

Walpole Cross Keys Primary School

Weekly Newsletter – 19th September 2025



Hello everyone,

The children have had a great day today raising important awareness of the Jeans for Genes Day. Pupil's came into school wearing their jeans/something denim. We also held a special assembly to explain the purpose of this important day.



Please ensure that school lunches are booked (if applicable) via your MCAS account by no later than midnight on a Saturday! The school menu can be located on the website.

We are still seeking members for our PTA. If you are interested, please speak to Mr Overton as soon as possible. Thank you for all your support.



Best Wishes

Ms J. Borley
(Executive Head Teacher)

Join the PTA!



***Please check page 2 for future diary dates.**

Attendance

Class 1: 100%

Class 2: 100%

Class 3: 92%

Congratulations to
Class 1 & Class 2!
Whole school: 96.7%



Weekending—19.09.2025

Stars:

Rosie (Class 1), Freddie (Class 2) & Florence E (Class 3)

Kindness:

Frankie (Class 1), Bella (Class 2) & Rosie M (Class 3)

Handwriting:

Ronnie (Class 1), Jacob (Class 2) & Sydney (Class 3)

THANK YOU card winners:

Jesse (Class 1), Gabriel O (Class 2) & Hector (Class 3)

Golden Broom: Class 2

PSHE—Try to make the school community a better place:

Hollie, Rosie & Ronnie (Class 2)



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Diary Dates

Please be aware that dates are for guidance only and are subject to change

Diary dates are also located on the school website. Please note that the West Norfolk Academies Trust school calendar for 2025/26 & 2026/27 can be located from the school's website. School holiday dates are slightly different to NCC.

Monday 22nd September 2025 	NSPCC Assembly
Thursday 25th September 2025	Class 3 - Robert Armin Festival (Shakespeare) King's Lynn Minister—Consent / Payment via your MCAS account Harvest Festival Assembly
Monday 29th September 2025	Active Kids Festival @ Lynnsport (selected). Consent via your MCAS account.
Wednesday 8th October 2025 	Year 6 only— Open Evening at St Clements High School
Thursday 9th October 2025	WNAT KS1 Sports Event @ Gaywood Primary School.
Friday 10th October 2025 	Hello Yellow Day. Wear something 'Yellow'- Mental Health Awareness Day.
Thursday 16th October 2025	Year 6 & Year R NCMP/Vision and Hearing Screening (NHS)
Tuesday 21st October 2025	Class 2—Holkham Hall—Consent/Payment via your MCAS account.
Friday 24th October 2025	School breaks up at the usual time of 3.15pm for Half Term.
Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2025	SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 3rd November 2025	School opens—Prompt registration at 8.45am
Wednesday 5th November 2025	Family Workshop at Clenchwarton Primary School—9.30am—10.30am
Friday 7th November 2025 	Lilacmoon Photography—Whole School—individual photos.
Tuesday 11th November 2025	Yr3 & Yr4 WNAT Remembrance Performance @ Springwood High School
Wednesday 12th November 2025	Family Workshop at Clenchwarton Primary School—9.30am—10.30am
Wednesday 19th November 2025	Family Workshop at Clenchwarton Primary School—9.30am—10.30am
Thursday 20th November 2025	Class 3—Chemistry Kitchen at Springwood High School. More details to follow.
Monday 24th November 2025 	Whole School immunisation programme (Flu) -
Wednesday 10th December 2025	Whole School—Panto and King's Lynn Corn Exchange. 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. More details to follow.
Friday 19th December 2025	School breaks up at the usual time of 3.15pm for Half Term
Tuesday 6th January 2025	School opens—Prompt registration at 8.45am

CLUBS

Clubs Overview Autumn Term 1 - 2025

Please see below a list of lunchtime and after school clubs taking place at Walpole Cross Keys for the above term. Thank you

