Westgate Primary School

Summer Term 2 Newsletter

Message from Mrs Crosley:

As the summer holidays arrive, we reflect on yet another year filled with achievements, growth, and celebration. We are proud to have ended the year on a high, with exceptional KS2 SATs results, a magnificent Year 6 end-of-year performance and a spectacular Talent Show that showcased the incredible skills and confidence of our pupils. Throughout the year, our children have continued to shine across all areas of school life and we've celebrated many class achievements along the way. We are also thrilled to have once again earned the School Games GOLD award, the Eco Award, the AI Quality award and be part of the PedTech partnership. On behalf of all the staff and myself, thank you to our wonderful Westgate family for your continued support and encouragement. It is a privilege and honour to educate your children and be part of their learning journey.

What has been happening this term?

What a year to celebrate!

We are incredibly proud of all our children and the remarkable progress they've made this year. A special round of applause goes to our Year 6 pupils for their outstanding KS2 SATs results, which were well above the national average — an exceptional achievement!

At Westgate, our children continue to demonstrate our school values of kindness, resilience, excellence and collaboration in **everything** they do. Their determination inspires us daily. We'd also like to extend our sincere thanks to you — our wonderful parents and carers — for your unwavering support and partnership throughout the year.

Visit from GB athlete

This term, we were visited by Roberto Lacourt, a Team GB Boxer. The children enjoyed meeting Roberto during an enduring, yet fun, sponsored fitness circuit, and then hearing about his journey into boxing in an inspirational assembly. We managed to raise £457 towards Sports for Champions through our sponsors so THANK YOU to everyone who donated.

TEAM GB

GB BOXING

Netball Team – Shout Out

This is a shout out to our Netball Team, whose perseverance and collaboration enabled them a place in the Netball League finals this year. We are SO proud of you! Sadly, some of our Y6 players are leaving so we need some new recruits. Speak to Mrs Medley to sign up next year.

Don't forget to read our Sports Newsletter to find out more about our PE successes.

Diary Dates

- INSET Day – Monday 1st September
- Return to school – Tuesday 2nd September
- Aspirations Careers Fair – Friday 5th September
- Trust INSET Day – Monday 29th September (school closed)
- Last Day of Term – Friday 17th October

We have been awarded the School Games Gold Award for 2024-2025!

Yet again, we have had another great year for sport and PE at Westgate. For the third consecutive year, we have been recognised for our engagement in sports and school games. We continue to drive PE and fitness across the school and want to thank Mrs Taylor for her dedication and effort as our PE Lead. Go Team!

SCHOOL GAMES GOLD 2024/25

The Summer Reading Challenge is back! Remember to sign up at our local Dartford library to keep reading over the Summer. Find out more by visiting: https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/summer-reading-challenge

What has been happening this term?

🏴‍☠️ Pirates of the Curry Bean – Y6 Production 🏴‍☠️

Our Year 6 class took us all on a swashbuckling pirate adventure with their production of Pirates of the Curry Bean. It was a 'West End worthy' performance. Both audiences were well and truly entertained, leaving the hall with aching faces from all the laughing and smiling. What a fantastic show that included superb singing, delightful dance moves and a cast of such talented actors.

Y6 Residential to Kingswood

Many memories were made by Year 6 at their residential this term. Singing and laughing around the camp fire was indeed a highlight but the teachers highlight was that they were all in bed asleep by 10pm – what a miracle!

All of us at Westgate wish our Year 6 pupils the very best as they begin their journey into secondary school. We are incredibly proud of each one of you. Carry the Westgate values and expectations with you, keep aiming high, and never stop dreaming — we have no doubt you'll achieve great things!

Farewell to Staff!

With heavy hearts, we are saying goodbye to our SENCO, Mrs Maidment, who is relocating and moving on to pastures new. Over the last six years, she has been an integral part of the Westgate team, supporting several of our pupils initially as a class teacher and then as SENCO. She will be missed dearly by colleagues, families and the children but we wish her all the best and want to thank her for her commitment, hard work and dedication to the school over the years. Goodbye Mrs Maidment!

We are also saying goodbye to Miss Clark, one of our MDS, who has ensured lunchtimes are a calm are happy time of day. Thank you, Miss Clark 😊 we wish you all the best in the future.

🍕 Y2 Visit Pizza Express 🍕

Our Year 2 Class had a fantastic morning visiting Pizza Express where they became pizza chefs making their own margarita pizzas. They found out about the ingredients and how they are used to make pizzas. Luckily, after their pizzas were cooked in the huge pizza oven, they got to bring them back to school for a taste test. Yummy! 🍕😋

iRock Summer Concert

This term's iRock band performances left both staff and visiting parents truly impressed. The children radiated confidence; it was a joy to watch each band come together, playing in harmony and keeping time with the music.

Remember all year groups can sign up for iRock lessons at Westgate by visiting the iRock website to enrol: https://www.irockschool.com/enrol.html

What has been happening this term?

🌟 Westgate's Got Talent 🌟

We still aren't quite over Westgate's Got Talent and the impact it had on our pupils and our Westgate community. The competition was tough and everyone shone on the stage. A HUGE well done to our worthy winners – Sienna, Louie and Jack – you were PHENOMENAL!

Thank you to all the staff who made this event happen. We are already looking forward to next year!

House Point Totals

The house points have been counted across the Summer Term and added to our previous totals. The overall totals are shown in the table below:

House	Total
Romans	4150
Vikings	4152
Normans	3443
Saxons	3724

We would like to say thank you to our four Sports Ambassadors, who have been committed to their role this year, showing responsibility by collecting the house points each week and promoting team spirit and collaboration across the school.

Although Vikings achieved the most points overall, the Normans were our overall sports champions this year!

Attendance Matters!

There were 56 children who achieved 100% attendance for the Summer Term. Well done everyone; we hope this good streak continues into next academic year.

We would like to congratulate Year 6 who are the top class this year achieving 97.1% attendance – wow!

Remember to sign up for Studybugs to report your child's absence next year.

End of Year Attendance for classes:

YR - 94.49%

Y1 – 94.73%

Y2 – 93.71%

Y3 – 95.66%

Y4 – 93.55%

Y5 – 96.25%

Y6 – 97.1%

Let's start the new year right and all aim for 97% or more!

Class Teachers for 2025-2026

The children spent time last week meeting their new teachers for September. They are:

Reception – Mrs Taylor/Mrs Martin
Year 1 – Mrs Emmanuel
Year 2 – Miss Velasco
Year 3 – Ms Bird
Year 4 – Mr Hudson
Year 5 – Mrs Chidgey
Year 6 – Mrs Collinstone

Mrs Osei will be teaching in Y2, Y3 and Y4 across the week. Mrs Milligan, our new SENCO, will be working Monday to Wednesday. Mrs Crosley will be based in school one day a week as Executive Head, continuing to support Miss Bethell as Head of School.

Important Notices

- Please remember **all children** must be escorted through the first gate, by the office, and dropped off by the far gate in the mornings**.**
- Children should wait sensibly within the school gates and are not permitted to play games or run around.
- From September 2025, the cost of school meals for KS2 pupils will be £2.60 a day. All school meals must be paid using your school Arbor account. Thank you.

Support for Parents and Families

Follow the below link to the Cygnus Website to find information that may support you over the Summer break.
https://cygnusacademiestrust.org.uk/Our_Community/General-Support-for-Parents-and-Families/

Have an amazing Summer holiday. You all deserve it! 😊 We look forward to seeing you back at school on **Tuesday 2nd September** to begin the new academic year**.**