



NEWSLETTER

Term 6, Issue 3

19 JUNE 2026

Key term dates

26 June 2026 - Staff Development Day
24 July 2026 - End of Term 6
(Students leave school site at 12.55pm)

Stay Up to Date

For a full breakdown of daily activities and club timings, please visit our website.

TWS School Calendar

TWS Extra-Curricular Clubs- Term 6

Note: For detailed weekly event schedules, please refer to the dedicated section later in this newsletter or check the school website.

For our new school meals menu, please visit our website:

School Meals



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Option 1 - Attendance

Option 2 - Pupil Admissions

Option 4 - Main Reception

To report an absence or other attendance enquiries:

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NEXT WEEK - A TIMETABLE

Events Schedule (June 22 – June 26, 2026)

DAY	EVENT
Monday 22 nd June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exams • Year 11 Leavers Assembly 14:20 - 15:10
Tuesday 23 rd June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exams • Trust Event Swale SportFest - Peacehaven School • Year 6 Parent Information Evening 17:30 - 19:00
Wednesday 24 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exams • Shakefest 15:10 - 16:30 • Music Show Late Night Listening 17:30 - 19:00
Thursday 25 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exams • Year 12 Geography trip 12:30 - 15:30 • Stage Academy 15:10 - 16:30 • Year 11 Prom 18:30 - 22:00
Friday 26 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Development Day (School Closed to Students)

REMINDER

A quick reminder for all families as we enter the warmer summer months: please ensure your child brings the correct and appropriate PE kit on the days they have physical education.

We monitor the weather and classroom temperatures very closely. If it becomes excessively hot, we will contact you directly to let you know if and when students are permitted to wear their PE kits instead of full school uniform. Until then, standard uniform rules apply, so please ensure they continue to arrive in regular school uniform with their PE kit ready for practical lessons.

Thank you so much for your continued support in keeping our students comfortable and ready to learn.



THIS WEEK



Celebrating National Thank a Teacher Day

Wednesday, 17th June was a truly wonderful day at The Whitstable School as we celebrated national Thank a Teacher Day!

It was the perfect opportunity to recognise the incredible dedication, heart and hard work that our teachers and support staff put into our school every single day. The lovely messages from our school community made the celebrations unforgettable.

We also celebrated the incredible achievement of Mrs. Payne, our Subject Leader for Dance, who has been named a Silver Winner for Teacher of the Year in a Secondary School at the Pearson National Teaching Awards 2026! This national recognition is thoroughly deserved.



🔍 SILVER SUCCESS AT SWALEFEAST 2026! 🏆

Three of our Year 10 students—Nathan, Chloe and Skye—braved an early start to represent The Whitstable School at the SwaleFeast 2026 inter-school cooking competition!

Tasked with creating an afternoon tea menu, the team worked brilliantly under pressure in a hot, unfamiliar kitchen:

- Nathan crafted stunning meringue baskets served as an Eton mess with Chantilly cream and raspberry coulis.
- Chloe & Skye whipped up a refreshing raspberry slushie with boba pearls alongside homemade mini scotch eggs, tomato chutney and potato salad.

Their hard work paid off massively, earning a phenomenal 2nd place overall and missing out on the top spot by just a fraction to the host school.

Huge congratulations to Nathan, Chloe and Skye—we are incredibly proud of your talent and teamwork!



Year 9 Explore AI and Careers at KPMG

On Thursday, a group of Year 9 students visited KPMG's ultra-modern Canary Wharf offices for an action-packed day exploring the future of business and technology.

Highlights of the Day:

- Students kicked off the day with a thought-provoking debate on the ethics of Artificial Intelligence.
- Dragons' Den Challenge: Teams had just 30 minutes to design an AI-integrated hospital. The facilitators were blown away by their innovative thinking and teamwork!
- Office Tour: The day concluded with an exclusive tour of the stunning offices, giving students a true taste of working in London's financial district.
- Surprise Encounter: As an extra treat on the train journey home, the group enjoyed a surprise meet-and-greet with Stephen Libby from The Traitors!



