

# Weekly Newsletter



Summer Term – Week 3 - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

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

## Message from Mrs Kidd

It has been another good week in school and it is lovely to end with sunshine. In fact, weatherwise it has been sunny and bright. The children have been outside for both of their PE lessons and are thoroughly enjoying their lunchtimes.



There is a lovely buzz on our playgrounds. We continue to add to our lunchtime equipment and it is wonderful to see the children playing together, using creativity, teamwork and imagination.

## Deaf Awareness Week – week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> May

This week, Mrs Dalgoutte led a whole school assembly ready for Deaf Awareness Week. Part of this involved her telling the children about some of the activities they will be doing next week. These include some fingerspelling activities, designing their own hearing aid/cochlear implant, completing quizzes and looking at books with deaf characters.

Just in time for Deaf Awareness Week, we were delighted to hear that one of our pupils will feature in some CBeebies episodes.

CBeebies' Tiny Tunes launches on National BSL Day and Matilda (Y1) filmed some episodes for this new show, which have just been released on iPlayer. Each episode of Tiny Tunes features a different nursery rhyme. The episodes have a deaf presenter and are fully signed. Matilda can be seen on episodes 5, 15 and 26. If you are keen to see Matilda on the show, here is the link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/2026/cbeebies-tiny-tunes>



## Competition Winners

Last term, Miss Howe entered Westgate into the Big Walk and Wheel Dragon's Den Competition to win £300 to buy some balance bikes for our Reception children to use on their playground. She put a huge amount of effort into this and created a fantastic video, which the judges loved! This week, we found out that we are the winners! This is great news. A huge thank you to Miss Howe for her hard work in creating a winning entry!



## Site Safety

There have been reports of some children running around the staff car park at the start and end of the day. Please ensure that children stay with you at all times to help keep them safe. Thank you for your support with this.



We also ask that children do not ride bikes or scooters on the school site. This includes at the front of the school and coming down the slope from Hospital Road.

Please ensure that your child/ren, get off at the top of the hill and that they push their bike or scooter down to the bike shelters and that they do not ride them once at school.

Our playground is always very busy at drop off and pick up time so please ensure that your children do not ride their bikes and scooters on the playgrounds - we do not anyone getting hurt.

Also, a gentle reminder that gates close at 3.35pm. The playground equipment is very tempting at the end of the day, especially when the weather is nice. However, we ask that you exit the school site by 3.35pm so that gates can be closed. With a number of clubs using the playground and field now, closing the gates promptly means those clubs can start and ensures that the school site is secure.

Finally, we kindly ask all parents and carers to be mindful of the language used at the school gates, particularly during drop-off and pick-up times. These are busy parts of the day when many children are present, and they naturally listen to and learn from the adults around them. Using respectful and appropriate language helps us maintain a safe, positive, and welcoming environment for everyone in our school community. Thank you for helping us set a positive example for all our children.

## Planting and Gardening

Across the school, we are working on tidying our outside spaces. You will begin to see some beautiful plant pots, particularly around the Year 5 and 6 class rooms. The children in Gardening Club are also tidying up the area outside Butterflies Classroom, at the bottom of the main playground. These small acts are already making a big difference. Keep an eye out and see if you can spot these small changes too.



Can you help? If you have any spare plastic pots that you are willing to donate to school to use in Gardening Club, please send them with your child or hand them in at the School Office. Thank you for your support.

## PTA Freezer Fridays

Now we are in the Summer Term and with the warmer weather arriving, the PTA will be bringing back their Freezer Fridays.



The first Freezer Friday is today. The PTA will be selling ice lollies, choc ices and more on the main playground at the end of the day. Please bring loose change.

The next Freezer Friday will take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May. More dates to follow.

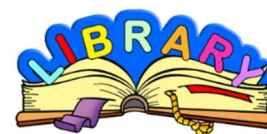
A big thank you to our PTA and to all of you for supporting Westgate.

## May be of interest

We have been asked to share the following information with parents and carers:

### Suffolk Libraries: School Readiness Bags

Suffolk Community Libraries has created School Readiness Story Bags that families can borrow to help prepare their child for Reception.



Every bag contains three books that aim to introduce children to the concepts of starting school and building empathy for new situations they will encounter. Inside each bag is also a guidance booklet for parents to read that answers some key questions and offers support for this next step.

Reading is one of the greatest ways to prepare your child for school and to begin having conversations around what to expect on their first days. These are free to borrow via this link: [Get ready for school - Suffolk Community Libraries \(suffolkcommunitylibraries.co.uk\)](https://suffolkcommunitylibraries.co.uk)

**Remember, we are not in school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May as it is a Bank Holiday. Have a wonderful, long weekend. See you on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May.**



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

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

Wb 4<sup>th</sup> May = Deaf Awareness Week – more info to follow

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

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

15<sup>th</sup> May = Y6 End of SATs Celebration – more info to follow

20<sup>th</sup> May (pm) – KS2 Sports Day – more info to follow

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