

Weekly Newsletter



Spring Term - Week 7 - Friday 27th February 2026

School Website: <https://www.westgatecp.co.uk/>

Message from Mrs Kidd

We have had a good start to the new half term and, as we say goodbye to February, it has been lovely to see some signs that Spring is on its way. There have been a couple of mild, sunny days, and with much less rain this week, the children have made the most of their time outside.



We continue to add to the outside provision, both in Early Years and for the main playground. It is lovely to see the children working together, using their imagination, being active and generally having a wonderful time outside at break and lunchtimes.



Thank you for your donations and support towards these projects. As the warmer weather arrives, our Reception and Key Stage 1 children will make the most of the gardening donations. They will be working on tidying and developing their outside areas – look out for pictures in future newsletters, on the website page and on Instagram.

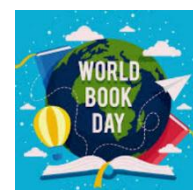


On Wednesday, it is our next Open Classroom Session. Gates open at the normal time and will remain open until 4pm. Please pop along to your child/ren's classroom to see their books and what they have been learning in school – the children do love to share their learning. If you cannot make it this week, please speak to the class teacher to arrange another time to see what the children have been up to.



Parent Evenings are also coming up soon (Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th March) – letters to sign up for appointments will be sent out soon. Appointments will be face-to-face and last 10 minutes. However, if you need a longer appointment, please speak to the class teacher or contact them via the School Office to arrange a time.

On Thursday 5th March, we will celebrate World Book Day in school. Children can follow the theme of 'Dress up as your hobby', come dressed as their favourite book character or come dressed in clothes comfortable to read in. We have a lot planned in school and parents/carers are welcome to come in from 3pm to read with their children – more info to follow.



What learning has been taking place this week?

The children returned from half term and settled well into lessons. Visiting the classrooms is a highlight of my day and the children are always keen to share their learning with me.

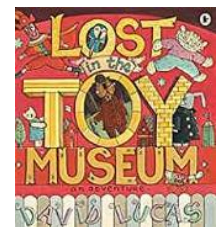
In the mornings, English, Maths and Phonics/Whole Class Reading happens across the school. In the afternoon, all other Curriculum subjects take place – Science, Music, Art/DT, RE, History, Geography ... and much more.

As we start a new half term, teachers will soon be sending out the Half Term Overviews and updated timetables. These can also be found on the website.

In Reception, the children have been learning about fruit and vegetables. They have enjoyed the story of The Enormous Turnip and have written captions based on the story. The children have talked about what is needed for fruit and vegetables to grow well. A highlight of the week was making funny faces using vegetables as a starting point – the end products looked great!

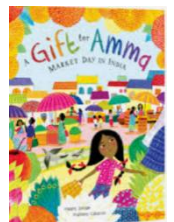


In Years 1 and 2, children have read the books 'Lost in the Toy Museum' and enjoyed bringing in a favourite toy from home as inspiration. In English lessons, they have rewritten a retell of the story and have focused on time connectives as openers (e.g., first, next, after that) and words ending in the suffix -ful (e.g., playful fearful).



In DT, the new unit will teach the children simple stitches. This week, the children used a range of different fabrics to practise weaving. I look forward to seeing how the lessons develop and the sewing completed in the final sessions.

In Year 3 and 4, the children have written retells based on the story 'A gift for Amma'. In their writing, they have used similes, prepositions, effective sentence openers and ambitious adjectives.



In Maths, the children are learning about fractions. They continue to practise their times tables, which is such an important part of the curriculum.

In Topic, the children are learning about settlements. This week, they have been learning about the different types of settlements and have been comparing villages, towns and cities.

In Year 5 and 6, the children have been learning about activism in art and have used their own deforestation artwork to share messages.

In Topic, the children are learning about the Vikings. This week, they have used maps to look at where the Vikings came from and where they landed in the UK.



Mother's Day Tea – Friday 13th March

A letter went out this week inviting you to the PTA's Mother's Day Tea, which takes place on the afternoon of Friday 13th March.



Please note that tickets are limited to a maximum of 2 adults per family group and can be booked via the Google form below. Please note that tickets for each time slot will be allocated on a first come first served basis and if one time slot is fully booked, you may be allocated tickets for the other time slot to ensure you and your child(ren) do not miss out.

Please book your tickets by Friday 6th March. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

<https://forms.gle/Bobv6h1RygtR99V39>

Parent Survey

This week, a link to a parental survey was shared with you. Thank you to those of you who have already completed it. It will remain open for the next 2 weeks so that more of you can complete the survey. We welcome your comments and feedback and thank you for the time taken to do this. [Survey Link](#)



We will review all responses carefully. Key themes and insights will be shared with you before the end of this half term in a separate letter. Your feedback will help guide our planning, strengthen communication, and support improvements across our school.

Thank you again - your input makes a real difference!

RHE Policy – consultation

Thank you to those of you who responded to the RHE Policy consultation. This policy has been shared with Governors and is on the school website. Please remember though, that at any time, you can speak to us about the PSHE lessons. We are happy to share plans with you and talk you through what the children are taught.

Clubs

We are continuing to try to increase the number of after school clubs offered at Westgate. We will update you when we have secured some provision for this.



However, I am pleased to be able to let you know about some lunchtime clubs that are taking place this half term, including TT Rock Stars for KS2 children (Tues – Fri), Art Club (Tues), Chess Club (Thurs) and BSL (Fri).

Westgate Shout Out

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. to school for your child to share in our Friday Celebration Assembly.

May be of interest:

FREE

tiny toes ballet

For 18 month olds to 7 year olds

Trial ballet class

Friday 6th March
1:15pm 18month - 2.5yrs
2pm 2.5 - 4yrs
4pm 4-7 yrs

Moreton Hall
Community
Centre

www.tinytoesballet.co.uk/suffolk

The poster has a teal background. It features a pink tag with the word "FREE", a girl in a pink tutu, a circular logo with two children and the text "tiny toes ballet", and a pink oval with "Trial ballet class". A QR code is in the bottom left, and a white arrow points from it to a small photo of a child in a white shirt in the bottom right.

CHILDREN'S CLOTHES GIVEAWAY

FREE Giveaway
for local families!

Location:
The Bridge Church
Saturday 28th March
12-4pm

The poster is colorful and cartoonish, showing a girl with a stack of clothes, a boy with a teddy bear, and various clothing items on a table. The text is in bold, playful fonts. A church building is visible in the background.

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

5th March = World Book Day

13th March = Mother's Day Tea

17th and 19th March = Parents Evenings

20th March = Comic Relief / Red Nose Day

24th March = Rocksteady Concert

28th March - 12th April = Easter Holidays

1st May = non-uniform day for Easter bingo

4th May = Bank Holiday Monday – children not in school

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