

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 settings enjoyed baking, creative crafts and promoting kindness, while developing movement skills in PE and getting creative at Family Club.

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 *St Kentigern's Primary School*, the children have been busy in the kitchen. They made cornflake cakes for Valentine's Day and celebrated Pancake Day with a variety of tasty treats.

At *Mottram Primary School*, the children have got creative with some fantastic caterpillar crafts and showed off their imagination with brilliant junk-modelling creations.

Meanwhile, at *Barton Moss Primary School*, the children created kindness sticks for our garden as part of Hate Crime Awareness. This small but meaningful activity helped promote messages of kindness, respect, and standing together.

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SPORTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT



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

At *Springside Primary School*, teachers took part in a PE CPD session exploring dodging, ducking and jumping, focusing on safe teaching points, fun progressions and inclusive adaptations to use in lessons.

Meanwhile, at *Torkington Primary School*, children have been developing their balance by combining different movements into confident, controlled sequences, showing great teamwork and focus.

It has been great to see such positive attitudes, teamwork, and enjoyment, and we're looking forward to more exciting activities and skill development next week.



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.

This week, our Family Club has been busy getting creative. Families made fluffy Valentine's cushions and decorated colourful ramekin dishes, filling them with sweet treats to take home.

It was wonderful to see everyone joining in and spending quality time together. We look forward to welcoming families to our upcoming sessions.

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



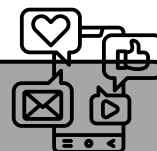
Tottington Sports Camp: Mon 16th Feb - Fri 20th Feb

Holiday Camp: Mon 16th Feb - Fri 20th Feb

- Bradshaw Hall Primary School
- Mesne Lea Primary School
- St Matthew's Primary School

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

LET'S GET SOCIAL



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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



Salt Dough Medals



Suitable for all ages



Prep: 10mins / Cook: 3hrs

WHAT YOU WILL NEED



250g plain flour



125g table salt



125ml water



Ribbon



Flour



Rolling pin



Oven

A GOOD EXAMPLE IS...



HOW TO DO IT

- Step 1 – Preheat oven to 50°C and line a baking sheet with parchment.
- Step 2 – Mix flour and salt, add water, and stir into a dough.
- Step 3 – Roll out on a floured surface, cut into a circle, make a hole at the top and add your chosen number.
- Step 4 – Place on the baking sheet and bake for 1 hour or until firm.
- Step 5 – Leave to cool and then paint gold, silver or bronze.
- Step 6 – Thread ribbon through the hole to wear as a medal.



WHAT CHILDREN WILL LEARN...

Children will develop cooking skills, fine motor skills, creativity, number recognition, and patience.



KICKSTART'S TOP TIPS

Measure carefully, keep shapes even, make the hole large enough, cool before painting, and protect surfaces.



SHARE YOUR SUCCESS

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

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