The Whitstable School

NEWSLETTER

Term 2, Issue 2

27 NOVEMBER 2026

Key Term dates

04 December 2026- Staff Development Day - School closed to students
18 December 2026 - End of Term 2. Students finish at 12:55.

Stay Up to Date

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

TWS School Calendar

Term dates 2026-2027

TWS Extracurricular Clubs Term 2

For our new school meals menu, please visit our website: **School Meals**



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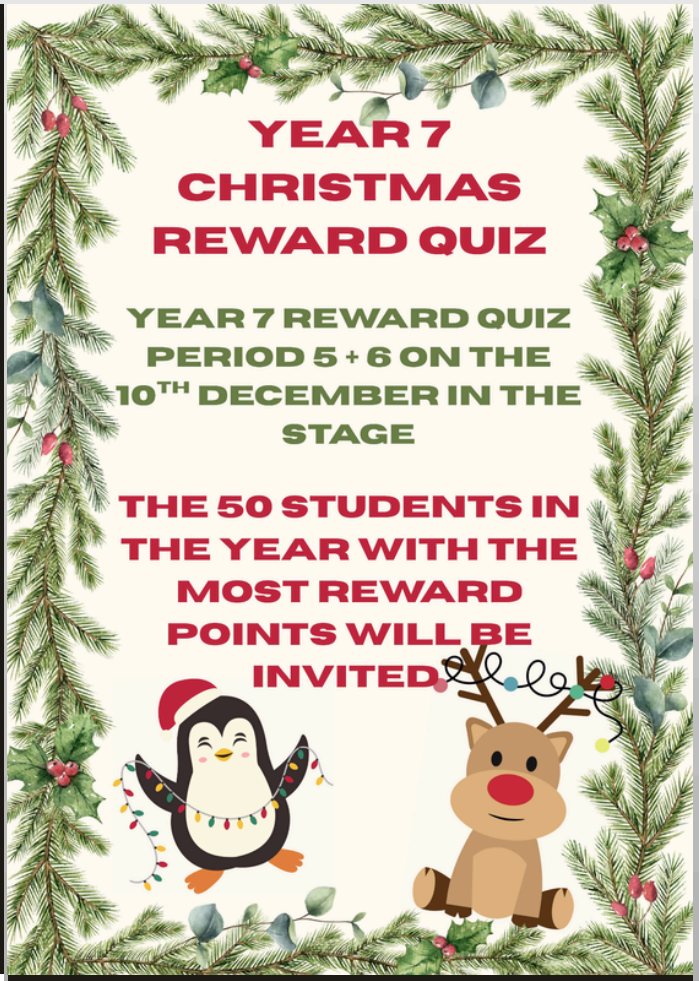
NEXT WEEK - A TIMETABLE

Announcements

Year 7 Christmas Reward Quiz! 🎄

To celebrate everyone's hard work this term, our Sixth Form Business students will be hosting a Year 7 Christmas Reward Quiz!
Taking place during Periods 5 and 6 on Thursday, 10th December in the Stage, this special festive event is exclusively open to the top 50 students in the year group with the highest number of reward points.
Keep up the fantastic effort and positive behaviour in your lessons over the coming weeks to secure your spot on the guest list!



Free School Meal Allowance (Friday, 18th December)

Because of the early finish, there will be no lunch service on Friday. Students who receive Free School Meals will be able to use their daily meal allowance during morning break on Friday, 18th December only.
Please ensure your child knows to collect their food at break time.
Thank you for your continued support.

Thank You — Sixth Form Open Evening

A huge thank you to everyone attending and all staff involved in making Wednesday's Sixth Form Open Evening such a fantastic success.
To view our Sixth Form prospectus, please click here.

Year 7 Christmas Reward Quiz! 🎄

This year, we are continuing to run our Christmas Grotto to support some of our most vulnerable pupils in school. We are kindly asking for gift donations from staff and pupils so that students whose families are currently experiencing hardship can choose presents to take home for their loved ones.

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to support over 50 families at school last year!

If you are able to contribute, please drop off any donations at Main Reception, the Safeguarding Office, or the Hub.

Thank you in advance for your kindness and continued support.





