

Weekly Newsletter

Spring Term - Week 4 - Friday 30th January 2026

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Message from Mrs Kidd

This week was National Storytelling Week and Mrs Fenn talked in assembly about the importance of reading, and reading for pleasure. Children and staff talked about some of their favourite stories. Our children read some lovely stories as part of our I Am A Clever Writer (IAACW) English lessons and reading sessions. It won't be long until we mark World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. More information to follow.

It was lovely to welcome many of you into school for this half term's Open Classroom session. The children really enjoy sharing their learning and are proud of what they have done in their lessons. The next Open Classroom session is on **Wednesday 4th March**.



Remember, if you are not able to come, please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange a different time to visit the classroom to look at your child's books.

Number Day – Friday 6th February

Next Friday (6th Feb), we will be marking Number Day in school. This year, the theme of the day will be numbers in nature. Mr Scott, our Maths Lead, has planned for some fun activities during the day including a 'Counting in Steps' competition for our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. Meanwhile in KS2 (Years 3 to 6), the children will have a live Times Table Rock Stars Assembly to crown a school champion!



The day should be an opportunity for some fantastic, investigative maths so look out for some photos on our school website and Instagram page.

PTA Disco – Thursday 12th February

The PTA Spring Disco takes place on Thursday 12th February. Tickets are now on sale.

Please refer to the letter sent out this week for more information.

If you have any questions, please contact the School Office.



What have we been learning this week?

Another week of engaging lessons. I enjoy visiting each class and the children are always keen to share what they have been doing with me. The WOW board outside my office is full of the wonderful things that go on at Westgate.

Our Reception children have been learning about British animals. They have looked at British woodlands animals and have had a focus on hedgehogs, They had great fun making their own hedgehogs out of clay.



In Maths, they have been looking at more and fewer. The children enjoyed finding out which fruit they like best. They enjoyed asking each child to vote and then counting the votes to see which fruit was the most popular.

In Year 1 and 2, the children continue to learn about the United Kingdom. This week in English, they have read the story of Finn MacCool and have written retells, using a range of time connectives.



In Art, they have enjoyed painting and printing. In Computing, the children enjoy developing their typing skills and like to see if they can improve their score each week. In Music, the children have enjoyed drumming this week.

In Year 3 and 4, the children have been reading the story of 'The Hare and The Tortoise' and have been writing a retell based on this well-known fable.



In Art this week, the children have enjoyed using collage to create still life images and have produced some wonderful artwork.

In Year 5 and 6, the children have been learning about online safety in PSHE. This also links to the computing curriculum, which frequently revisits this area so that the children know how to stay safe online and what to do if they have any worries.



In Geography, the children continue to learn about deserts. This week, they did some public speaking, talking about how people can use deserts. Soon they will have to think about whether they would like to live in a desert and explain their reasons.

School Uniform

We ask that pupils come to school wearing a school uniform, and in their school PE kits on PE days.

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Our school uniform is made up of a blue sweatshirt or cardigan and a white/blue polo shirt. These items should be worn with plain black or grey trousers or a knee length skirt/dress and black shoes or trainers. In the summer, grey or black tailored shorts or blue and white checked summer dresses can be worn.



Trousers, skirts and plain polo shirts can be bought in all major supermarkets and other retailers. These can be plain and do not have to show the Westgate logo. We also have some good quality second-hand uniform items for sale. Please speak to the School Office for more information.

PE Kit

For PE, we ask that children come to school in their kit which consists of a plain white or royal blue t-shirt or polo shirt, black shorts/ jogging bottoms and plimsolls/trainers. Children should not wear football kits for PE and we ask that shorts are at least mid-thigh length.



Tops and jumpers should be plain. We ask that children do not come to school wearing clothing with inappropriate images, logos or slogans. Children will be given alternative clothing to wear and will be asked to remove items that are inappropriate for school e.g. clothing with images of weapons, inappropriate terminology or offensive language.

Please also refer to our Uniform Policy, which can be found on our website. Please come and speak to us if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support.

Westgate Shout Out

This week's Shout Out goes to Ella and Jacob (both Y3) who played rugby against each other this weekend.

Not sure whether Bury or Newmarket came out as winners but this is a lovely photo of the two of them.

If you have something that we can celebrate in our Westgate Shout Out, please email the School Office with some information and a photo, and we will celebrate it in our newsletter.



Don't forget to send any medals, trophies, certificates etc. in for your child to share in our Friday Celebration Assembly.

Adverse Weather Procedures

It is wet and mild at the moment but the UK's weather is often unpredictable. In case of school closure due to adverse weather, information about Westgate being closed will be shared with you in a number of ways:



- Email and message to parents/carers via Arbor
- Notices placed on the school website
- Local radio (BBC Radio Suffolk) will broadcast information from 7.30am onwards

We will only close the school as a last resort. The decision would be made with the safety of children, parents and staff at the heart of it. Many of our staff members and some of our pupils have to travel into Bury St Edmunds and it important that they are able to do so safely.

We will always try to give parents and carers as much notice as possible in the event of us having to close the school.

Information about school closures is available on the Suffolk County Education website: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-closures/>

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

6th Feb = Number Day

10th Feb = Safer Internet Day

10th Feb = Y5 Buggy Malone at County High

10th Feb – PINS session for staff and parents (3.30pm – 5pm)

12th Feb = PTA Spring Discos

16th to 20th Feb = Half Term

5th March = World Book Day

13th March = Mother's Day Tea

17th and 19th March = Parents Evenings

20th March = Red Nose Day

24th March = Rocksteady Concert

28th March - 12th April = Easter Holidays

8th May – PTA Easter Bingo – note change of date

w/b 11th May = Y6 SATs Week

20th May (pm) – KS2 Sports Day

22nd May = Staff training day (children not in school)

25th–29th May = Half Term

1st June = Y4 trip to Whitlingham Country Park

2nd June = Y5 Construction Day at WSC

3rd June (pm) = KS1 Sports Day

4th June (am) = EYs Sports Day

11th June = EYs trip to Jimmy's Farm

12th June = Father's Day Tea

18th June = Y3 trip to Whitlingham Country Park

29th June – 1st July = Y5/6 Eaton Vale Residential

3rd July = PTA Summer Fair

Friday 17th July—last day of term