

Weekly Newsletter

Summer Term – Week 13: Friday 17th July 2026

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Message from Mrs Kidd

Our last week of this academic year has been jam packed but a lovely way to end the Summer Term.

Our Year 6s have spent some time at their new High School and have been keen to tell us all about their experience there. We are so proud of them all and all they have achieved at Westgate. A big well done to them on yesterday's SATs results. We will miss them but know they are ready for the next step of their journey.



The Circus Skills workshops on Tuesday and Wednesday were a huge success. Each class took part in a workshop, having been inspired by the introductory assembly. They had great fun trying their best at a range of skills, such as plate spinning, juggling, diablo - and much more.

If you have not yet made a donation towards the cost of the workshops, please send in a minimum donation of £1 via the School Office or the class teacher. There is also a payment item set up on Arbor. Thank you in advance.



We finally managed to run the KS2 Sports Day. Thank you to all of you who joined us. It was wonderful to see so many of you cheering on the children and helping to create such a positive, encouraging atmosphere. The events were a fantastic success, with every child demonstrating determination, teamwork, resilience and excellent sportsmanship.



On Thursday, we were visited by Brightbites, part of the DentaId Charity, for a fun and engaging oral health education programme for children. The Brightbites Team spent time with each class, talking to the children about the importance of cleaning their teeth and how to look after their teeth. The children enjoyed the sessions and each child was given a free toothbrush and some toothpaste. For more information, visit: <https://www.dentaId.org/brightbites/>



Thursday's Year 6 Five Pound Challenge was a huge success. The children raised £332 in total which is amazing! Well done to them and a big thank you to those who came to support it.



Westgate Shout Out

This is the final Westgate Shout Out of the year. Please keep sending them in next year.

Aoife (Y5) and Brody (Y2) ran the Stowmarket Junior Park Run. For Brody, it was the first time by himself. The time it took was 14mins 15 seconds.

A huge well done to both Aoife and Brody.



Another shout out goes to Mrs Grahn who has completed her first year of teaching. She has been a welcome addition to our team and has had a great year. Well done to her.

Baby Boy Fenning

We want to share the great news that Mrs Fenning has had her baby – a baby boy. She welcomed Micah to the world on Tuesday 7th July. Both mother and baby are doing well.

I am sure you will join me in congratulating the family and sending them our very best wishes.



Parking Permits

As we come to the end of the academic year, we ask that all parking permits are returned to the School Office before the end of term.



Parking permits will be reissued for the next academic year, but parents will need to submit a new request/application. Please note that holding a permit this year does not guarantee that a permit will be issued for next year.

Despite being a car-free site for the majority of our parents, we have seen a significant increase in parking-related issues over the past year, and the situation has continued to worsen. We are therefore exploring a range of measures to improve the management of parking on and around the school site. These may include increased monitoring, spot checks by the Highways Authority, or the use of parking enforcement officers where appropriate. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and consideration as we work to ensure parking remains safe and accessible for all.

Bikes and Scooters

As we approach the end of term, please ensure that all bicycles, scooters and similar personal items are taken home. This is particularly important for any that have been left around the school site.

Any items remaining on site over the summer break may need to be removed for security, maintenance and site works. We cannot guarantee the safe storage of bicycles, scooters or other personal belongings left at school during the holidays.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Great British Summer Saving – a message from the Government

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the Great British Summer Savings scheme.

Until 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

As part of this campaign, we have launched an attraction finder website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk/>

And finally,

We say goodbye to Mrs Fenn and Miss Phipps. Mrs Fenn has a new job at a school closer to her home. We thank her for her hard work, passion and dedication during her 8 years at Westgate. Our loss is their gain and we wish her all the very best. Meanwhile, Miss Phipps is leaving us to start teacher training. She will be a welcome addition to the teaching community and we wish her all the very best for this next stage.

And so, it is now time for me to thank you for your continued support and to wish you a lovely summer break. For those of you not returning in September, we wish you all the very best. For everyone else, we look forward to welcoming our children back to school on Thursday 3rd September (Thursday 4th September for those coming into Reception).

Happy Summer Holiday from everyone at Westgate!



PTA News (July 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:

- An exciting new outdoor stage - coming soon!
- New furniture for the Library - coming soon!
- 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 helps us provide these valuable experiences and resources for our children. Thank you!

Activities This Month

Summer Fair

A huge thank you to everyone for your generous donations, support and enthusiasm at this year's Summer Fair. We also appreciate your patience and understanding as we tried running a BBQ for the first time!

Thanks to your incredible support, we raised an amazing £1,100. This wouldn't have been possible without our wonderful volunteers, helpers and everyone who attended.

Freezer... Wednesday

(Yes, we know - we're all out of sync too!)

Thank you to all the families who have supported our Freezer Friday events. A special thank you goes to Mrs Lewis, Mrs Dalgoutte, Mrs McGhee, and the many other school staff and PTA members who stepped in at the last minute to help make everything run smoothly.

Coming Up

Autumn Disco

Date: To be confirmed (provisionally Wednesday 14th October)

More details will be shared with families once the date has been confirmed. We look forward to seeing you there!

Westgate Community Primary School Wall Planner.

We're so excited to launch the 26-27 Westgate Community Primary School Wall Planner.

 See all school holidays, key dates & bank holidays at a glance.

 Includes colourful stickers.

 Room to write in your own family dates too.

 Large poster size (A1) – perfect for a family space or your child's bedroom.

 £15 each – with all profits going straight to the PTA to support school projects.

 Order now via <https://www.peoplespress.co.uk/west-shop>

 Have a fantastic summer! We hope you enjoy a well-earned break filled with fun, sunshine and special memories. Thank you for all your support this year, and we can't wait to welcome everyone back for another exciting year of PTA events.