

Weekly Newsletter



Summer Term – Week 4: Friday 8th May 2026

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

Message from Mrs Kidd

We are already over halfway through this half term. Next week, our Year 6s will sit their SATs. The children have worked extremely hard all year and have shown amazing courage and resilience in their learning. They have made good progress and have been a great cohort. We wish them all the best next week and are very proud of them.



Deaf Awareness Week

This week in school, we have marked Deaf Awareness Week. The children have enjoyed fingerspelling and designing their own hearing aids and cochlear implants.



The weekly BSL Club is also proving to be popular – a big thank you to Mrs Dalgoutte, our Teacher of the Deaf, for running this club.

Happy Birthday Sir David Attenborough

We have also been celebrating the 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough. This week's assemblies have focused on him, his life, what he has done for wildlife and conservation, and why he is such a national treasure. He has been part of our lives and it is lovely to see how he is also important to Westgate pupils.



Free School Meal Vouchers

Please note, we have received confirmation that Suffolk County Council will again be providing parents/carers of children who are in receipt of benefits related free school meals with a supermarket voucher to help with the cost of food during May half term. As previously, this will be a £15 voucher for each eligible child.

Due to cuts in funding they are unable at this stage to confirm whether this will continue in future holiday periods.

Vouchers must be used within two months or they will expire and will be sent out by email by Thursday 21st May 2026 (from the email, noreponse@vouchers.pluxee.uk). Should you not receive your voucher or have any questions, please contact the Free School Meal team at freeschoolsmeals@suffolk.gov.uk who will be able to assist.

What have we been learning this week?

I enjoy visiting all the classes each day to see the learning going on across the school. It is lovely to see the children's engagement and their pride in what they are doing.

Early Years

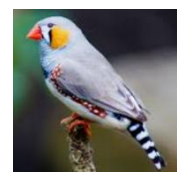
With the weather as warm as it has been this week, our Reception children have been enjoying their time outside. The digging area in the Early Years Outside Area has always been popular and this week, there has been a new project for the children to get stuck into – their very own mini pond! Everyone has been working hard to make the pond and it is looking great. Thank you for your donations.



Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)

In Maths this week, the Year 1 and 2 children have been finding half and quarter of a variety of shapes. This has also involved them investigating shapes to see whether they can be halved or quartered. They have also been learning to tell the time and have been revising o'clock, half past and quarter to/past.

In Art, the children have started work on their bird sculptures. They will be working on these for the next couple of weeks. The sculptures are already taking shape and I look forward to seeing the final products soon.



Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)

In Year 3 and 4, the children have also been working on 'Time' and continue to practise their times tables. In music, they have had great fun and made lots of noise! The Year 3s have been using the recorders, whilst the Year 4s have been drumming.

In Geography, they are learning about rivers. So far, they have learnt about the water cycle and how rivers are formed. This week, they have identified different rivers of the world and located them on maps.



Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6)

In Year 5 and 6, the children are learning about the Tudors. In DT, they are making Tudor Roses out of clay. Meanwhile, in History they are learning about Henry VIII's wives, in particular Anne Boleyn.



In Science, they are learning about how the heart rate of animals are related to size – they looked at the blue whale compared to the humming bird.

Open Classroom – please note change of day

We look forward to welcoming you into school on Wednesday 13th May for our next Open Classroom Session. Gates will stay open until 4pm. This is always a great opportunity to see what your child has been learning across the Curriculum.



If you cannot make this date, please speak to the class teacher to arrange another time to pop in to look at your child's books.

Sports Days 2026

It is the that time of the year when we begin to think about Sports Days. This year, they will again take place in May or June in the hope that the weather will not be too hot. It also means that if we do have to postpone, we will have dates during the final half term to pick from. In the meantime, we will keep an eye on the weather – let's keep our fingers crossed that the weather for the days we have picked stay dry!

More information will be sent out but here are the dates for the Sports Days:

Wednesday 21st May (afternoon) = KS2 Sports Day (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)

Wednesday 3rd May (afternoon) = KS1 Sports Day (Years 1 and 2)

Thursday 4th June (morning) = Reception Sports Day

As with previous Sports Days, the children will complete a number of different events, such as running, skipping, egg and spoon, and hurdles. Parents will be able to watch each event by following the classes, around the outside of the field. A space for parents will be clearly marked out.

On the Sports Days, we ask that your child/ren come to school in their PE kit (plain T-shirt, plain black/navy shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers). Each child will be put into a team (Blue, Red, Green or Yellow) and nearer the time, their class teacher will send a note home telling you their team colour. We would be grateful if their plain T-shirt matched their team colour, where possible.

We look forward to welcoming you all on these days.



PTA Freezer Fridays

The next PTA Freezer Friday will take place on Friday 15th May.

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.

Year 5 and 6 children with walk to school permission and children travelling in by taxi will have the chance to buy something before the end of the day.

More dates to follow.

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



May be of interest

BOUNCE INTO FAMILY FUN

From action-packed Adventure Days, to Crash Courses, we've got all that it takes to keep children entertained this May half term.

- Ⓞ Crash Courses*
- Ⓞ Soft Play
- Ⓞ XHeight
- Ⓞ Swimming
- Ⓞ Bouncy Castle*
- Ⓞ Explore Outdoor
- Ⓞ Racquet Sports
- Ⓞ Junior Gym

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FREE course for parents/carers of children attending Primary schools in Bury St Edmunds and surrounding areas.

- ✓ **Build Confidence and Skills**
Gain practical tools to handle everyday parenting challenges calmly and with confidence.
- ✓ **Support Your Own Wellbeing**
You can't pour from an empty cup. This course gives you space to focus on your mental, emotional, and physical wellbeing, helping prevent burnout, by developing habits that positively impact you and your family.
- ✓ **Connect free from judgment**
You'll meet other parents on similar journeys, sharing experiences and ideas - you're not alone!

*Subsidised travel may be available to those in receipt of benefits.

WHEN:
Thursday Mornings
04/06/26 – 16/07/26
9.45am to 12pm

WHERE:
Active Business Centre,
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Saint Edmunds
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BOOK YOUR FREE SPACE

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

w/b 11th May = Y6 SATs Week

15th May = Y6 End of SATs Celebration

20th May (pm) – KS2 Sports Day – more info to follow

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

8th June = Doorstep Theatre KS1

10th June = Class Photo Day

11th June = EYs trip to Jimmy's Farm

12th June = Father's Day Tea

18th June = Y3 trip to Whitlingham Country Park

22nd June = Doorstep Theatre KS2

26th June = Year 6 Laser Quest and Leavers' BBQ

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

3rd July = PTA Summer Fair

8th July = Y6 Production (afternoon performance) – more info to follow

9th July = Y6 Production (evening performance) - more info to follow

14th and 15th July = Circus Skills Workshops

16th July = Bright Bites visit

Friday 17th July—last day of term

Monday 20th July – Summer Holiday Starts

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

Thursday 3rd September = children back to school