

Keeping Up With

# KICKSTART

## THIS WEEK AT KICKSTART...

Welcome to the latest edition of Keeping Up With Kickstart - our weekly newsletter keeping parents, families, schools, and the wider community connected to everything happening across Kickstart.

This week, children across our schools enjoyed staying active with sports, gymnastics, baking, and festive crafts. Westwood Park's Family Club capped it off with a Christmas Party, treats, and a special visit from Father Christmas.

More stories and updates from across the Kickstart community are on the way and [click here](#) for our latest *Kickstart at Home Activity*.



## CHILDCARE CORNER

This week at *Canon Burrows Primary*, the children have been getting active and having great fun playing lava ball. The energetic sessions were filled with teamwork, laughter, and plenty of excitement.

Over at *St Matthew's Primary*, the children have been getting into the festive spirit with Christmas tree crafts, festive jumper designs, and a lively game of Christmas bingo, spreading lots of smiles and Christmas excitement.

At *Barton Moss Primary*, the children have been busy in the kitchen, making cakes and developing their baking skills. The delicious creations were a wonderful way to celebrate the festive season whilst working together and having fun.

Stay up to date with all our childcare activities by following us on Facebook - [click here to follow](#).



## SPORTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Our PE and School Sport provision has been full of energy and excitement this week!

At **Woodley Primary**, the Year 3 children have been busy practising gymnastics and showing off their amazing skills. The sessions have focused on developing balance, flexibility, and coordination, with the children challenging themselves through a range of new movements and routines.

Their enthusiasm, determination, and growing confidence have been fantastic to see as they continue to develop their gymnastics skills. Fun in motion at Woodley Primary School!

Another fantastic week of PE and sport, with children developing new skills, staying active, and showing great enthusiasm throughout. We can't wait to see what next year brings!



## KICKSTART IN THE COMMUNITY



Family Club at **Westwood Park Community Primary School** is a friendly, safe place where families meet every Wednesday for fun activities, sports, crafts, and social time.

The festive spirit was bright this week at **Westwood Park Primary**! Our Family Club had a Christmas Party full of laughter, games, and holiday cheer, with children and parents decorating crafts and sharing treats.

The highlight was a special visit from Father Christmas, bringing excitement as children shared their wishes and posed for photos. It was a magical event that captured the joy of the season and created lasting memories.

Stay tuned each week for more community highlights and upcoming events!

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



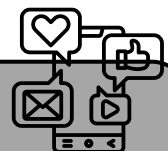
Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> & Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec - Winter Holiday Club:

- Barton Moss Primary School
- Bradshaw Hall Primary School
- Fiddlers Lane Primary School
- Mesne Lea Primary School
- Westwood Park Primary School

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025 to 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026 - Out Of Office

For all childcare and holiday club bookings, [click here](#).

### LET'S GET SOCIAL



You can stay up to date all things Kickstart by following us on social media. We are on most social media platforms and share our daily activities, updates, key dates, job opportunities and more.. Click the icon below to follow...





# KICKSTART AT HOME



Welcome to Kickstart at Home — our weekly activity feature designed to help families continue the fun and learning from our childcare and school sessions right at home!

## ACTIVITY DETAILS



Present Sponge Printing



Suitable For 3+



5-10mins

## WHAT YOU WILL NEED



Sponges



Scissors



Paint

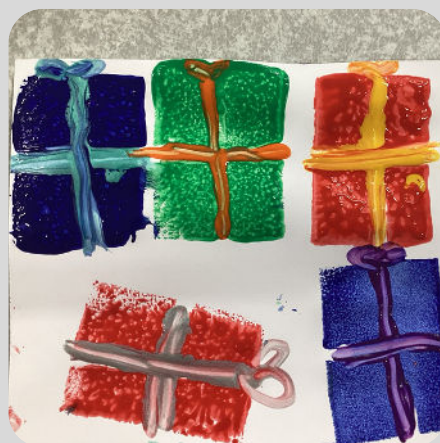


Cotton buds



Card or paper

## A GOOD EXAMPLE IS...



## HOW TO DO IT

- Step 1 – Fold the sponge lengthways and carefully cut a strip out down the middle.
- Step 2 – Fold the sponge the other way and cut another strip out down the middle.
- Step 3 – Dip the sponge into your chosen paint and print it onto the paper. You should see four rectangles with blank lines going down and across.
- Step 4 – Use cotton buds to fill in the gaps with a different colour to create the ribbon.
- Step 5 – Add a bow at the top to finish your design.



## WHAT CHILDREN WILL LEARN...

Develop their creativity through art and design activities while strengthening their fine motor skills.



## KICKSTART'S TOP TIPS

Once they are dry, cut them out and turn them into gift tags.



## SHARE YOUR SUCCESS

Make sure you share your fun and end result with us via our social media pages!

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