

Walpole Cross Keys Primary School

Weekly Newsletter – 17th October 2025



Hello everyone,

Parents evening will be on Thursday 13th November 2025 from 3.30pm–7.30pm. A Google link has already been sent out via text. Alternatively please contact the school office to book an appointment.



Clubs—To sign up for Autumn Term 2 Football Club with ICS. Please use this link. <https://icscoaching.pembee.app/activity/68efd595ba552fba561721c3>



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. A new menu will be available to use from 3rd November 2025 and will be emailed to you next week.

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: 94.5%

Class 3: 95.5%

Congratulations to
Class 1!

Whole school: 96.5%



Weekending—17.10.2025

Stars:

Frankie (Class 1), Jacob (Class 2) & Max (Class 3)

Kindness:

Isabella (Class 1), Brody (Class 2) & Ivy H (Class 3)

Handwriting:

Hugo (Class 1), Bella (Class 2) & Hector (Class 3)

THANK YOU card winners:

Hugo (Class 1), Freddie (Class 2) & Max (Class 3)

Golden Broom: Class 2



PSHE—Following the Learning Charter:

Hollie, Ted & Ronnie (Class 1)

Isaac O, Mabel, Millie, Emilé & Jacob (Class 2)

Layla, Florence E, Nelly & Leo (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 20th October 2025	Year 4—West Stow
Tuesday 21st October 2025	Class 2—Holkham Hall
Wednesday 22nd October 2025	SSP Cross Country—Selected. Sign up 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
Monday 3rd November 2025	Year 1 Village Walk.
Wednesday 5th November 2025	Family Workshop at Clenchwarton Primary School—9.30am—10.30am Class 3-Mosque-Consent/Payment via your MCAS account.
Friday 7th November 2025 	Lilacmoon Photography—Whole School—individual photos.
Monday 10th November 2025 	SSP Cross Country Finals—TBC Odd Socks Day—In support of our antibullying week.
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
Thursday 13th November 2025 	Parent Consultations—3.30pm-7.30pm (6.30pm for Class 1)—Booking via the google link that has been sent.
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. TBC.
Monday 24th November 2025	Whole School immunisation programme (Flu). SSP Tag Rugby—Yr5 & Yr6—Selected.
Wednesday 25th November 2025	Family Workshop at Clenchwarton Primary School—9.30am—10.30am
Friday 28th November 2025	Y1—True's Yard Trip—Consent/Payment via your MCAS account.
Wednesday 10th December 2025	Whole School—Panto and King's Lynn Corn Exchange. 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. More details to follow.
Thursday 11th December 2025 	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas lunch
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 2 - 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 <u>Roesner</u>	3 rd November to 8 th December 12:30pm-12:50pm	All years	Free: No booking necessary
	LUNCHTIME TIMES TABLE CLUB with Mr Overton	3 rd November to 8 th December 12:30pm-12:50pm	All years	Free: No booking necessary
Tuesday	LUNCHTIME STEP CLUB	4 th November to 9 th December 13.30pm – 12.50pm	All years	Free: No booking necessary
	YOUNG VOICES CHOIR CLUB with Mr Overton	4 th November to 9 th December 3:15pm – 4:00pm	All years	Free: Open to Young Voices members – Booking via MCAS from 24.10.25
	CHRISTMAS CRAFT CLUB with Mrs <u>Roesner</u> (max 10 children)	2 nd , 9 th & 16 th December (3 weeks only) 3.15pm - 4pm	All years	Free: Booking via MCAS (On a first come first serve basis) Available to book on MCAS from 24.10.25
Wednesdays	LUNCHTIME CLUB WITH Austin/Joe (ICS)	5 th November to 17 th December 12:30pm-12:50pm	All years	Free: No booking necessary
	AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB with Austin/Joe (ICS) (football boots & shin pads are optional)	5 th November to 17 th December 3:15pm-4:15pm (7 weeks)	All years	Book & pay <u>direct</u> with ICS Coaching please click on the link to book https://icscoaching.pembee.app/activity/68efd595ba552fba561721c3
Thursdays	LUNCHTIME MINDFULNESS CLUB with Mrs Jones	6 th November to 11 th December 12:30pm-12:50pm	Years 4, 5 & 6	Free: No booking necessary
	AFTER SCHOOL LEGO CLUB with Mrs Preston (max 10 children)	6 th November to 11 th November 3.15pm – 4pm	KS1	Free: Booking via MCAS (On a first come first serve basis) Available to book on MCAS from 24.10.25
Fridays				



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.

Community News

FiSH

Food in School Holidays

Wednesday 29th October

Clenchwarton Methodist Church

9:30 – 11:30 am

FREE Breakfast club for school age and pre-school age children

Places **MUST** be booked, and children must be accompanied by an adult

To book call or text 07881 952095 or email j.goddard@methodist.org.uk

FiSH

Food in School Holidays

Thursday 30th October

Terrington St Clement Methodist Church

9:30 – 11:30 am

FREE Breakfast club for school age and pre-school age children

Places **MUST** be booked, and children must be accompanied by an adult

To book call or text 07881 952095 or email j.goddard@methodist.org.uk



Starting Reception

Your child's journey to school starts at home

We understand that all children develop at their own pace, and that we're all learning from birth. When it's time to start school, some children will need more help than others.

