

# Weekly Newsletter



Westgate C.P.  
School  
Inspire - Create - Learn

Autumn Term Week 12 Friday 28th November School Website: <https://www.westgatecp.co.uk/>

## Message from Mrs Kidd

I cannot believe that we now only have 3 weeks left of Autumn Term and that we have reached the end of November. We have already started to prepare for Christmas in school but once we hit December next week, we can go full steam ahead with our preparations to mark the festive season. For more information on everything we have planned, please refer to the 'Christmas at Westgate' letter sent out today.



Today, children and pupils came into school wearing non-uniform supporting next week's Christmas Fair. Thank you all for your donations of chocolate, biscuits and sweets. There will be lots on offer at the Chocolate Tombola thanks to your generosity.



We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Fair next week: Friday 5th December from 3.30pm. There is lots on offer - a raffle, Santa's Grotto, face painting, refreshments ... and lots more.

Christmas dates to be aware of:

11th Dec = Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas Dinner Day / KS2 Christmas Carols (2.45pm)

16th Dec = Reception Christmas Performance (9.30am) / KS1 Christmas Performance (2pm)

17th Dec = KS1 Christmas Performance (9.30am)

19th Dec = Christmas Service at St Peters (for children)

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The Scholastic Book Fair is back in school - thank you to those of you who have already visited and bought some books. The Book Fair will be open on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd December. It will run in the main hall from 3.30pm to 4.15pm.

If you would like to come along, please collect your child(ren) first and come in via the computer suite (down the slope from the early years gate) and exit school via the main office.

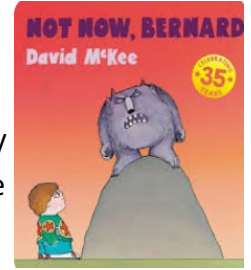
There are over 200 books to browse and for every book bought, you help to earn free books for our school! You can also browse titles online. As always, thank you for your support.



## What learning has been taking place this week?

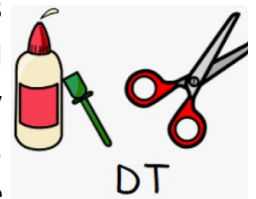
As always, there has been lots of learning going on across the school.

In Early Years, the children have enjoyed reading the story 'Not Now Bernard'. They made predictions throughout the story and were keen to share their surprise at the ending! The children then enjoyed designing their own monsters.



The children have made the most of the mild weather. During this week's lunchtimes, the children have been busy in the mud kitchen, have had great fun with some water play and have organised a range of ball games.

In Year 1 and 2, the children have started to design and decorate their memory boxes as part of their PSHE sessions. They have also been creative in their DT lessons and this week made mini basketball hoops using card, blu tac and pipe cleaners. They even tested them out afterwards using paper balls! They had great fun! In English, they are enjoying basing their writing on the book 'Tidy' and have produced some wonderful work.



In Year 3 and 4, the children have written persuasive letters on the topic of fossil fuels and renewable energy. They are very passionate about the topic. I think they would quite like a wind turbine or two at the bottom of the field!



In PSHE, the children have been thinking about what they are thankful for. There were some lovely discussions in class and some thoughtful ideas.

In Year 5 and 6, the children have been equally thoughtful in their PSHE sessions - they have been thinking about success and failure. In Science, the children have been learning about thermal insulators and carried out an experiment to see which material would keep liquid warmest for longest.



## Westgate Shout Out

This week's **Shout Out** goes to Aoife L in Eagles Class. Bury St Edmunds school were invited to enter the Town Council's Christmas card competition. Children were asked to design a Christmas card that the Mayor could use this festive season.

Aoife designed a beautiful snowman Christmas card and won first place! Next week, she gets to go and see her design being made into a Christmas card and will be given some of our own.



Well done Aoife - we are all really proud of you.

## ❖ You're Invited! ❖

Tea, Coffee & Chat  
with PINS - Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in  
Schools

- 📅 Date: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December
- 🕒 Time: 2-3.30
- 📍 Venue: Westgate CP School

Come along for an informal get-together with other parents and carers.

This is a safe space to:

- 🗣️ Share experiences
- 📍 Hear about PINS and what it means for our school
- 🤝 Connect with staff and families

What is PINS?

PINS is all about inclusion. It brings together health, education, and parent carer teams to build knowledge and understanding across the whole school - staff, parents, and carers - so every child can thrive.

Everyone is welcome - whether your child is neurodivergent, or you think they might be, or you'd just like to learn more.

We look forward to seeing you! ❤️



Westgate School's  
**CHRISTMAS  
FAIR**

**FRIDAY  
5TH  
DEC**

- Santa's Grotto
- Chocolate Tombola
- Games & Prizes
- Homemade Treats
- Face Painting
- Much more!

The fun starts at 3:30 PM -  
bring the whole family!

Raffle Prizes & Bake Sale Donations Welcome!

The poster features a red background with a string of lights at the top, a large green Christmas tree on the right, and illustrations of a market stall and a grotto at the bottom.



**If your child was born between  
1 September 2021 and  
31 August 2022,  
you must apply for a full-time  
Reception Year school place by  
15 January 2026**



You **must** make an application even if your child already has a place in a nursery class, pre-school or family hub

To apply for a place or for more information you can visit:

[www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions)

Information is also available from:

- The Admissions Team on **0345 600 0981**
- Your local school



**ST MARY'S**  
BURY ST EDMUNDS

**Christmas**  
Through the  
keyhole

Discover the story of  
Christmas through  
interactive displays

**Sat 6 Dec**  
Tours every 30 mins from  
1.00pm - 3.30pm

**Open to all ages | tea | cake | crafts**

For further information | [jennifer.aston@btinternet.com](mailto:jennifer.aston@btinternet.com)

The poster features a large keyhole shape in the center, with a white silhouette of the Nativity scene (Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus) inside. The background is dark with a glowing blue border around the keyhole.

**Dates for the Diary (new dates added are shown in red)**

2nd Dec = Rocksteady Concert

5<sup>th</sup> Dec = Christmas Fair

10<sup>th</sup> Dec = Flu Immunisations – catch up

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**20<sup>st</sup> Dec – 5<sup>th</sup> Jan = Christmas Holidays**

**5th Jan -- Staff training day (children not in school)**

6<sup>th</sup> Jan – children back to school

6<sup>th</sup> Feb = Number Day

10th Feb = Safer Internet Day

12th Feb = PTA Spring Discos

**16th to 20th Feb = Half Term**

5<sup>th</sup> March = World Book Day

13th March = Mothers Day Tea

17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March = Parents Evenings

20th March = Red Nose Day

24th March = Rocksteady Concert

27th March = PTA Easter Bingo

**28th March - 12th April = Easter Holidays**

w/b 11<sup>th</sup> May = Y6 SATs Week

**25th—29th May = Half Term**

Friday 17th July—last day of term