Farewell to our Year 13 Class of

As the A Level exams conclude this week we want to wish our Year 13 students the very best as they officially begin to leave us.

They have navigated the pressures of Level 3 qualifications, exams, coursework and future planning.

Throughout their time in the Sixth Form, they have a genuinely brilliant group to work with.

Whether they are moving on to university, starting apprenticeship or entering the workforce, we have no doubt they will succeed in whatever they choose to do next.

Thank you to the parents, carers and staff who have supported them over the last two years.

To the Class of 2026: thank you for your hard work and your contribution to the school community. We wish you all the best for the future!

Note: Results day will be held on Thursday 13th of August. Further details on timings will follow!

Book of Commendation

☆ This Week's Celebrated Students ☆

Year 8

William, Ivy, Olive and Scarlett - A huge well done for writing and performing a brilliant revision rap song in Science.

DofE students

Imogen, Alys, Xanthe, Leila - Rose, April and Kitty - or creating an excellent activities book based on their DofE adventures this year.

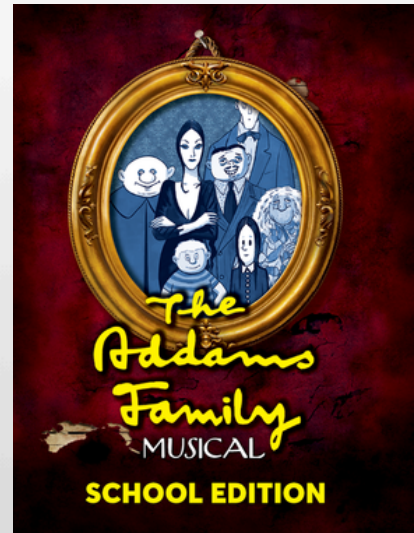
TRACK Winner:
Jake E (Year 7)

Are You on TRACK?
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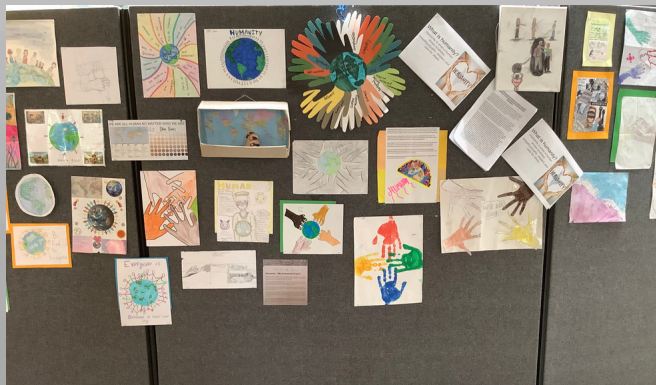
Congratulations to Jake for her exceptional commitment this week! By consistently demonstrating our **TRACK** values and accumulating an impressive number of positive points, she has truly set a fantastic example for her peers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Addams Family is moving into The Whitstable School for The Stage Academy Summer Show '26! It's going to be a graveyard smash. Tickets are OFFICIALLY ON SALE. Get yours now via [TicketSource](#)




From the 22nd to the 26th of June, the RE Department invites you to an exhibition of Year 7 PC&E pupils' work. The exhibition showcases their individual responses to this year's threshold concept, 'Humanity'. Featuring an impressive range of styles and media, it is well worth a visit—please do come along and have a look!




A-Level Film, Fine Art & Textiles Showcase
Mr Reeves, Ms Valentine and Mrs Connell personally invite you to celebrate the incredible vision and creativity of our Year 13 artists and directors!

 **17** Date: Wednesday 8th July

 Time: 18:00 – 20:00 (Doors open at 17:30, includes a refreshment interval)

 Where: The Stage, The Whitstable School

 What: A high-standard exhibition of A-Level Art and Textiles, alongside 17 excellent student films and category award prizes.

 Tickets:

This is a free but ticketed event and booking is essential.

 Book Tickets via [TicketSource](#)

We hope to see you there supporting our wonderful A-Level students!



