

22 NOVEMBER 2024

NEWSLETTER

Dear families,

This week has been filled with excitement and achievements! Our students have shone on the West End stage, mastered essential first aid skills, and immersed themselves in art. We're also celebrating their academic success, with many students being recognized in the Book of Commendation.

Key Dates:

- 28 November 2024 – Sixth Form Open Evening
- 29 November 2024 - Staff Development Day
- 17 and 18 December - Christmas Variety Show
- 18 December 2024 - Christmas Dinner
- 20 December 2024 - Non Uniform Day
- 20 December 2024 - Term 2 Ends (Early Finish at 12:45)

Update

**** Exciting News! ****

Our new **Sixth Form Prospectus** is now available! Scan the QR code below to download your copy.



 The Whitstable School
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**SIXTH FORM
OPEN EVENING**
28 NOVEMBER 2024
5.30PM - 7PM

Bellevue Road,
Whitstable, Kent CT5 1PX

TELEPHONE: 01227 931300
WWW.THEWHITSTABLESCHOOL.ORG.UK

We are excited to launch new A Levels in History, Physics and Biology as well as a unique **Golf Academy** in partnership with **The Cave in Faversham**.

We are now accepting applications to our Sixth Form ahead of our open evening on the 28th of November. For more information please visit [Kent Choices](#)



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SCHOOL NEWS



A Huge Thank You for Your Support!

We're delighted to share that our Macmillan Coffee Morning was a huge success. Thanks to your generosity, we raised an incredible £181.33 to support Macmillan Cancer Support.

Missed Your Child's Flu Immunisation?

The Immunisation Service would like to invite parents to book an appointment at one of their Community Clinics if your child recently missed their Childhood Flu Immunisation on their visit to TWS.

Parents can book an appointment via their website on the link below, and clicking 'Book a Clinic Appointment':

<https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/immunisation-team/>

This link also provides other useful information regarding vaccinations and the Immunisation Service.

If your child was vaccinated on their recent visit, you are invited to complete the following surveys [Parent / Carer Survey](#) or [Young Persons Survey 11-19 year olds](#)"

TRACK Excellence Raffle Winners Announced!

Each Wednesday, the school will run a 'TRACK Excellence' raffle with three prizes for students. To enter, students just have to have seven or more positive signatures over the two weeks. Students with negative signatures are still able to participate.

Our first winners were Elkie YR7, Jack YR7 and Seth YR8.

Elkie chose 'Simply: The Brain' (a title published by DK books).



Elkie with her prize in the TRACK Excellence raffle.

Are You on TRACK?

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REMINDERS

****Engines Off * ****

To help reduce air pollution, noise levels, and respect our neighbour's, please remember to turn off your engine while waiting to drop off or pick up your child. Thank you for your cooperation.

****Fish and Chips Day****

Please note that Thursday 28 November 2024 will be Fish and Chips Day due to Staff Development Day on Friday 29 November 2024.

****Christmas Donations****

As Christmas approaches, please consider donating gifts for children in need. Please drop off donations at the school office by December 12th.

THIS WEEK SO FAR...

Our Students Shine on the West End Stage! ✨

Three of our talented students took to the stage at His Majesty's Theatre in the West End as part of the Stagecoach Performing Arts Whitstable & Faversham group. They performed a stunning Greatest Showman-inspired piece.

We're incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication!



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Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Students Master First Aid Skills

Our Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze students recently completed a valuable First Aid training session led by Mr Merchant. The students actively participated in practical exercises, learning essential lifesaving skills. We're proud of their dedication and commitment to personal development.



Swale Academy Trust Event - Art Fest

Six of our Year 9 students joined students from other East Coast schools for a special art event at the Turner Contemporary in Margate. The event, part of the annual **Swale Fest**, focused on the work of Anya Gallaccio. The students engaged in a variety of activities, including icebreakers and drawing exercises inspired by Gallaccio's artwork. These activities encouraged interaction with the exhibition, the local area, and their peers.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Exciting News

Our Christmas show is back this year! Expect festive cheer, unforgettable performances and holiday magic.

Tickets can be purchased via [Ticketsource](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk)



Our Christmas Menu is Coming Soon!

Our restaurant will be launching its delicious festive menu this December. Keep an eye out for more details!



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Give a gift this Christmas ✨

As the holiday season approaches, we are dedicated to ensuring that every child experiences the joy of Christmas, especially those in need. To achieve this, we are reaching out to our wonderful parents for support.

