

# Weekly Newsletter



Summer Term – Week 5: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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

## Message from Mrs Kidd

This week was SATs Week for our Year 6 children. We are extremely proud of them - they continued to follow the Westgate Learning Behaviours and tried their best throughout the week. We receive the results in July and will share them alongside their End of Year reports.



The Year 6s enjoyed their end of SATs celebration – a picnic, time to chill and lots of fun. A big thank you to the PTA for their donation of doughnuts.



Next week is the turn of Year 2s but we wanted to reassure you that these assessments are designed to be very low-key and should feel like a normal part of the school day for the children. The SATs help teachers understand how children are progressing in reading and maths, alongside the day-to-day work they complete in class. They are carried out in a familiar environment, with staff the children know well, and there is no expectation for children to revise or feel any pressure around them. We present the activities in a calm, positive and age-appropriate way, often without the children even realising they are completing an assessment. Our priority is that they feel happy, confident and supported.

The most helpful thing you can do at home is continue with normal routines: plenty of sleep, a good breakfast, reading together, and lots of encouragement. Every child develops at their own pace, and these assessments are only one small part of the wider picture of their learning and progress.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

## Open Classroom

It was lovely to see many of you come to this week's Open Classroom Session. These are always a great opportunity to see what your child has been learning across the Curriculum and the children really enjoy sharing what they have been learning.



If you were unable to make this date, please speak to the class teacher to arrange another time to pop in to look at your child's books. There will another Open Classroom session next Half Term – we hope to see many of you then.

## What have we been learning this week?

It has been another good week in school and with lots of learning going on. The children always enjoy sharing their work and telling me what they have been doing in class.

### Early Years

In Reception, the children have been learning about 'Space'. They have enjoyed finding out about the different planets and looking at the Planet Song. The children have been looking at what it is like to live in space and came up with some great questions they wanted to find the answers to.



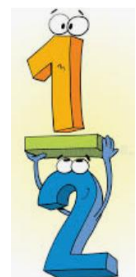
With Sports Day also coming up after Half Term, the children have been practising some of the events. This week, they have had a go at the obstacle race, beanbag fetch and unihoc. We are all really looking forward to seeing them in action on the day.

### Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)

The Year 1 and 2 children have been learning about Judaism. This week, they looked at photos of synagogues and talked about what they could see in the pictures.

In PSHE, the children learnt about the emergency services and worked together to decide which scenarios needed a 999 call.

In Maths, the children continue their work on fractions. This week, they have been recognising and finding a half, a quarter and a third of amounts and shapes.



### Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)

In Maths, the Year 3 children have been working on time, specifically converting minutes into seconds. This has been a good way to test their knowledge of the 6 times tables. Meanwhile in Year 4, they have been looking at fractions and decimals. Both Year Groups continue to work on their arithmetic and times tables fluency.



### Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6)

In Science, the children have been investigating what happens to their heart rate during exercise. In English, they are writing explanation texts about the circulatory system. Children in Kestrels have been writing biographies about Sir David Attenborough.



In Maths, children in Year 5 have been adding and subtracting decimal numbers. Post SATs, the Year 6s had great fun making 'Angle Bangles'.

## 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 20th May (afternoon) = KS2 Sports Day (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June (afternoon) = KS1 Sports Day (Years 1 and 2)

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Westgate Shout Out

In today's Celebration Assembly, we were lucky enough to be able to celebrate lots of achievements in school and out of school – football, horse riding and more!



Leo in Year 6 brought his Taekwondo certificate and belt for the celebration assembly this afternoon and is our Shout Out for this week.

Leo has been doing Taekwondo since September and is currently in training for his fourth belt (yellow/green). He works really hard to practice the moves and is also learning a little bit of the Korean language. Well done Leo!

If you would like your child to feature in our Westgate Shout Out, please send a photo and some information about their achievement to the School Office: [admin@westgatecp.co.uk](mailto:admin@westgatecp.co.uk).



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

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

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