Book Tickets Here

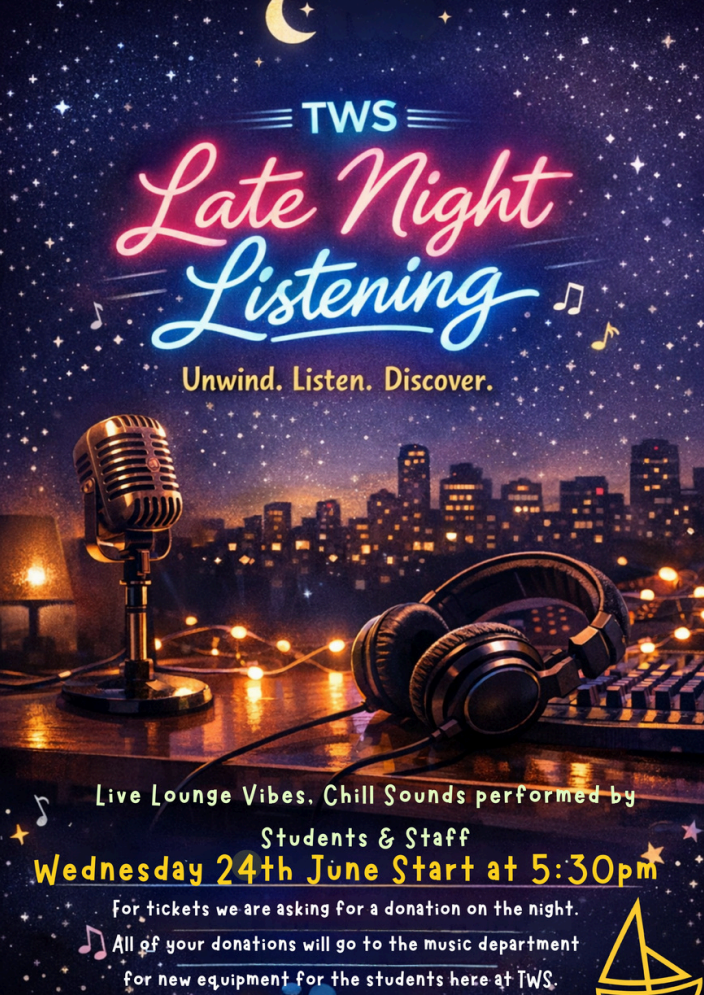
A-Level SHOWCASE

Come and celebrate the exceptional work of our A-Level Fine Art and Textiles students, alongside an exclusive screening of 17 incredible short films.

Join us for an unforgettable evening honoring the vision and creativity of our talented Year 13 directors and artists!

WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY
17:30 – 20:00

The Whitstable School – Stage



TWS

Late Night Listening

Unwind. Listen. Discover.

Live Lounge Vibes, Chill Sounds performed by
Students & Staff

Wednesday 24th June Start at 5:30pm

For tickets we are asking for a donation on the night.
All of your donations will go to the music department for new equipment for the students here at TWS.



SAVE THE DATE

SIXTH FORM COFFEE MORNING

TUESDAY 30TH JUNE
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

- Chat with Teachers & Current Students
- Discover Courses & Study Options in a relaxed setting
- Get a Feel for Our Friendly & Supportive Environment
- Enjoy Complimentary Coffee & Refreshments

REGISTER NOW!

reply to tws_sixthform@swale.at



KICKING OFF ON 8TH JUNE

WORLD CUP SPECIALS **LIMITED TIME ONLY!**

VISIT THE RESTAURANT FOR A TASTE OF THE ACTION!

All items available within the Free School Meal allowance. Available from 8th June to 18th July 2026. Try them before they're gone!



WORLD CUP SPECIALS **LIMITED TIME ONLY!** **GRAB & GO! INCLUDES...**

- RED HOT PICKS** 3.00
- POWER BITES** 1.35
- WRAP OF THE DAY** 2.75

GET YOURS NOW BEFORE THE FINAL WHISTLE BLOWS!

ALL WORLD CUP SPECIALS ARE SUBJECT TO ROTATION AND AVAILABILITY. NOT ALL DISHES WILL BE AVAILABLE EVERY DAY OR EVERY WEEK.

