



Warden House Primary School

Irresistible learning for all...

Newsletter – Friday 9th February 2024

Headteachers' Message

As we reach the end of Term 3, we find ourselves at the midpoint of the school year. It's a perfect moment to pause and reflect on the wonderful achievements of our school community so far. It has undeniably been a busy and productive time!

Looking ahead to the second half of the academic year, we have a myriad of exciting events to look forward to. These include: the eagerly anticipated Year 6 residential trip to PGL Windmill Hill; the debut concert of our Year 5 and 6 Bold As! Musicians at The Duke of York's School in Dover; Our 'World Book Day' celebrations; and our whole-school 'Spectacular Sportathon'. Later in the year, we will hold our annual Exhibition Evening as well as our traditional Sports Days in the summer term. There's certainly no shortage of excitement in store! Our PTFA have another exciting initiative planned for next term too.

I'm thrilled to share some exciting news: our Trust Veritas MAT have officially given the green light for the full renovation of the old Year 6 building. A dedicated project manager has been appointed, and preliminary work is already underway. This building will be transformed into a "Community Arts Centre," providing enriching opportunities not only for our school but also for the wider community. Stay tuned for further updates as this exciting project progresses. We are going to need to undertake a fundraising campaign to support this work and more details will follow about this in the coming weeks.

As we begin the half-term break, I extend my warmest wishes to you all. May it be a restful and enjoyable time for your families.

Best wishes
Mr. Hackett

Warden House Science Day 2024

We had an amazing day on the last day of Term 3 as we took part in a whole-school Pfizer Science Day.



Children took part in a range of 'irresistible' activities all around the school site led by a range of staff and visitors. The day ended with a special whole school science assembly led by Pfizers scientists. This included a range of very exciting demonstrations and experiments that wowed the children (and staff!).



A huge "thank you" to our new science leader Mrs. Cleary for all of her hard work in organising the day – and a special thank you to Warden House parents Drs Sophie and Phil Peach whose hard work and support (along with their team from Pfizers) has enabled such an inspirational day to take place.

Term dates 2024 - 2025

Our new term dates for the next academic year are published on our website. [Click here](#) to view these on our school website.



Do take note of the fact that we have made the decision to adjust our dates in order to trial a two-week half term holiday.

Further information about the rationale regarding this is contained on the school website linked above.

Walmer Council visit our assembly

Last Friday, we were delighted to be visited by some special visitors from Walmer Town Council who came to present our "Christmas Choir" with certificates in recognition of their hard work when taking part in the 'Carols on the Green' event that took place during the Christmas holidays.



Thank you to Councillor James Murray and Marguerite Beard-Gould for taking the time to visit us to present these to the children.

Attendance and Holiday Requests

Our current whole school attendance percentage is at **94.07%**. This is an improvement on this time last year, however is still below the government target for all schools of 96%.

We completely understand that there have been lots of bugs and illnesses doing the rounds – however, we do ask for your support in ensuring that children are in school, on time and every day as much as they possible can be.



One particular issue that we are noticing increasing across the school is the number of families requesting to take their child out of school for a family holiday during term time. As per current government legislation, this is not something that we can authorise.

[Our current attendance policy](#) states that all requests for leave from school must be made in advance. Please note that absence can only be authorised in the most exceptional of circumstances.

We thank you for your support in doing all you can to ensure that your child is here on time, every day and ready to learn.

Staffing updates

We would like to welcome teacher Mrs. Underwood back to the staff team. Mrs. Underwood has joined us on a short-term basis to provide some catch-up interventions with some of our older KS2 pupils.

We are currently advertising for several positions within our school and Trust community.

- 1) Assistant Headteacher (SENCo)
- 2) Year 4 Maternity Cover Teacher
- 3) Senior Finance and HR Assistant



Please [click here](#) to visit the vacancies section on our school website – and please do share with anyone you know who may be interested.

Community Art Project Installed!

We have finally installed our large-scale art project created by our school community last term alongside local artist **Nova Marshall**.

Doesn't it look fantastic? Hopefully you got chance to see it during parents' evening last week.



Thanks to Miss Mann and Mr. Richards and Mr. Atkinson for their hard work in getting this sorted!

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to all who visited the Scholastic Book Fair in the hall during parents' evenings last week. The totals are in, and Ms. Burnley has reported that an amazing total of £1108.07 was taken.



