

# Weekly Newsletter



Spring Term – Week 8 - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

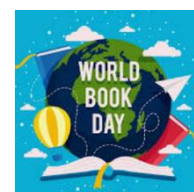
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## Message from Mrs Kidd

It has been a busy week in school and it has been lovely to have been able to share a lot of this with you. The children always enjoy the times when parents are invited in and are so happy to be able to share their learning with you. Keep looking out for more times for you to come and see what Westgate is all about.



On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, we celebrated World Book Day. I enjoyed visiting the classes to see all the different costumes. Lots of different activities were planned for the day and the children enjoyed the reading theme. World Book Day ended with parents being invited in to read with their children and it was lovely to welcome so many of you into school.



During Spring Term, the Year 3 children have linked their Ancient Egypt learning to dance. They have been taught Ballet in their Indoor PE sessions by Michelle Tinkley, who previously worked with the Royal Ballet School. Each week, the children have linked dance to the various aspects of Ancient Egyptian life – from the River Nile and the pyramids to hieroglyphics and the Gods worshipped.



This week, the children took part in their last session and parents were invited in to see the children perform some of what they have been doing over the last 6 weeks. The children all did a brilliant job and did a great job of showcasing all they had learnt.



A huge thank you to Michelle for coming into school and sharing her expertise with us. We look forward to welcoming her back next year to work with the current Year 2s when they are in Year 3.

Parent Evenings are also coming up soon (Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March) – letters to sign up for appointments have been sent out.

The booking system opens on Arbor on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 11am.

Don't forget  
parents'  
evening!

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 separate time.

### **Key Stage 2 (Year 6) SATs Information Meetings**

Parents/carers are invited into school next week a SATs Information Meeting. The Year 6 team will give information about what is involved in the tests and assessments, and how you can support your child to prepare for them.

The information meetings will last around 30-40 minutes and will take place on Wednesday 11th March at 5pm or Thursday 12th March at 2.45pm. Please come in via the School Office, where you will be asked to sign in.

If you are unable to attend, the information shared in the meeting will be uploaded to the website. You can also arrange to speak to your child's class teacher via the School Office.

### **Book Tokens – East Anglian Daily Times(EADT)**

To celebrate the Year of Reading, the East Anglian Daily Times (EADT) is launching a campaign that will give all schools the chance to win a share of £12,000 worth of books in partnership with Born & Read.



Tokens will be printed each day in the paper from 7th March to 16th May 2026, ready for pupils, parents and carers to cut out and bring into school. The more tokens we collect, the better our chances to win £750 worth of books or £400 worth of books. There is also a Bonus Draw and if we collect 1,000 tokens, will be entered into a draw to win one of 75 £100 book bundles. Please send in any tokens with your child/ren or hand in at the School Office. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **Farmer George Visit**

On Monday (9<sup>th</sup> March), we will be welcoming Farmer George and his tractor to Westgate. He is in school visiting our Reception and Key Stage 1 children (Years 1 and 2). They will go out to the field to look at the tractor and will be talking to him about farming, and of course, the tractor.



Farmer George will still be there at breaktime so our KS2 children will also have the chance to have a quick look at the tractor and be able to ask the farmer any questions they have.

### **Comic Relief – Red Nose Day**

We are looking forward to marking Red Nose Day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Look out for more information on what we will be doing in school. A letter will be sent out next week.



## African Dance Workshops

Following the success of last year's African Drumming workshops, we are excited to let you know that at the end of March, we will have African Dance workshops in school.



On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup>, each class will have a 40-minute workshop session. More information to follow soon.

## Mother's Day Tea – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

A letter was sent out last week inviting you to the PTA's Mother's Day Tea, which takes place on the afternoon of Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March.



Please note that tickets are limited to a maximum of 2 adults per family group. 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. You will be notified later today if you completed the google form last week and have been allocated a space (along with the time.)

We look forward to seeing many of you there.

## Parent Survey

Last 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 next week 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. 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!

## Clubs

We are continuing to try to increase the number of after schools 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 that there are a number of lunchtime clubs that children can sign up to this half term including TT Rock Stars for KS2 children (Tues – Fri), Art Club (Tues), Chess Club (Thurs) and BSL (Fri).

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

13th March = Mother's Day Tea

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

20th March = Comic Relief / Red Nose Day

24th March = Rocksteady Concert

25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March = African Dancing Workshops = more info to follow

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

1<sup>st</sup> May = non-uniform day for Easter bingo

4<sup>th</sup> May = Bank Holiday Monday – children not in school

8<sup>th</sup> May = PTA Easter Bingo – note change of date

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

20<sup>th</sup> May (pm) – KS2 Sports Day

22<sup>nd</sup> May = Staff training day (children not in school)

25<sup>th</sup>—29<sup>th</sup> May = Half Term

1<sup>st</sup> June = Y4 trip to Whitlingham Country Park

2<sup>nd</sup> June = Y5 Construction Day at WSC

3<sup>rd</sup> June (pm) = KS1 Sports Day

4<sup>th</sup> June (am) = EYs Sports Day

11<sup>th</sup> June = EYs trip to Jimmy's Farm

12<sup>th</sup> June = Father's Day Tea

18<sup>th</sup> June = Y3 trip to Whitlingham Country Park

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

3<sup>rd</sup> July = PTA Summer Fair

14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> July = Circus Skills Workshops

15<sup>th</sup> July = Year 6 Laser Quest and Leavers' BBQ

16<sup>th</sup> July = Bright Bites visit

Friday 17th July—last day of term