TWS Christmas Show

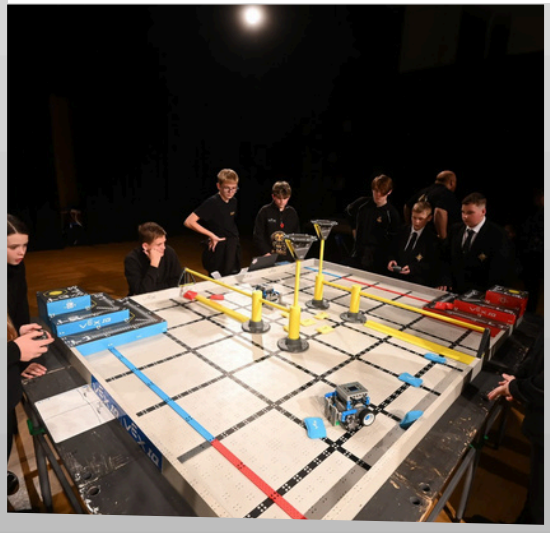
Join us at The Whitstable School on 15 and 16 December 2026 at 6:00PM for a festive showcase of music, drama, and dance celebrating everything magical!

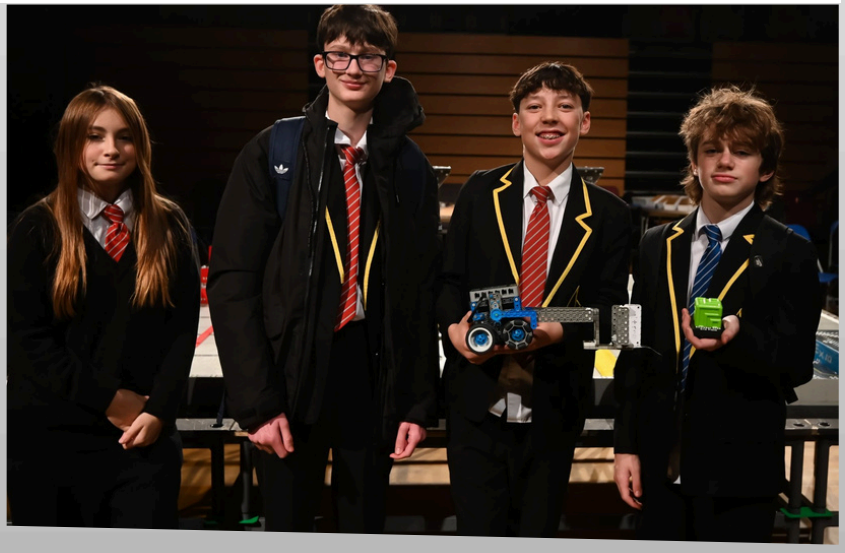
Tickets via:
https://www.ticketsource.com/the-whitstable-school

We look forward to seeing you there! 🎄

STEM Success: Swalebot Triumph & Regional Robotics Glory! 🤖🏆

What an incredible month of STEM for our robotics teams! On 11th November, students from across the Trust went head-to-head at The Whitstable School for Swalebot, putting their coding, engineering, and strategy skills to the ultimate test in an action-packed VEX Robotics challenge. Huge congratulations to Champions The North School, and well done to our hosts and Runners-Up, The Whitstable School, alongside a massive thank you to Mrs Donovan-Bayley, staff, and students for an unforgettable day of innovation and teamwork. This followed hot on the heels of our three Whimech Robotics squads advancing to the final rounds at the VEX IQ Autumn Regional on 7th November—finishing an impressive 7th overall out of 23 top schools across Kent and London! 💡⚙️
Catch the highlights from our recent Swalebot even here











Book of commendation

- **Harrison (Year 10):** Awarded for creating an exceptionally detailed and well-presented mind map for his Science research.
- **Rowan, Arthur, and Oscar (Year 10):** Commended for their dedication in entering the FutureChef competition, staying after school to prepare and cook two portions of a main course within an hour.
- **Sarah (Year 8):** Recognised for her creativity and skill in designing a beautiful lantern in Design and Technology.

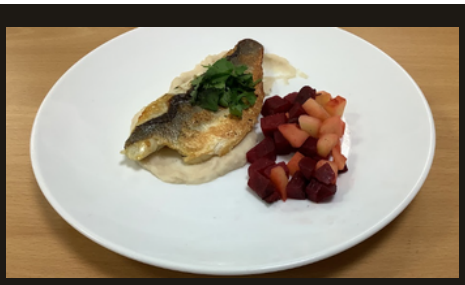




Young Chef Competition: Cook for Gold!

A huge well done to all the contestants in this year's FutureChef competition! Although we had a small number of entries, the standard of cooking was exceptional. Working against the clock, students had just one hour to prepare and plate two portions of a main course dish, which were then marked by a panel of judges against a strict set of criteria.

