

Weekly Newsletter

Summer Term – Week 6: Friday 22nd May 2026

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Message from Mrs Kidd

We come to the end of another Half Term and now there is only one to go until the end of the school year – where has the time gone?!!

Unfortunately, we made the difficult decision this week to cancel the KS2 Sports Day as it was forecast to rain. In typical UK style, the weather was not at all what was predicted and we had a dry, albeit gusty, day. However, we look forward to welcoming you on Thursday 4th June instead – let's hope it stays dry again for us! See later in the newsletter for more information.



Following on from SATS for our Year 6s, this week was the turn of the Year 2s to complete their SATS. The adults did a great job of keeping them low key but we are extremely proud of the children who followed the Westgate Learning Behaviours and tried their best throughout the week.

Coming up after Half Term, the Year 4s will complete the Multiplication Check Tests and the Year 1s will complete their Phonics Screening Checks. Both year groups have been working hard on these and have practised the tests over the course of the year. Please speak to the class teachers if you have any questions about either of these.

We have a number of Young Carers and Service Children at Westgate. Today, they had great fun at their half termly workshops, led by Mrs Spencer and Miss Clifton. They enjoyed decorating biscuits – and enjoyed eating them even more! The children are already looking forward to their next sessions.



Finally, Miss Buono gets married next week. When she returns to school after half term, she will no longer be Miss Buono. We will welcome her back as Mrs East. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mr and Mrs East all the very best.



What have we been learning this week?

In preparation for the upcoming Sports Days (see next page), all classes have been outside practising for the different events. The children are really looking forward to it and we all look forward to welcoming you into school to cheer the children on. However, it is not just about the Sports Days – lots of other learning has been going on in school too!

Early Years (Reception)

In Reception, the children have been learning about the world's oceans. In particular, they have been learning about how we can look after our oceans. The children have been reading the book 'Somebody swallowed Stanley' and finding out about pollution in the seas. Stanley is a carrier bag and his story has inspired them to create their own posters about saving our seas.



Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)

The Year 1 and 2 children have been continuing their bird sculptures, which are really taking shape. I look forward to seeing their final creations soon!

In Science lessons, the children are really enjoying learning about different habitats. They have made wormeries and this week had great fun looking for woodlice! We are very lucky with our school grounds and there are many spots for the children to explore.



Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)

The children have been learning about the water cycle and in English this week, have written poems based on this. They have used a range of features in their poems, such as similes, personification and onomatopoeia!



In Music, the children enjoyed performing their end of unit pieces to their class teacher. They have really enjoyed the drumming and recorder sessions, and did a great job of showcasing their hard work.

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6)

In Year 5, children in Kestrels have completed their biographies of Sir David Attenborough. These have been wonderful to read and the children have presented their final pieces beautifully.

In History, the children continue to learn all about the Tudors and in art are completing their clay Tudor roses. These are looking very impressive and the children are taking such care and showing real pride in their work, which is always lovely to see.



Sports Days 2026

It is that time of the year when we begin to think about Sports Days. This year, they will again take place in early June in the hope that the weather will not be too hot. It also means that if we do have to postpone, we will still have other dates 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! Please refer to the letter sent out for more information.

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

Thursday 4th June (morning) = Reception Sports Day

Thursday 4th June (afternoon) = KS2 Sports Day (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)



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

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.



Children are also welcome to bring in certificates, medals, trophies to share in our weekly Celebration Assembly. These take place on Fridays. It is always lovely to be able to celebrate the wonderful things Westgate pupils accomplish.

Special Menu

To mark World Ocean Day on Monday 8th June, there is a special menu for that day – see below. Thank you to our kitchen team for their continued hard work.

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Date: Monday 8th June

Flipper Margherita Pizza
or
Seashell Tuna Pasta with
Diced Sea-soned Potatoes
-
Coral Reef Salad Bar

to finish

Starfish Shortbread Biscuit
&
Ocean Deep Jelly (Fish)

(Baked Potatoes and Packed Lunches Available)

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

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

4th June (pm) = KS2 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