

Weekly Newsletter



Autumn Term Week 3 Friday 19th Sept

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

Message from Mrs Kidd

We started the week with rain but are ending the week with sunshine. The wet weather doesn't ever dampen our spirits though and we have had another good week in school.



This week, our assemblies focused on forgiveness and the importance of saying sorry. Thank you to Gareth Russell, our Chair of Governors and Pastor of Westgate Chapel, for leading the KS2 assembly.

On **Tuesday 23rd September**, the photographer is in school to take individual photos (class photos are booked for the Summer Term). The photographer will also take sibling photos.



Please refer to the email sent out on Wednesday (and a reminder too!) and be sure to book if you wish to have a family group photo!

On **Wednesday 24th September**, we look forward to welcoming you into school for our first **Open Classroom Session** of the new year. Gates will open as normal at 3.25pm and you will be able to visit your child's classroom to look at their books. The class teacher will also be there for you to say hello to and have an informal chat with, should you wish to do so. Gates will then close at 4pm.



Teachers are always available at the end of the day if you need to talk to them. Alternatively, you can arrange a meeting with them or contact them through the school office: admin@westgatecp.co.uk

We have a successful Breakfast Club and After School Club, which are open for children from Reception to Year 6.

Breakfast Club runs from 7.45am to 9am, with flexible drop off.

After School Club runs from 3.30pm to 5.15pm, with flexible collection.



Spaces are available in Breakfast Club and After School Club. If you are interested in either of our Wrap-around Care Clubs and would like more information, please contact the School Office or visit our website page: www.westgatecp.co.uk/wrap-around-care

What learning has been happening in school this week?

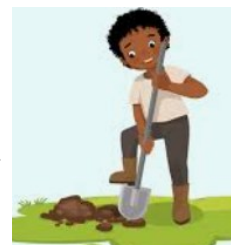
One of the highlights of my role is my daily visits to each classroom. It is lovely to see the learning that is going on throughout the school and to talk to the children about what they are doing.

There has been lots of learning going on this week:

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Our Reception children continue to make the most of the outside space, where they enjoy role play, digging, playing on the bikes and scooters, have fun on the play equipment and much more.

Inside, they have also enjoyed role play, painting and play doh. This week, they had fun trying to work out the mystery sound and gave some very good guesses!



Key Stage 1

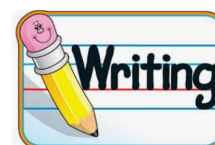
In Year 1 and 2 Maths lessons, the children continue to work on number. They have been counting, using number strips and counters, building numbers and identifying greater than and less than.



In PE, the children have enjoyed being active and show good teamwork. They have started to work on their ball skills and are working on increased accuracy when passing and retrieving the ball.

Lower Key Stage 2

In Years 3 and 4, the children have settled back in to their work. In English, they have written character descriptions of Arthur, a character in the book 'Bloom'.



In Maths lessons, the children have been finding 1, 10, 100 and 1000 more and less than a number. They have also been revising their knowledge of number bonds and times tables.

Upper Key Stage 2

In Year 5, the children have been partitioning numbers and in Year 6, the children have been rounding numbers.

In English, the children have written a retell based on the story 'The Invisible'. In their writing, they have focused on 'show not tell', carefully considering the vocabulary and language used.



Also this week, a group of pupils enjoyed a trip to the theatre to watch Shakespeare's 'Much Ado About Nothing'. They were impeccably behaved and were a real credit to Westgate. They also enjoyed a fun workshop at school, following the theatre visit.



Year 6 – Applications for a secondary school place (September 2026)

It is now time for you to apply for a secondary school place for September 2026. The School Office has sent an information letter that gives all the information you will need to do this.



Please note that you MUST apply by the closing date of Friday 31 October 2025.

All of the information you need to help you make your decision is available from 12 September 2025 on the Suffolk website at: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place-2026-2027>

Young Voices

Our Young Voices choir started this week, which is open to children in Years 4, 5 and 6.

The children were all very excited to start learning the songs, ready for the concert at the O2 in January. They will be learning lots of songs, including songs from Wicked, a pop medley and some well-known sea shanties this year.

