@clitterhouse.com

Clitterhouse Playing Fields, Claremont Rd NW2 1AP



Barnet Libraries Literary Festival

Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 May
Finchley Church End Library

Join us for a weekend celebrating books and authors,
featuring:

- Stacey Halls
- Michael Rosen
- Erin Kelly
- Travis and Sigrid
- Candy Gourlay
- Louise Fein
- Nicola Gill
- Nikki Smith
- Lorraine Brown
- Andrea Hammel (online only)
- John Eidinow (online only)

Find out more and book tickets at
<https://barnet-libraries.played.co> or scan the QR code



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Barnet Libraries Literary Festival
Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 May
Finchley Church End Library



An audience with award winning young adult author Candy Gourlay discussing her book 'Wild Song'

Saturday 4 May, 11am - 12.30pm

Age guidance: 10+.

Join authors Louise Fein, Nicola Gill and Nikki Smith with Lorraine Brown

Saturday 4 May, 2.30 - 4pm

Age guidance: adults.

Bestseller Stacey Halls in conversation with Erin Kelly

Saturday 4 May, 6.30 - 8pm

Age guidance: adults.

Michael Rosen in conversation with Francine Wolfisz discussing 'Getting Better'

Sunday 5 May, 11am - 12.30pm

Age guidance: adults

Join internet sensations Travis and Sigrid with Cari Rosen discussing their book 'Sigrid Rides'.

Sunday 5 May 2.30 - 4pm

Age guidance: 7+

A night of Jewish history with authors Andrea Hammel and John Eidinow in conversation with David Herman

Sunday 5 May, 7 - 8pm

Online

Age guidance: adults. Free

Book tickets at <https://barnet-libraries.played.co> or scan the QR code.



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