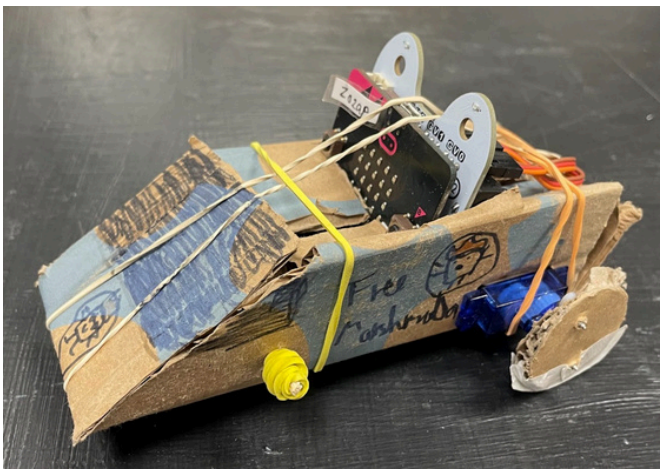
A massive congratulations to Arthur and Oscar, who achieved the highest scores and will now progress to the Local Heat at the North Kent Culinary Academy in Tonbridge. Well done to everyone who took part!



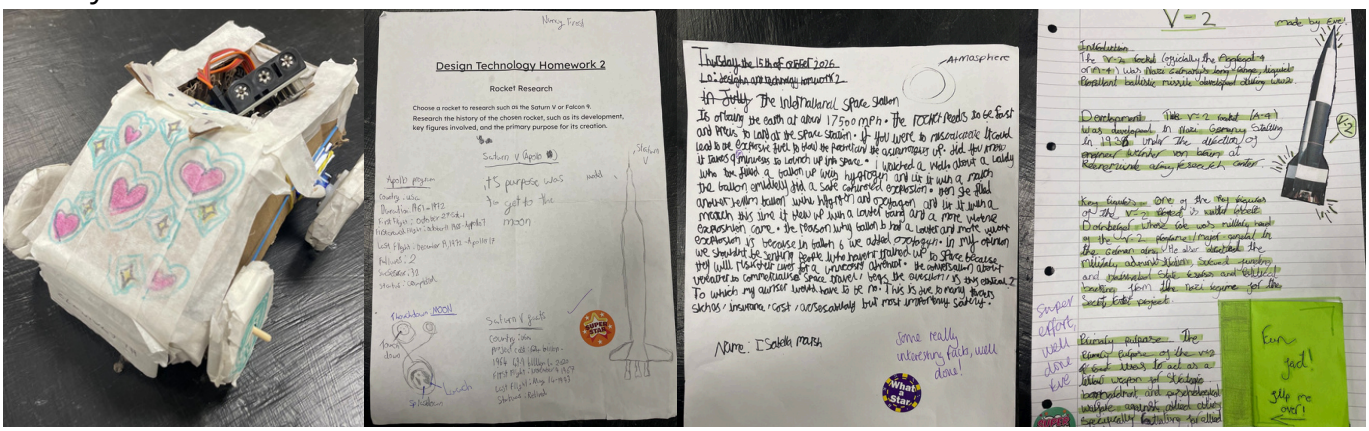




Year 7 DT Buggy Challenge!



Year 7 put their design and coding skills to the test this term by building and programming buggies to race through a maze! Huge congrats to our race champions Jake and Frank (clocking an impressive 48 seconds!) and to Audrey and Anastasia for winning Best-Looking Buggy. Shout-out also to Eve, Isabella, and Nancy for their brilliant homework projects on the history of famous rockets!



Smashing Targets for Movember!



Big shout-out to Mr Lowe (and his famous purple moustache) and everyone who has walked, run, posed for photos, and donated this Movember! The team has crushed its 1,000 km goal to reach 1,441 km—with Mr Lowe covering over 290 km himself through daily 10 km runs. Fundraising is currently at £664 of the £1,350 target.

If you would like to donate and support Movember's men's mental health initiatives, please visit Mr Lowe's Movember page: https://movember.com/m/chrislowe36?mc=1









8–1 Cup Triumph & Sixth Form Football Scholarship Trials!

Congratulations to our Football Scholarship Squad on their emphatic 8–1 victory over Brompton Academy in the U19 Academies Cup First Round, with goals from Stephen, Marli, Aiden and Albie.

Current Year 11 students interested in joining our Sixth Form Football Scholarship programme can sign up for our upcoming recruitment trials.







TWS Darts Open — Sign Up Now!

Staff and students are invited to enter the TWS Darts Open—and it's completely free! Head to the Maths Area any time this week to put your name on the sign-up sheet. Game on!



Unused Instruments Needed for Our Growing Music Department!