Day	Theme	Dates / Times	Yr Group	Cost
Mondays	LUNCHTIME READING CLUB with Mrs Roesner	8 th September to 20 th October 2025 12:30pm-12:50pm	All years	Free: No booking necessary
	LUNCHTIME TIMES TABLE CLUB with Mr Overton	8 th September to 20 th October 2025 12:30pm-12:50pm	All years	Free: No booking necessary
Tuesday	LUNCHTIME WALKING/STEP COUNTER CLUB with Mr Overton	9 th September to 21 st October 2025 12:30pm – 12:50pm	All years	Free: No booking necessary
Wednesdays	LUNCHTIME CLUB WITH with Joe - TBC	10 th September- 23 rd October 12:30pm-12:50pm	All years	Free: No booking necessary
	AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB with Joe – TBC (football boots & shin pads are optional)	10 th September- 21 st October 3:15pm-4:15pm	All years	Book & pay direct with ICS Coaching please click on the link to book https://icscoaching.pembee.app/activity/68781e8a0038a2e8e8d4c8bc
Thursdays	LUNCHTIME MINDFULNESS CLUB with Mrs Jones	11 th September- 22 nd October 12:30pm-12:50pm	Years 4, 5 & 6	Free: No booking necessary
Fridays	AFTER SCHOOL LEGO CLUB with	12 th September to 23 rd October 3.15pm – 4pm	KS1	Free: Booking via MCAS (On a first come first serve basis) Available to book on MCAS from W/C 01.09.25



Term Dates 2025-2026 – Primary Schools

September 2025							October 2025							November 2025							December 2025						
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Key: White dates – school open to pupils
 Orange dates – pupil holidays
 Purple dates – staff training days
 Red dates – bank holidays

Staff training days are – Monday 1 September, Tuesday 2 September, Monday 5 January, Monday 13 April as whole training days.
 Monday 20 July 2026 is disaggregated.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAP STREAK

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SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 🌟 emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.

SEXTORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.

SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2025, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lens+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.

ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nudity and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudes'.

USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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COMMUNITY NEWS



ICS Coaching - Would it be possible to please share the following opportunities with your parents for their children?

1. Dodgeball Tournament

- **When:** End October
- **Who:** Years 4, 5 & 6
- **Details:** Last year we had over 15 teams enter, and we would love for a team from your school to participate!
- **Note:** This competition takes place outside of school hours. Parents are responsible for taking their children; no staff supervision is required.
- **Sign Up:** [Dodgeball Registration Form](#)

2. Young Leaders Program

- **Details:** An opportunity for children to develop leadership skills that they can bring back to school. For Year 4,5 & 6.
- **Sign Up:** [Young Leaders Registration Form](#)

We will ensure that children are photographed during activities (with permission) so we can celebrate their successes.

MASTER ^{BLAST} BLASTERS
SPRINGWOOD HIGH SCHOOL STARTER CONCERT BAND
OPEN TO ALL WOODWIND, BRASS & PERCUSSION
MU1 | EVERY TUESDAY 3:45 – 4:45 PM
LEARN NEW PIECES, MAKE GREAT SOUNDS, AND BLAST INTO ENSEMBLE MUSIC

SPRINGING STRINGS
SPRINGWOOD HIGH SCHOOL STARTER STRING ORCHESTRA
OPEN TO ALL STRING PLAYERS FROM BEGINNER TO GRADE 2
MU2 | EVERY TUESDAY 3:45 – 4:45 PM
MAKE FRIENDS, LEARN NEW MUSIC, AND SPRING INTO ENSEMBLE PLAYING

Whitlingham Country Park
Sunday 14 December

Mind Norfolk and Waveney

Mental Elf
Festive Fun Run

Join us for our first Mental Elf Festive Fun Run at Whitlingham Country Park this December!

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For more information, scan the QR code.

flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



1. Protect your child

The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

2. Protect you, your family and friends

Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

5. Avoid costs

If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

Most children have the nasal spray vaccine which is the preferred vaccine. A vaccine injection is also available which does not contain gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine).

For more information visit
www.nhs.uk/child-flu

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SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding children is the action we take to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Every single person who comes into contact with children and families has a role to play. At our school we have a designated safeguarding team who are trained professionals in safeguarding, however all our staff are trained in safeguarding if you want to discuss any concerns with them.

The Safeguarding team.

If you have any concerns about a child's welfare or safety, please speak to a member of the schools safeguarding team.



Mrs Maddison



Mr Overton



Mrs Roesner



Mrs Jones



Mrs Preston