We are kindly requesting donations of Christmas gifts that we can distribute to children who may otherwise not receive gifts this year. Any contribution, whether large or small, will bring happiness and a sense of belonging to these children during this festive season.

Your donation can be a new toy, books, clothing, or any other gifts you feel would delight a child. If you would like to participate in this initiative, please drop off the presents at the school office.

NOTICE BOARD

Message about Reward Shop Points

When pupils spend positive points in the reward shop, this will show as a negative labelled 'reward shop'. This is to ensure pupils are spending their positive points to buy rewards and therefore will be deducted from the positives. This is not a behaviour issue, just a deduction in points. Any negative points which have been spent in the shop will show as '- reward shop'.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

Evidence shows that children's spending habits begin to form as early as seven years old. With primary schools in England not required to teach financial literacy, many young people are reaching adulthood without knowing the basics of budgeting. This guide explains how to teach young people about money in a practical way, giving them the understanding to become savvy spenders and savers.

- 1 PROVIDE POCKET MONEY**
Giving children money – even a small amount – can help them learn to make their own budgeting decisions about how to spend or save it. Research shows that teenagers who receive pocket money are more likely to become responsible with money than those who don't.
- 2 USE A PREPAID CARD**
Being able to pay for stuff is a crucial life skill, with banks offering pre-paid cards as an alternative to cash. These cards are easy to use and allow them to get used to spending, but they will only work if they are used in a shop or online. It's a good idea to give them a small amount to start with – you need to get in the habit of using it.
- 3 PRACTISE BORROWING**
Although official borrowing is only available to over-18s, banks and credit unions offer small amount loans to children from the age of 16. For a small amount of borrowing, they will check their credit score. It's a good idea to practice borrowing for small amounts to get used to the process of borrowing and repaying.
- 4 ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION**
Chatting about money and how much things cost will teach children that money is a part of everyday life and that it's important to know how much things cost. Encourage them to ask questions and to talk to you about their spending habits. Encourage them to talk to you about their spending habits.
- 5 DISCUSS THE PRESSURE TO SPEND**
Whether it's the influence of a friend or the pressure of a social media post, children can feel a lot of pressure to spend. Encourage them to think about why they want to buy something and whether they really need it. Encourage them to talk to you about their spending habits.
- 6 TELLING 'POCKET' FROM 'WANT'**
Learning how to prioritise spending is an important life skill. The all too common phrase 'I want it' is often used by children when they see something they like. Encourage them to think about whether they really need it or if it's just something they want. Encourage them to think about whether they really need it or if it's just something they want.
- 7 ENCOURAGE SAVING**
Getting children to save money is a good idea. Encourage them to save for something they want, such as a birthday gift or a special treat. Encourage them to save for something they want, such as a birthday gift or a special treat.
- 8 SPARK INTEREST IN INVESTING**
Encourage children to think about investing. Encourage them to think about how money can grow over time. Encourage them to think about how money can grow over time.
- 9 PAYING FOR CHORES**
This is a common debate with the right or wrong way to pay for chores. Encourage them to think about how much they should be paid for their chores. Encourage them to think about how much they should be paid for their chores.
- 10 PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS**
Scams are everywhere and it's easy for children to be tricked. Encourage them to think about how to protect themselves from scams. Encourage them to think about how to protect themselves from scams.

Meet Our Expert
The National College

Reverse Advent calendar

Help us get ready to help people this Christmas!

Simply add one item each day to a Bag For Life during the month of November, and please consider sharing the list with your colleagues and friends

1 box of cereal*	2 long life milk*	3 tuna	4 tin of ham	5 dried pasta (500g)*	6 Christmas chocolates*
7 baked beans	8 tooth paste	9 tin of fruit	10 washing up liquid	11 biscuits	12 peanut butter
13 tin of carrots	14 crisps	15 coffee	16 shower gel	17 tin of peas	18 deodorant
19 pasta sauce	20 tin of soup	21 shampoo	22 tea bags	23 mince pies*	24 Christmas pudding*

We will have collection points in early December, so keep an eye on our social media. If you have collected a lot with your school/group/workplace and would like us to collect, call our Operations Manager on 01227 936450 (option 4) or email warehouse@canterburyfoodbank.org.

If you need support, please call 01227 936450, WhatsApp 01227 501944 or email info@canterburyfoodbank.org
canterburyfoodbank.org



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- <https://www.facebook.com/TheWhitstableSchool>
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Best wishes
The Whitstable School Team



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