

# Weekly Newsletter



Summer Term – Week 1 - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

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

## Message from Mrs Kidd

Welcome Back! I hope that you all had a lovely Easter Holiday. We are now in the Summer Term and there is lots planned. Don't forget to look at the dates page of this newsletter – keep checking to see the updates.



It has been a great first week back and visitors to the school have spoken of a calm, purposeful atmosphere around school. We finished the week with the African Dancing Workshop for our Reception, Year 3 and Year 4 children. These have been great fun and a wonderful experience for all of the pupils. In July, we have a Circus Skills workshop for all children to take part in – more information to follow nearer the time but I imagine this will be equally successful.



## Assemblies

Our assemblies this week have focused on our Golden Rules and Learning Behaviours, with a particular focus on teamwork and kindness. Next week, it is a return to our 'Country of the Month' assembly. This half term, we will have a focus on India. Assemblies next week will look at a traditional Indian story, as well as other key aspects of life in India.

## Parent Survey

Thank you to all of you who completed the Parent Survey last term. There was a great update, with 103 of our families completing the survey.



We welcome your comments and feedback and thank you for the time taken to do this.

We are currently reviewing all responses carefully. We will share key themes and insights with you soon 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!

## School Site Updates

A gentle reminder that we are a no car site - this includes parking and driving on site at the start and end of the day. Please remember that you should not be bringing a car onto site at all at the start and the end of the day unless:



- you have a disabled badge, OR
- have made a prior arrangement with the office, OR
- have a Westgate parking permission badge for your car (please contact the School Office if you think you could be entitled to one), OR
- are dropping off for Breakfast Club/collecting from After School Club.

We also ask that you follow the one-way system if you do need to come on site.

For those of you who access our site by car, you will have noticed 2 potholes in the car park near Whirlybirds. You will be relieved to know that we are expecting these to be repaired over Half Term. We are liaising with Suffolk County Council to finalise a date.

Finally, some of you continue to park in the old ambulance station. Please be aware that this has recently been taken over and is now private property. As such, we ask that you park elsewhere and walk the last part of the journey to school.

Thank you for your support with this.

## Gentle Reminders

Please ensure you write your child/ren's names onto uniform, water bottles, hats etc. This and makes it much easier for us to reunite pupils with their lost property.



Children may wear a simple watch and stud earrings. Please do not send your child into school wearing dangly earrings, necklaces or bracelets. Not only is there a possible health and safety hazard but we would not like to see the jewellery getting lost or broken. We also ask that long hair is tied back and that make up is not worn.

Please ensure that children do not wear football kits for PE, even if they are attending football club on the same day that they have PE. Children should wear school PE kit for PE lessons.

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

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

8<sup>th</sup> June = Doorstep Theatre KS1

10<sup>th</sup> June = Class Photo 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

22<sup>nd</sup> June = Doorstep Theatre KS2

26<sup>th</sup> June = Year 6 Laser Quest and Leavers' BBQ

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

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

8<sup>th</sup> July = Y6 Production (afternoon performance) – more info to follow

9<sup>th</sup> July = Y6 Production (evening performance) - more info to follow

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

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

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July—last day of term

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Holiday Starts

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept = Staff Training Days (children not in school)

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September = children back to school