This gives our school a reward of £554.35 that will go directly into buying new books for our library. Thank you again to Ms. Burnley for her hard work in organising this for our school community.

Bold As! Brass project

We were delighted to hear earlier this term that our music leader Mrs. Marcks has managed to secure funding for ALL of our Year 5 pupils to take part in the Bold As! brass project for the rest of the school year. This fantastic initiative sponsored by Kent Music and Deal Music and Art provides a real brass instrument to each child for the year – for free! It also provides a free weekly brass lesson with our visiting music teacher – Mr. Royston.



The children are already preparing for their first concern – performing alongside children from other schools and the fantastic White Cliffs Symphonic Wind band at Nye Hall at The Duke of York's military school in Dover on Tuesday 26th March 2024. Further details will be sent out about this early next term.

Please note, all Year 5 and 6 Brass musicians MUST have their instrument in school on the first day back after half term, as they will be visited by the amazing Phil White who will be running some special sessions with them.

Fantastic support

We have received the fantastic news this week that our friends at the White Cliffs Symphonic Wind Orchestra have chosen to financially support Warden House this year and our development of the old Year 6 building into a Community Arts Centre.



See the attached poster at the end of this newsletter for details of their next concert and do come along to support if you are free!

PE Timetable - Term 4 2024	KS1	KS2
Children should wear their PE kits to school on the days below next term:		
Monday	Year 1	Year 4, Year 6
Tuesday	Year 2	Year 3
Wednesday	Reception	Year 6
Thursday	Year 2	Year 4, Year 5
Friday	Year 1	Year 5, Year 3

Key Dates	
Start of Term 4 – Monday 19 th February 2024	
Swimming for Year 5	Thursday pms for 5 weeks
World Book Day	Wednesday 6 th March 2024* <i>*Moved due to class photos and Year 5 swimming</i>
Whole Class Photos by Kittle Photography	Friday 8 th March 2024
Veritas Choir visit to Pilgrims' Way	Thursday 14 th March 2024
Comic Relief (Red Nose) Day	Friday 15 March 2024
Rocksteady Band Concerts	Monday 18 th March 2024
Year 6 PGL Trip	Monday 25 th March – Wednesday 27 th March 2024
Bold As! concert Nye Hall	Tuesday 26 th March 2024
PTFA Easter Egg Hunt (TBC)	Thursday 28 th March 2024 from 2pm
End of Term Reports sent home	Thursday 28 th March 2024
End of Term 4 - Thursday 28 th March 2024 at 2pm	
Start of Term 5 – Monday 15 th April 2024	
"Sing to Save Lives" - choir concert at St. George's Church in aid of the RNLI	Friday 3 rd May 2024 at 5pm
"Spectacular Sportathlon" Whole Day of Sports for All Children	Friday 25 th May 2024
Year 6 SATS Week	Monday 13 th May 2024 – Friday 17 th May 2024
Year 4 Multiplication Check	Monday 3 rd June 2024 – Friday 14 th June .
Year 1 Phonics Screeners	From Monday 10 th June 2024
Swimming for Year 4	Every Thursday (Details tbc)
End of Term 5 – Friday 24 th May 2024	
Start of Term 6 – Monday 3 rd June 2024	
PTFA Summer Fayre	Friday 21 st June 2024
Swimming for Year 6	Every Thursday (Details tbc)
Exhibition Evening	Tuesday 2 nd July 2024
Whole School Transition Day	Thursday 4 th July 2024
Year R and KS1 Sports Day	Thursday 11 th July 2024 (pm)
KS2 Sports Day	Friday 12 th July 2024 (pm)
Year 6 Show Dates	Thursday 18 th July and Friday 19 th July 2024
End of Year Reports sent home	Friday 19 th July 2024
Year 6 Oscars and Leavers' Party	Monday 22 nd July 2024
End of Term 6 – Tuesday 23 rd July 2024 at 2pm	

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Term Dates 2024-2025

Term	School Days	Start Date	End Date	Bank Holidays that fall within the term
1	35	03/09/2024	18/10/2024	
Two week half term holiday - 21/10/2024 to 01/11/2024				
2	35	04/11/2024	20/12/2024	
Christmas Holiday – 23/12/2024 to 03/01/2025				
3	30	06/01/2025	14/02/2025	
Half term holiday – 17/02/2025 to 21/02/2025				
4	30	24/02/2025	04/04/2025	21/04/2025
Easter holiday – 07/04/2025 to 21/04/2025				
5	23	22/04/2025	23/05/2025	05/05/2025
Half term holiday – 26/05/2025 to 30/05/2025				
6	38	02/06/2025	24/07/2025	

Staff Training Days
<i>Children do not attend school on these days.</i>
30/08/2024
02/09/2024
04/07/2025

Please note that Warden House is classified as a polling station and is likely to be closed to all staff and pupils in the event of a local or general election. In this instance, pupils will be set work to complete remotely at home. We do not yet have confirmation of when these dates will be during this school year.



