



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 very busy week! We had some wonderful visits to Clitherhouse Farm and The National Portrait Gallery. It is so important to get the children out and about and they love it! Please remember that we supply packed lunches so there is no need to provide any lunch for trips.

Pleasantries

We have had a real focus the last couple of weeks on manners and pleasantries. I have to say the children are responding so well, holding the door for each other and being thankful. I have had many children ask how my day is going which is wonderful!

Chewing Gum

Sadly we have had quite a lot of gum being brought into the school. If a child has gum we will confiscate it and dispose of it. I have shown pictures of streets covered in gum and Mr Roberts counted over 200 discarded pieces in the underpass! We do not want for Wessex Gardens to end up covered in gum like the local streets!

Wishing you a relaxing Bank Holiday weekend.

Alexander Banks
Headteacher



SCHOOL REMINDERS & INFORMATION

Dates for your diary

06.05.2024	Bank Holiday—school closed
13-16.05.2024	Year 6 SATs week
14.05.2024	Sycamore class—Assembly
14.05.2024	Reception class—Hearing & Vision screening
16.05.2024	Y5 trip to Science Museum
16.05.2024	Reception—Happy Tails visit
24.05.2024	Non uniform day—bring bottles/tins for Tombola stall—Summer Fair
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



SchoolMoney

We have had an increase recently in parents wanting to pay for trips etc in cash. Unfortunately we are unable to continue to take cash payments. All of the children have been set up on schoolmoney.com for payments and you will receive a message when there is a new payment due. Please check to make sure you have your login details and password well before any payments become due. If you have any problems please speak to the school office who will help you. Thank you.

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	93%
Maple	96%
Palm	97%
Redwood	98%
Cedar	100%
Hazel	97%
Hawthorn	93%
Oak	94%
Acacia	98%
Sycamore	98%
Magnolia	98%
Mahogany	96%

Congratulations Cedar Class on 100% attendance this week!

Letters home this week

No letters home this week



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 an exciting week in Nursery! This week we have been exploring the story, Lulu loves Flowers by Anna Mc Quinn and Rosalind Beardshaw. We have been learning the rhyme; Mary, Mary Quite Contrary and we created our own character to use as a prop. In maths, we have been counting and matching different numbers of flowers to the correct numeral up to 6. We created some beautiful observational paintings of flowers. We are learning the names of the different parts of a flower. We are working hard to develop our co-ordination and balancing while moving through a challenging physical circuit. We are continuing to develop and extend our imaginations while participating in role play at the Garden Centre. Welcome to our new starters this week! Have a lovely weekend.
The Nursery Team

Reception

What a wonderful week of learning in Silver Birch. The children have been learning lots of interesting facts about ostriches. Some of the facts we learnt were they like to live in groups, they cannot fly and their eyes are larger than their brains. Ask your child if they can remember any other facts! Remember to come in to Silver Birch to see the children's facts hanging up. They are working really hard at applying their phonics knowledge when writing their ideas. In maths, we have been making arrangements with different 2D shapes. We had great fun creating animal puppets using card, tissue paper and wobbly eyes. We had fun on Friday morning completing different sport challenges with a partner. We were developing our throwing and catching skills, aiming and balancing skills. Please remember to read on Bug Club with your child. We hope you all enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend and we will see you on Tuesday!

Year 1

We have had an exciting and enriching week in Year 1, filled with learning and exploration. In maths we explored the concept of half in shapes and objects. As part of our history lessons, the children had the pleasure of learning about David Attenborough, a renowned broadcaster who is passionate about caring for the natural world. The children were captivated by his stories and inspired by his dedication to preserving our planet's biodiversity. In science, we embarked on an exciting journey to explore the life cycle of plants. The children had the opportunity to plant carrots and sunflowers, observing first hand how plants grow and change over time. As part of our topic on Funny Faces, we embarked on an artistic adventure to the National Portrait Gallery. The children had a fantastic time exploring portraits and discovering different expressions and emotions depicted in the artworks. It was a memorable trip that sparked creativity and imagination. In R.E., we learned about Islamic celebrations, including the joyous festival of Eid al-Fitr and Eid-al Adha, the children explored the customs, traditions, and significance of Eid, gaining a deeper knowledge. Have a wonderful weekend and the adventure continues next week.