The Whitstable School Music Department is growing fast, with more students than ever choosing GCSE Music! To keep up with this exciting momentum, we are looking for donations of any unwanted musical instruments. If you have an instrument collecting dust at home that deserves a second act, our talented students would love to bring it back to life. Every donation makes a real difference!



Donate Your Pre-Loved Christmas Tree and decorations!

Show season is almost here! TWS STAGE Academy needs artificial Christmas trees and decorations to bring our holiday stage set to life. If you have an old tree or decorations to spare, please help us make our performance magical by dropping it off at Reception or reaching out to tws_admin@swale.at Thank you!



New Gardening Club – Donations Needed!

We are excited to be developing a new on-site Gardening Club designed to support the social, emotional, and mental health of targeted pupils in our school.
To help get this enrichment activity off the ground, we are looking for donations of gardening supplies. If you have any spare items at home – such as wellies, overalls, bulbs, seeds, compost, tarpaulin, or general garden accessories—we would be very grateful for them.
All donations can be dropped off at the school reception.
Thank you so much for your continued support!

Respecting Our Disabled Parking Bays

We kindly ask for your cooperation in keeping the disabled parking bays at the front of the school clear at all times unless you are displaying a valid Blue Badge.

Even stopping for "just a minute" during busy drop-off and pick-up times can prevent students, parents and visitors with mobility needs from accessing the school safely.
Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping our school community safe, accessible, and welcoming for everyone.

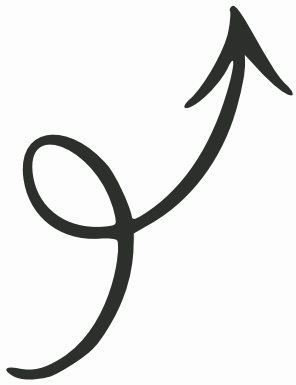
Careers Fair 2027 at The Whitstable School!

We are excited to announce our upcoming Careers Fair!
Join us as we help our students explore their futures and discover potential careerS.



Get Involved!

Are you an employer, practitioner or organisation looking to support our event and inspire the next generation?
We would love to hear from you!
📲 Scan the QR code on the poster to register your support



Have your say: Your Child's Future

Please take 10 minutes to complete the Your Child's Future questionnaire and help us shape our school's careers education.
Why take part?
Support your child's future success, share your valuable perspective as a parent or carer
and help improve careers support across our school.
If you have multiple children at our school, please answer with your oldest child in mind (you are welcome to submit an additional response for another child).
All responses are completely confidential, processed under UK data law by the Careers & Enterprise Company and used solely to improve careers guidance.

Complete the survey **here**
Have questions? Contact our Careers Team at tws_careers@swale.at
Thank you for your support!

In Partnership with Revival Food & Music

We bring you... **'Games Night'** in Revival Cafe. An evening of playing computer games with friends . PS5. Nintendo Switch . Bring your own device and play group games/and or tournaments.



When : 26th November. 4pm to 6pm.

Where : Free event at Revival Cafe, 58 High St, Whitstable CT5 1BB

Who : There are only 10 golden tickets to apply email charlotte.faircloth@swale.at



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📢 Important School Updates & Reminders

- **Parking & Student Safety**

To ensure the safety of our students and staff, please adhere to our site parking and driving guidelines. We ask that parents avoid using the staff car park and ensure all entrances remain clear of vehicles at all times. Please reserve disabled bays strictly for Blue Badge holders and maintain a slow, vigilant speed while driving on school grounds. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our community safe.

- **Community Respect & Litter**

We have received reports of littering and disrespectful behavior toward local residents. The School takes these reports very seriously; any students identified behaving disrespectfully or dropping litter, inside or outside of school grounds, will face appropriate sanctions and negative behavior points. We expect all students to represent our school with pride and respect for our neighbours.

- **Allergen Awareness**

The safety of our students is our top priority. While it is impossible to guarantee a 100% allergen-free environment in a busy school, we strive to be as allergen-aware as possible. We kindly ask for your support by ensuring packed lunches and snacks do not contain:

- Packaged nuts (peanuts, tree nuts, etc.)
- Nut-based bars (cereal, granola or chocolate bars)
- Spreads (Peanut butter or chocolate-hazelnut spreads like Nutella)
- Sauces (Peanut-based sauces like satay)
- Sesame (Seeds, hummus or sesame crackers)

- **Investing in Excellence: Support TWS**

We are launching a community initiative to modernise our facilities in Technology, Sports and Literacy. Every donation directly impacts our pupils' daily experience.
If you would like to support our students, please complete and submit our donation form. We sincerely appreciate your generosity!

TWS Donations Form



Thank You