

Weekly Newsletter



Summer Term – Week 7: Friday 5th June 2026

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

Message from Mrs Kidd

It is hard to believe that we are now on the last stretch of this academic year and that there are only six weeks left until the summer holidays!



There is lots planned for the remaining time – please refer to the 'Dates' page at the end of the newsletter. Any letters sent out for any of these events will be on the website.

Unfortunately, we had to again make the difficult decision to cancel our Sports Days. This week, we have had sunshine, wind, rain and thunder and lightning! Let's hope that the weather stays kind to us on the new dates - see later in the newsletter for more information.

Over the next two weeks, the Year 4s will complete the Multiplication Check Test 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.



Next Friday (12th June), dads (or other family members) are invited into school for the PTA Father's Day Tea. Please refer to the letter sent out this week for more information. Booking closes on Tuesday 9th June. Please contact the School Office if you have any questions or need support booking.

Each half term we focus on a country that some of our pupils have links to. This week, we looked at Vietnam. The children enjoy looking at where in the world these countries are and learning something about the culture. Often Mrs Bates and Mrs East, our EAL and Geography Leads respectively, read a traditional tale from that country. They are also responsible for the 'Country of the Month' board in the main hall, which give lots of interesting information for the children to look at.



What have we been learning this week?

As always, there has been lots of exciting learning going on throughout the school.

Early Years (Reception)

In Reception, the children have been learning the story of the 3 Little Pigs. The children have been retelling the story and writing captions linked to the story. In drawing club, they wrote sentences about the story. The children have made some great progress with their writing this year and are rightly proud of what they are producing.



Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)

The Year 1 and 2 children continue to work on phonics, handwriting and reading. In English, they have enjoyed reading the book 'The Way Back Home' and this week, wrote a retell of the story. They have included some great time words and adjectives.



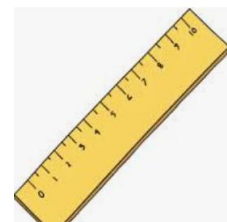
In Maths, the children have learnt about 'Mass' and have been busy using balance scales to weigh and compare objects.

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)

This week, the Year 4s had a wonderful time on their trip to Whitlingham Country Park. It's not long until the Year 3s go – please see the letter sent out last week.

Back in school, the children have started their DT project, where they will be making a torch. This week, they have made circuits with a switch.

In Maths, they have been drawing and measuring lines, both in cm and mm. They took care to ensure that they were as accurate in their work as possible.



Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6)

In Year 5 and 6, the children have been writing an explanation text all about the circulatory system. In Whole Class Reading (WCR) sessions, they are reading The Nowhere Emporium and are so keen to see what happens next in the book.

In Maths, the Year 6's are using calculators for a range of questions and problems. Continuing to practise times tables.

The children were also keen to tell me about what they have learnt about how to stay safe in the sun.



Class Photos – Wednesday 10th June

Next Wednesday (10th June), the photographer will be in to take class photos of all year groups.



Please make sure that your child is in school uniform that day so that they all look smart for the photo. If they have PE or gymnastics club that day, they will need to bring PE kit to change into please.

Sports Days 2026

Unfortunately, we had to postpone our Sports Days. These have been rearranged for the following dates:



- Thursday 25th June (afternoon) = KS2 Sports Day (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)
- Wednesday 1st July (afternoon) = KS1 Sports Day (Years 1 and 2)
- Thursday 2nd July (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.

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 generally take place on Fridays.

This week, our Shout Out goes to Nevaeh (Y2). At the weekend, she completed the 3k Race for Life in 42 minutes.

A big well done to Nevaeh – and to her mum!



PTA News (May 2026)

What is the PTA?




The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is a friendly group of parents, carers and school staff who work together to support our school community. **Our aim is simple: to enrich the children's school experience by organising fun events and raising funds for resources and activities that benefit everyone.**

Our current team includes Hope (Chair), Pip (Treasurer), Kinga (Secretary), Hannah, Kia, Karen, Mel, Khris, Madeline, Claire, Steph and many more. We're always delighted to welcome new faces and fresh ideas.

More info: <https://www.westgatecp.co.uk/pta> Contact us: pta@westgatecp.co.uk

What are we raising money for?

Every penny raised by the PTA goes back into enhancing our children's school experience. This year, we are focusing on:

-  **Library Renovation** – creating an inviting and inspiring space that encourages a lifelong love of reading.
-  **Improvements to Outdoor Spaces** – developing engaging areas where children can learn, play and explore.
-  **Fun Community Events** – bringing families together and creating memorable experiences for our school community.

We also fund a variety of extra treats and experiences for pupils throughout the year, including Sports Day ice lollies, Christmas crackers, Year 6 leavers' gifts, doughnuts during SATs week, and much more.

PTA Investment in Our School

 Thanks to your continued support, we've recently been able to fund:

- The Year 3 & 4 trip to Whitlingham Broads
- Supplies for Gardening Club
- A new mural for the library wall
- A visit from Doorstep Theatre

Every event, donation and contribution help us provide these valuable experiences and resources for our children. Thank you!

Activities This Month

Chocolate Bingo

A huge thank you for your generous donations, support and enthusiasm on the night. Together, we raised an amazing **£214!**

Freezer Fridays

Freezer Fridays are back! Thank you to all the families who have supported this event so far, and a special mention to those who have kindly donated additional funds. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Coming Up

Father's Day / Someone Special Afternoon Tea - 12th June

Summer Fair - 3rd July

We hope to see lots of you there!

Help Needed for the Summer Fair

We are currently looking for volunteers to help make our Summer Fair a success. In particular, we are seeking:

- A volunteer with a Food Hygiene Certificate to help run a BBQ
- Volunteers to assist with setting up or packing away the fair (approximately 1 hour)
- A paramedic who would be willing to host a feature or demonstration during the event

You don't need to be an official PTA member to get involved - any help is hugely appreciated. Whether you can spare a little time or a lot, volunteering makes a real difference to our school community.

If you are able to help in any way, we'd love to hear from you.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

8th June = Doorstep Theatre KS1

10th June = Class Photo Day

11th June = EYs trip to Jimmy's Farm

11th June=Year 5 trip to County Upper

11th June=Year 6 trip to King Edward School

12th June = Father's Day Tea

18th June = Y3 trip to Whitlingham Country Park

22th June = Doorstep Theatre KS2

25th June (pm) = KS2 Sports Day

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

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

1st July (pm) = KS2 Sports Day

2nd July (am) = EYs Sports Day

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