Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term Week 9: Friday 6th November 2026

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

Message from Mrs Kidd

It was lovely to welcome the children back after half term. We have returned refreshed for another busy and exciting half term. This one is always an exciting one as it takes us up to Christmas and all that this brings in a primary school! Look out for a letter soon giving you a run down of all things planned in school.



This week, the children had a great time taking part in the Indian Dance Workshops. They enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate the energy and diversity of Indian culture. If you have not yet donated £2 towards the cost of the workshop, it is not too late. Please send it in with your child or take to the School Office.

Children in Need



The fun starts next week with Children in Need. On Friday 13th November, children and staff are invited to swap school uniform for their own clothes, pyjamas, fancy dress or bright yellow clothes. We ask for a £1 donation, which will go directly to Children in Need. The theme this year is 'Challenge Yourself' but also coincides with World Kindness Day. Teachers will plan activities around both themes. I am sure the children will have a great day whilst raising money for a good cause.

Christmas Cards



Following the last year's success, we have once again partnered up with school fundraiser to help us raise money this Christmas. Our pupils have all designed a festive/winter picture and you can buy your child's personalised products to give as gifts and to help support Westgate.

This week, the children will have brought home their Christmas card design / flyer. This will show your child's personal design and give you details on how you can order items from the online shop. There is an organisational code specifically for Westgate CP and also a design code that is unique for each child.

Ordering should be simple for you to do. All payments must be made online when you place your order. Anything ordered is delivered free to Westgate and will arrive in plenty of time for Christmas! Orders must be made **by midday on today!** Monday 9th November. If you need any help ordering your cards, please contact the School Office.

Westgate Shout Out

Our Celebration Assembly will start again next week. Don't forget to send any medals, trophies, certificates etc in for your child to share during the assembly.

If you have something that we can celebrate in our Westgate Shout Out, please email the School Office with some information and a photo, and we will celebrate it in our newsletter.

Dark Nights and Road Safety

With the dark nights drawing in, it is a good time to share this powerful image of the importance of wearing bright clothes in the evenings/at night. There is a child in each of the pictures below but the bright yellow jacket means only the child in the top picture can be seen easily.



Applications for a Reception Place - September 2026

Suffolk County Council

If your child was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023,

you must apply for a full-time Reception Year school place by 15 January 2027



You **must** make an application even if your child already has a place in a nursery class, pre-school or family hub.

To apply for a place or for more information you can visit:
www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions

Information is also available from:

- The Admissions Team on **0345 600 0981**
- Your local school

Our next school tours for prospective parents are on the following dates:

- Tuesday 1st December at 1.30pm
- Wednesday 6th January at 9.30am

If you know anyone who has a child due to start Reception in September 2027, please share the dates with them.

May be of interest

NHS
Norfolk and Suffolk
NHS Foundation Trust

Supporting Young People's Mental Health
Parent/Carer Workshops Autumn Term 2026



These free virtual workshops (Zoom) are designed to provide up to date advice and guidance on how parents and carers can support the young people in their life. The workshops are 60-75 minutes long. Scan the QR code to find out more and book a place on a workshop or visit http://www.nsft.uk/workshops.

Supporting Your Child/Adolescent with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)

This session covers: what OCD is, how it affects and impacts children and young people, how parents and carers can support their children/adolescents who might be struggling with OCD, and what further support is available.

Thursday 19th November 1:15 PM - BOOK HERE

Understanding and Supporting Behaviour

Children and teenagers may show behaviours that are difficult for the adults around them, for example: aggression, risk-taking behaviours, impulsivity, testing boundaries and inattention. This workshop explores how to understand behaviour and how parents/carers can support their child with these behaviours which may stem from distress.

Tuesday 15th December 12:00 PM - BOOK HERE

Dates for the Diary (new dates added / dates to be confirmed are shown in red)

9th Nov = Crafty Foxes in school (Y6 workshop)

12th Nov = Rocksteady Launch concert (for pupils)

13th Nov = Children in Need – more info to follow

19th Nov = Open Classroom Session (3.30pm – 4pm)

25th Nov = SEND children – 2pm parent coffee afternoon – more info to follow

27th Nov = Non-Uniform Day – more info to follow

30th Nov = Flu immunisation follow up visit

4th Dec = Christmas Fair

8th Dec = Rocksteady Concert

8th Dec = Young Carers / Service Children session in school – note change of date

10th Dec = Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas Dinner Day

15th Dec = Reception Christmas Performance (9.30am)

15th Dec = KS1 Christmas Performance (2.15pm)

16th Dec = KS1 Christmas Performance (9.30am)

17th Dec = KS2 Christmas Carols (2.45pm) – hot drinks served from 2.15pm

18th Dec = Carols at St Peters

18th Dec = last day of term – children are invited to bring in toys/games from home

20st Dec – 4th Jan = Christmas Holidays

5th Jan – children back to school

21st Jan = Young Voices at the O2

27th Jan = Open Classroom session

1st and 2nd Feb = Chinese Lion Dance workshops

5th Feb = Number Day

9th Feb = Safer Internet Day

12th Feb = Young Carers / Service Children session in school

15th – 19th Feb = Half Term

4th March = World Book Day

5th March = PTA Mother's Day Tea

19th March = Comic Relief