It is an amazing experience, singing at the O2 with 10,000 other children.

If your child has not signed up yet and would like to join the choir, please contact the office or speak to Mrs McGhee. We would love to get more children involved!

Click on the link to find out more: <https://youngvoices.co.uk/>



Easyfundraising

Do you shop at Tesco?

Your next online Tesco shop could secure £1,000 in free funding for our school.

Sign up to support us on Easyfundraising, then shop with Tesco online via the easyfundraising website or app, and we'll receive a free donation courtesy of Tesco.

If you do this by 30th September, we could secure an extra £1,000 funding boost.

If you haven't already signed up, please sign up to support us using this link:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/westgate-cp-school/?utm_campaign=pmc&utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_content=tesco-bff-fb1



Your next Tesco shop could help us secure a **FREE £1,000 donation.**

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Please contact the School Office if you have require any assistance. Thank you.

A message from the PTA - The Westgate Calendar

We are so excited to launch the new Westgate CP School Wall Planner.

See all the school holidays, teacher training days and 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 our PTA to support school projects.

Order now via <https://www.peoplespress.co.uk/westgate>

Offer closes on Wednesday 24th September!

Calendars will be available to collect from the school Office from Tuesday 30th September

Thank you to everyone who has already ordered a wall planner. We have already made over £100 .

Click on the link above or scan the QR code to place your order.



School Kitchen

Our school kitchen team had an unannounced visit by Environmental Health.

I am delighted to be able to tell you that they were awarded a 5 star rating!



A huge well done to Marina and the whole team and a big thank you to them for doing such a wonderful job.

May be of interest

MESSY

Harvest Arts & Crafts Special

St Peter's church **ALL AGES WELCOME**

LEAF PRINTING
POTATO PRINTING
FUN APPLE EATING CHALLENGE
+ LOADS OF FUN ARTS & CRAFT ACTIVITIES

STORY TIME
BREAD MAKING

FREE
TEA-TIME
FOR PARENTS/
GUARDIANS/
CARERS
AND CHILDREN!

HARVEST

Hospital Rd Bury StEdmunds IP33 3JT
4pm - 6pm Sunday 28th September
Please email to confirm attendance: stpetersbse.kids@gmail.com

PICK UP A STICK

GIVE HOCKEY A TRY

Inclusive hockey sessions run by qualified BSEHC coaches at Nowton Park Astro

DATE & TIME
Tuesday evenings
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

LOCATION
Nowton Park Astro
IP29 5LU

AGE
Open to all boys and girls
aged 7 - 15

COST
£30 - 6 sessions (prebooked)
£6 - pay as you go

Sticks, equipment & competition prizes provided

WANT TO LEARN MORE?
For more information scan the QR code
or email burylarkshockey@gmail.com



Dates for the Diary (dates to be confirmed shown in red)

23rd Sep = School Photos (individual and Siblings) – more info to follow

24th Sep = Open Classroom Session (3.30pm – 4pm)

21st and 23rd October = Parents Evenings

16th Oct = PTA Disco

27th – 31st Oct = Half Term

6th Nov = Flu Immunisations

14th Nov = Children in Need

11th Nov = Open Classroom Session (3.30pm – 4pm)

5th Dec = Christmas Fair – tbc

10th Dec = Flu Immunisations – catch up

11th Dec = Christmas Jumper Day

11th Dec = KS2 Christmas Carols (2.45pm)

11th Dec = Christmas Dinner Day

16th Dec = Reception Christmas Performance (9.30am)

17th Dec = KS1 Christmas Performance (9.30am and 2pm)

19th Dec = last day of term – children are invited to bring in toys/games from home

20st Dec – 5th Jan = Christmas Holidays

5th Jan = Staff training day (children not in school)

6th Jan – children back to school

6th Feb = Number Day

16th to 20th Feb = Half Term

5th March = World Book Day

17th and 19th March = Parents Evenings

28th March - 12th April = Easter Holidays

w/b 11th May = Y6 SATs Week

25th – 29th May = Half Term

Friday 17th July – last day of term