At The National College, our **WakeUpWednesday** guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, tips and tips, please visit thenationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SPORTS BETTING ONLINE

Sports betting online involves placing wagers on real-world sporting events through websites, apps, and betting through sports coverage, social media, gaming spaces, friends, or adult accounts. With gambling content increasingly visible online, parents and educators should help children understand the risks, financial impact, pressure, and how to make safer choices.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EASY ONLINE ACCESS

Online sports betting sites and apps are widely available and can be accessed through phones, tablets, computers, and, indirectly, gaming or social platforms. Some young people may attempt to bypass age checks using false details or someone else's accounts, digital wallets, prepaid cards, and saved payment details can also make ignoring barriers to notice, increasing the risk of discreet or impulsive betting.

PEER AND INFLUENCER PRESSURE

Social media influencers, online tipsters, and sports content creators can make betting appear fun, profitable, or part of being a committed fan. Young people may feel pressure to copy this behaviour, especially when friends talk about odds, accumulators, or predictions during matches. Gaming, betting rules aim to protect under-18s, but children can still see persuasive betting content in online spaces.

FREE BET OFFERS

Online betting platforms often use free bets, bonus credits, or risk-free promotions to attract new users. These offers can make gambling seem safe or low commitment, but they usually include terms and conditions that young people may not understand. A free incentive can lead to real spending, repeated deposits, or the belief that gambling is easier to control than it is.



NORMALISING GAMBLING BEHAVIOUR

Online sports betting can make gambling feel like a routine part of watching sport. Young people may begin to see odds, predictions, and wagers as harmless entertainment rather than as financial risk. This can also blur boundaries with other gambling-like activities, including loot boxes, skins betting, or casino-style games, making later gambling feel more acceptable or familiar.

ADVERTISING AROUND SPORT

Young people can be exposed to betting brands through sports broadcasts, social media, sponsorship, prize-ride advertisements, and content linked to major fixtures. Repeated exposure may make gambling seem normal, glamorous, or expected as part of the sport. Without adult guidance, children may connect betting with excitement, loyalty, and success, rather than understanding that gambling is designed to make money from customers.

CHASING WINS AND LOSSES

A winning bet can create excitement and encourage a young person to try again, while a losing bet may lead them to place another wager to win back the money. This is known as chasing losses. Because online bets can be quick, small, and available at any time, children may not recognise how rapidly repeated decisions can become costly and emotionally harmful.

Advice for Parents & Educators

START EARLY CONVERSATIONS

Talk openly with children about how betting works, including odds, losses, advertising, and the fact that gambling companies are commercial businesses. Use examples they may recognise, such as betting adverts during football matches, influencer predictions, or online tipsters. Keep the tone calm and curious, so that children feel able to ask questions, share concerns, and discuss pressure from friends without feeling judgement.

SET SAFER BOUNDARIES

Use device, app store, and bank settings to limit spending, block gambling transactions where possible, and require adult approval for purchases. Check payment history for unrecognised transactions, digital wallet use, or repeated email transactions. These safeguards work best alongside clear conversations, helping children understand that online payments are still real money, even when they feel quick, hidden, or invisible.

EXPLORE ONLINE EXPOSURE

Ask which apps, websites, games, sports channels, and social media accounts children use around the sport. Betting content may appear through adverts, sponsorship, livestreams, tipster pages, or discussions between friends. Watching a match together can help you point out gambling messaging in real time and explain how it is designed to influence choices, normalise betting, and encourage spending.

NOTICE AND SEEK SUPPORT

Look out for secrecy around devices, sudden interest in odds, requests for money, unexplained spending, mood changes linked to sports results, or late-night phone use. Respond with support first, then gather information and seek specialist advice where needed. Organisations such as GambleAware, GamStop, and the Gambling Commission provide information about gambling harm, education, blocking tools, and support routes.

Meet Our Expert

Hubba Goedert is a Senior Lecturer and the Head of Events at the University Campus of Sports. He is also the President and Co-Chair of the VideoGames and Sports Foundation, a charity that supports safe and inclusive gaming environments. With over 25 years of experience in sports, education, and media, Hubba is a global leader in promoting positive gaming practices for youth and families.



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