

Walpole Cross Keys Primary School

Weekly Newsletter – 26th September 2025



Hello everyone,

On Thursday Class 1 went on a village walk exploring the village and the different types of houses as part of their learning.

Also on Thursday Class 3 visited the Robert Armin Festival at King's Lynn Minster. A great day for all.

A huge 'thank you' for all your kind donations for the King's Lynn Food Bank which was acknowledged in our Harvest Festival assembly presented by Rev Barbara Burton on Thursday.

We are having a Special Lunch on Thursday 2nd October 2025 'Out of this World':-

The Menu will be:-

Rocket Booster Sausages
or
Meteorite Vegetable Nuggets
with Crater Curly Fries and Shooting Star Sweetcorn
Followed by Cosmic Cake, Melon Moons and Star Jelly

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: 90.4%

Class 2: 98.6%

Class 3: 96.5%

Congratulations to
Class 2!
Whole school: %



Weekending—26.09.2025

Stars:

Toby (Class 1), Mabel (Class 2) & Max (Class 3)

Kindness:

Hollie (Class 1), Gabby (Class 2) & Nelly (Class 3)

Handwriting:

Danas (Class 1), Brody (Class 2) & Sno-Keanu (Class 3)

THANK YOU card winners:

Isabella (Class 1), Devon (Class 2) & Rosie (Class 3)

Golden Broom: Class 2

PSHE:

Toby, Nova & Edith (Class 1)
Brody, Emilé & Mabel (Class 2)
Ivy O, Cleo & Edward (Class 3)







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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 29th September 2025	Active Kids Festival @ Lynnsport (selected). Consent via your MCAS account.
Thursday 2nd October 2025 	CENSUS Day—Special Lunch Menu will be:- Rocket Booster Sausages or Meteorite Vegetable Nuggets with Crater Curly Fries and Shooting Star Sweetcorn Followed by Cosmic Cake, Melon Moons and Star Jelly Please book via your MCAS account by midnight on a Saturday.
Monday 6th October 2025	SSP Quicksticks Hockey—Yr 3 & Yr 4 selected. Consent via 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)
Monday 20th October 2025	Year 4—West Stow—Consent/Payment via your MCAS account.
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.
Tuesday 16th December 2025	Nativity—Parents invited—9.20am—10.20am. More details to follow
Wednesday 17th December 2025	Nativity—Parents invited—2.15pm—3.15pm. 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

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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 YOUTH VIOLENCE

Youth violence affects one in four children in the UK, but it doesn't have to. When parents, carers, and educators understand the risks, they're better placed to support young people. The right support, mentoring, therapy, and guidance can help young people affected by violence to feel safe, manage conflict, and make positive choices.

UNDERSTANDING YOUTH VIOLENCE

WHY DO YOUNG PEOPLE COMMIT SERIOUS VIOLENCE?

A recent study surveyed over 10,000 young people affected by violence, asking why serious violence occurs among their peers, such as an assault involving a weapon or sexual violence. The most common reasons given were due to a personal characteristic of the victim e.g., race, religion, sexuality, gender, a gang or school rivalry, and being provoked. While not all young people face these issues, many lack the emotional regulation skills needed to manage provocation.

WHAT ARE SIGNS A YOUNG PERSON IS AT RISK?

Children and young people often express that something is wrong through behaviour rather than words. Be alert to signs such as sudden mood changes, secrecy around friendships, excessive phone use, unfamiliar slang, unexplained injuries, fear of school, aggression, going missing, or substance use. They may also be associating with older peers. These behaviours can indicate underlying issues that can lead to violence.

ONLINE INFLUENCES

Social media plays a powerful role in normalising and escalating violence. Platforms like TikTok and Snapchat can expose young people to harmful content, often shaped by algorithms. Many see violent material that distorts reality, leading to fear and desensitisation. A recent study found 70% had seen real-world violence online, and 80% felt less safe in their communities. Alarmingly, 39% said it made them more likely to carry a weapon. Online conflict can often spill into real life, with serious and sometimes tragic consequences.

Opportunity

Community

Wellbeing

Respect

UNCERTAINTY

CONFLICT

FEAR

WHEN IS VIOLENCE MORE LIKELY TO HAPPEN?

For children and young people in England and Wales, the hours between 4 pm and 8 pm – just after school – carry a particularly high risk for serious violence. This can stem from conflicts that escalate during the school day, online arguments, or simply moving through unfamiliar areas on the way home. Understanding this risk helps us support safer travel and routines. Our recent report found that over one in three young people don't feel safe in the area they live in, and 38% don't feel safe walking the streets.

WHY MIGHT A YOUNG PERSON CARRY A WEAPON?

Young people may carry weapons due to fear, threats, peer pressure, or a false sense of protection. Many young people tell us they feel unsafe and carry weapons 'just in case', while others may be influenced by social media, peers, or criminal activity. Some don't realise it's illegal or may believe it earns respect.

WHERE IS VIOLENCE MORE LIKELY TO HAPPEN?

Violence often happens in certain places. Busy areas like transport hubs carry risk simply because lots of people gather there. Other hotspots, like places linked to drug activity, attract those more likely to be involved in violence. Some areas become risky due to poor supervision, such as under-resourced public spaces. Understanding where violence tends to occur helps us guide young people safely through their communities and advocate for better support and safer spaces.

Advice for Parents & Educators

TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT STAYING SAFE

Choose a safe moment for the conversation, emotionally and physically. If a child is upset or angry, help them settle before discussing serious topics. Listen actively without judgement, even if what they share is difficult. Avoid interrupting and offer advice when the time feels right. If you're worried, you're not alone; support is available.

AVOID CONFLICT & MANAGE ESCALATIONS

Encourage young people to consider the 'Safe T's' – Trust instincts, Take a breath, and Talk to a trusted adult. When triggered or provoked, they may react from their 'survival brain', unable to think clearly about the consequences. Taking a breath helps calm, and helps them access their 'thinking brain'. Remind them that moments pass, and seeking support from trusted adults builds resilience and safer decision-making.

HELP CHILDREN UNDERSTAND CONSEQUENCES

Young people can be searched by police or teachers if suspected of carrying a weapon. If found with a knife, they could face arrest and criminal proceedings. A conviction can result in a criminal record. Even being present during a violent assault, encouraging it, filming, or sharing footage can lead to prosecution. Open and honest conversations can help children understand these risks and make safer choices.

REPORT INFORMATION

We all have a role in preventing violence. If a child shares concerns, you can act. For educators, it's important to follow your school's safeguarding procedures. Other adults can report anonymously through Fearless or Crimestoppers, and speak with other parents, the school, or local police through 101. If someone is in immediate danger, always call 999. These steps help protect children and the wider community.

Meet Our Expert

The Ben Kinsella Trust is a UK anti-knife crime charity educating young people through immersive workshops, awareness campaigns, and community resources. Visit: benkinsella.org.uk



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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

Flu  **immunisation**
Helping to protect children, every winter

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