REAL FOOD FOR REAL ENERGY

Menu February 2024- March 2024

Whole School Meals		Week One		Week Two		Week Three	
REAL FOOD FOR REAL ENERGY		19th Feb, 14th March		26th Feb, 18th March		4th March, 25th March	
Monday	Option 1	Cheesy Pasta		Pizza Pinwheel		Home-made Pizza	
	Option 2	Tomato Pasta		Pasta Provencale		Vegetable Pasta Bake	
	served with	Garlic Flatbread Sweetcorn & Green Beans		Wedges Baked Beans & Peas		1/2 Jacket Potato Peas & Baked Beans	
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans		*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans		*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	
	Dessert	Frozen Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly		Frozen Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly		Frozen Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	
Tuesday	Option 1	Chicken & Cheese Quesadillas		Chicken Pie & Gravy		Breaded Chicken Steak	
	Option 2	*Mexican Bean Wrap		Veggie Pie & Gravy		*Cheese Puff	
	served with	Rice Carrots & Peas		Creamed Potatoes Broccoli & Mixed Veg		Herby Diced Potatoes Mixed Salad	
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans		*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans		*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	
	Dessert	Chocolate Cake & Chocolate Sauce Fresh Fruit/Jelly		Marble Sponge & Custard Fresh Fruit/Jelly		Syrup Sponge & Vanilla Sauce Fresh Fruit/Jelly	
Wednesday	Option 1	Roast Chicken with Stuffing		Sausages with Yorkshire Pud & Gravy		Roast Pork	
	Option 2	Winter Vegetable & Potato Bake		Quorn Sausage with yorkshire pud		*Veggie Meatloaf & Gravy	
	served with	Roast Potatoes Local Seasonal Vegetables & Cooks Choice		Roast Potatoes Diced Carrots & Cooks Choice		Roast Potatoes Local Seasonal Vegetables & Cooks Choice	
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans		*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans		*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	
	Dessert	Cookie Fresh Fruit/Jelly		Cookie Fresh Fruit/Jelly		Cookie Fresh Fruit/Jelly	
Thursday	Option 1	Burger in a Bun		Bolognese		Meatball Sub	
	Option 2	Quorn Sausage		Veggie Bolognese		Meatless Sub	
	served with	Wedges Cucumber & Coleslaw		Pasta Sweetcorn & Broccoli		Cucumber & Peas	
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans		*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans		*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	
	Dessert	Fruit Cumble & Custard Fresh Fruit/Jelly		Fruit Cumble & Custard Fresh Fruit/Jelly		Fruit Cumble & Custard Fresh Fruit/Jelly	
Friday	Option 1	Fish Fingers		Fish Fingers		Fish Fingers	
	Option 2	Veggie Nuggets		Veggie Nuggets		Veggie Nuggets	
	served with	Chips/Pasta Baked Beans & Sweetcorn		Chips/Pasta Baked Beans & Peas		Chips/Pasta Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	
	Option 3	*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans		*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans		*Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	
	Dessert	Cooks Choice of Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly		Cooks Choice of Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly		Cooks Choice of Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly	
 Suitable for Vegetarians		All items are subject to availability Bread , Salad and fresh drinking water are available with every meal All vegetarian dishes with * can be made suitable for vegans					
 Suitable for Vegans & Vegetarians							
 Contains Fish		www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk					
Whole School Meals CIC – Company Number: 5721609 – Registered address: Almond House, Betteshanger Road, Betteshanger, Deal CT14 0EN							

WHITE CLIFFS SYMPHONIC WINDS

present their

Spring Charity Concert

St. Mary's Church

St. Clare Road, Walmer

Saturday 9th March 2024

at 7:30pm

*Raising funds for Warden
House Primary School*



Tickets £10.00

to buy or reserve from the band secretary on

07961 772169

or on the door subject to availability

For further information, see the band's website at

www.wcsw.org.uk