Year 2

Good day to you, our wonderful Year 2 Parents,
It has been a delightful week in Year 2. We have sadly come to the end of our Power of Reading text in English, which was Rapunzel. However, the fun does not stop there. We reviewed the book for the author and the week culminated with us writing a re-tell of our story. In maths we also came to the end of our Volume, Capacity and Temperature block and we have started learning all about fractions. In geography we continued learning about Brent Cross and the different amenities that the area has to offer to its residents. In RE we explored different religious stories from sacred texts. In science, we continued learning about plants and what they need to grow. In art, we had so much fun making 3D flowers.
Please read with your child for at least 15-20 minutes every night. This will help make a massive difference in their fluency and comprehension. Don't forget that Year 2 girls are swimming on Wednesdays so please remember swimming kits. Many thanks and have a lovely bank holiday weekend.

Year 3

We have been exploring our grounds in Wessex Gardens and looking at our topic on greenhouses in art and design. We went on a walk around our secret garden where we were able to look at our swimming pool and the structure that covers it. It looks very similar to a green house, only with translucent glass. In maths, we have been looking at fractions and adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator. In English, we have begun to write our letter to the pupils of Wessex Gardens inviting them to our chocolate factory to explore the grounds. In geography, we have been investigating the effects of earthquakes on human settlements. Can your child list the impact that earthquakes may have on human settlements? In science, we are finally seeing our plants sprout and it's so very exciting, we are keeping a diary of everything we can see during the growing process! Please continue to access the homework online. Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Year 4

This week Year 4 have continued learning about podcasts in computing. They now know how to record, edit and link audio using microphones and the software, Audacity. In maths they've continued learning about how to use decimals and are making enormous progress in this tricky area! In English, they've been writing their own character's fictional journey using The Firework-Maker's Daughter as a structure. It's been wonderful learning how to tessellate shapes in order to create Islamic art designs. In science we've continued learning about habitats following last week's trip. It was such a treat to visit Clitterhouse Gardens. Everyone loved looking at the plants and thinking about how to classify them! In geography we've learnt about the different types of settlement and what services each could have. What a busy week! Enjoy your extra long weekend and see you all on Tuesday!

Year 5

The year 5s have been steaming ahead with using new SPAG terms, especially in their English lessons. They have been writing looking at text; reading aloud and re-reading text and sharing ideas. They have even researched on M16, and held a debate about whether a teenager should become a spy. They have had a lot of fun in DT: Food Technology, learning about 'eating within the seasons; and in geography learning about farming techniques and practices, not just in the UK, but worldwide. The students have noticed and seen the links between the two subjects.
Great learning again from this year group. Well done.

Year 6

What a fantastic end to mock week. We are very proud of our year 6's for their hard work and resilience. They have been revising and implementing their knowledge and skills into their tests. We are looking forward to a week of revision next week, as we draw nearer to our SATS, which begins on the 13th of May. Please ensure the children are accessing Mathletics and SPAG.com, as well as the other revision sites we have provided them with. The children's mock papers will be going home next week, so that they are able to revise some topics at home. We have now finished our topics of classification and frozen kingdom and are excited to begin electricity very soon. Remember year 6, we are very proud of you, continue being fabulous!

TREAT FROM THE CHEST



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

Silver Birch	Yahia
Chestnut	Hassan
Maple	Santiago
Palm	Ravin
Redwood	Sedat
Cedar	Enrico
Hazel	Natalia
Oak	Ramani
Hawthorn	Mariana
Acacia	Lisa
Sycamore	Stacy
Mahogany	Munai
Magnolia	Wassim

Congratulations!

Stars of the Week



Superstars of the Week

Igor, Silver Birch
Mohamed, Palm class
Ruqayya, Redwood class

Certificate of Merit

Afsa, Cedar class
Talia, Hazel class
Reagan, Oak class
Enam, Magnolia class
Daniel, Mahogany class

Excellent Presentation Award

Iviyan, Silver Birch class
Ilyas, Chestnut class
Kabir, Hazel class
Nabiya, Palm class
Rickai, Redwood class
Kahi, Cedar class
Olus, Hazel class
Annis, Oak class
Abdumalik, Hawthorn class
Rayhana, Acacia class
Victoria, Sycamore class
Kristella, Magnolia class
Maya, Mahogany class

Class Merit

Chestnut class
Maple class
Oak class
Hawthorn class
Acacia class
Sycamore class

Well done!