

# Weekly Newsletter



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Autumn Term Week 8 Friday 24th October

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

## Message from Mrs Kidd

It is now the end of the first half term - we are already 8 weeks into the new school year! We can now all look forward to a well deserved week off before coming back to school, ready for the next half term on Monday 3rd November.



We wish you all a happy half term.

This week, we celebrated Harvest Week in school. We welcomed Mr Russell in this week to lead our Harvest Assemblies - thank you to him. And, a big thank you to all of you who donated items. Your donations will be taken to a local foodbank to benefit our local community.



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.

Thank you to all of you who have ordered Christmas cards and other personalised items. The online shop has now closed but will reopen for last minute orders on 21st November through to 1st December.



More details will be sent out next half term.

The Tooth Club in Bury St Edmunds are excited to share that Tooth Club is hosting a Free Child Dental Exam Event, aimed at helping local families access essential oral health checks for their children in a friendly, welcoming environment. It is part of their mission to promote early intervention and raise awareness about the importance of oral health from a young age.

Event Details:

What: Free dental exams for children aged, 2–16 years

Where: Tooth Club, 27 Cornhill, Bury St Edmunds, IP331DY

When: 27th – 31st October 2025

Who's it for: Open to all children - registration with Tooth Club required. Our qualified, child-friendly dental professionals will carry out gentle, non-invasive oral checks, provide advice to parents/carers, and help children feel at ease in a dental setting.



## 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>

## Applications for a Reception Place - September 2026

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, you must apply for a full-time Reception Year school place by **15th January 2026**.

You must make an application even if your child already has a sibling at the school or is attending a pre-school next to the school site.

For more information, contact the School Office or visit the Suffolk County Council Admissions page:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-primary-school-place-2026-2027>



Our next school tour for prospective parents is on Thursday 13th November at 2pm. If you know anyone who has a child due to start Reception in September 2027, please share the date with them.

## Open Classroom - Thursday 13th November (Please note change of date)

Our next Open Classroom session takes place on Thursday 13th November from 3.30pm to 4pm.

Gates will be opened at the normal time. Please walk around the outside of the school if you are visiting other classrooms.

There will be an opportunity for you to have a quick, informal chat with the class teacher. However, if you particularly want to speak to them or have any concerns and would like to arrange a meeting with them, please speak to them directly or email them via the School Office: [admin@westgatecp.co.uk](mailto:admin@westgatecp.co.uk)



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

21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October = Parents Evenings

**27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> Oct = Half Term**

**13<sup>th</sup> Nov = Open Classroom Session (3.30pm – 4pm)**

14<sup>th</sup> Nov = Children in Need

18<sup>th</sup> Nov = Flu Immunisations

21<sup>st</sup> Nov = Y2 Skills Escalator Day at West Suffolk College (more info to follow)

2nd Dec = Rocksteady Concert

5<sup>th</sup> Dec = Christmas Fair

10<sup>th</sup> Dec = Flu Immunisations – catch up

11<sup>th</sup> Dec = Christmas Jumper Day

11<sup>th</sup> Dec = Christmas Dinner Day

11<sup>th</sup> Dec = KS2 Christmas Carols (2.45pm)

16<sup>th</sup> Dec = Reception Christmas Performance (9.30am)

**16<sup>th</sup> Dec = KS1 Christmas Performance (2pm) - please note change of date**

17<sup>th</sup> Dec = KS1 Christmas Performance (9.30am)

19th Dec = Christmas Service at St Peters (for children)

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

**20<sup>st</sup> Dec – 5<sup>th</sup> Jan = Christmas Holidays**

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

6<sup>th</sup> Jan – children back to school

6<sup>th</sup> Feb = Number Day

10th Feb = Safer Internet Day

12th Feb = PTA Spring Discos

**16th to 20th Feb = Half Term**

5<sup>th</sup> March = World Book Day

13th March = Mothers Day Tea

17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March = Parents Evenings

20th March = Red Nose Day

24th March = Rocksteady Concert

27th March = PTA Easter Bingo

**28th March - 12th April = Easter Holidays**

w/b 11<sup>th</sup> May = Y6 SATs Week

**25th–29th May = Half Term**

Friday 17th July—last day of term