There's lots you can do at home to build your child's confidence and independence, helping them feel emotionally and practically prepared to start school.



For more information on how to help your child get ready for reception, and for information on supporting children with additional needs, scan the QR code or visit <https://startingreception.co.uk>.



Community News

ALIVE

Holiday Programme

27 Oct – 2 Nov 2025

Lynnsport, St James Pool,
Downham Leisure, Oasis,
South Lynn Community Centre
and Glebe House School

Scan to book

Booking is advisable for all activities
alivestnorfolk.co.uk

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 King's Lynn &
 West Norfolk

Booking Information

Discounted rates

Are subsidised by the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk.

Applies to West Norfolk residents under 19yrs.

Booking is advisable for all activities

All bookings are in line with our standard booking policy. Visit alivestnorfolk.co.uk for full terms and conditions.

Junior Alive Cards are FREE

Simply apply at your local centre.

Alive Downham
01366 386868

Alive Lynnsport
01553 818001

Alive Oasis
01485 534227

Alive St James
01553 764888

All children should bring

Refillable drinks bottle, hat, jumper and jacket appropriate to the weather.

* Children under 5yrs must be accompanied at all times during the session by a parent or responsible adult over the age of 18yrs.
 ** A parent or responsible adult aged 18yrs or over must be booked in and participate in the activity on a ratio of 1 adult to 2 children. Bookable over the phone or at your local centre.
 *** Children under the age of 8yrs must be accompanied by a participating parent or responsible adult aged 18yrs or over on a ratio of 1 adult to 2 children.
 **** Participants should be confident in deep water and will be required to complete a swim test. If during the swim test participants are unable to swim 25 metres unaided, life jackets will be provided.
 If your child has any medical, SEND or additional needs which require additional support, please contact us prior to booking at enquiries@alivestnorfolk.co.uk to ensure we can facilitate this.
 For all activities excluding Holiday Clubs, children under the age of 8yrs must be accompanied by a responsible adult who must remain within the designated viewing area for the specific activity/site for the duration of the activity and be able to assist their child if needed.

All information is correct at time of print and may be subject to change.

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TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL MONSTER MASH DISCO FOAM PARTY

KIDS GO FREE

OCTOBER HALF-TERM OFFER ENDS THIS SUNDAY

BOO AT THE ZOO

USE CODE **KIDSGOFREE** EXPIRES 19TH OCTOBER

SPOOKY ROAD TRAIN MAGIC SHOWS BUG HANDLING & MORE!

STORIES OF LYNN WITCHCRAFT WEEK

TUESDAY 28 OCTOBER.

Potion Brewing
10.30am – 11.30am / 1.30pm – 2.30pm

WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER

Witch Hunt
All day throughout the museum

THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER

Witch Mask Making
10.30am – 11.30am / 1.30pm – 2.30pm

FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER

Gaul House Ghost Stories
1.30pm – 2.30pm

Activities included in child admission, plus one adult goes free.
Book in advance via 01553 774297

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MEMES

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Memes may look like simple jokes, but, for many teenagers, they form a shared cultural language. Quickly created and reworked, they spread across social media platforms as images with text or short videos. Nearly eight in ten teenagers share memes (79%, YPulse), making them part of daily life. While memes encourage creativity and participation, they can also spread misinformation or reinforce harmful stereotypes.

SPREADING MISINFORMATION

While memes help to communicate complex topics, they can also spread misinformation. Memes may sometimes include content presenting false facts or biased viewpoints, especially around health, politics, or current events and, as they're designed to be shared quickly, young people may not question their accuracy.

EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Memes are widely circulated, and not always age-appropriate, meaning young people may encounter explicit language, sexual content, or graphic imagery, even without searching for it. As memes spread fast on platforms like Instagram, TikTok, or WhatsApp, it's nearly impossible to filter them completely.

MASKED MESSAGES

Some memes are designed to be confusing or layered with hidden meanings, making them hard for parents, and, sometimes, other young people to understand. Online groups often create these memes to look like inside jokes, but they can sometimes conceal offensive, harmful, or misleading content.

HIDDEN HARMS & LOSING SENSITIVITY

When serious topics like violence, racism, or mental health are turned into jokes, children and young people may become less sensitive to these issues over time. While a funny meme may seem light-hearted, it can carry messages that belittle certain groups, encourage risky behaviour, or mock personal struggles. Repeated exposure through memes can make harmful behaviour seem normal or less important. Over time, this can blur their understanding of what is funny versus what is discriminatory, harmful, or damaging to themselves and others.

PERMANENT DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

Unlike spoken jokes, memes leave a trail. Created or shared memes can resurface later and be misunderstood, even if intended as harmless. Once online, memes may be copied, saved, or spread beyond a young person's control - digital actions can follow them into their future, shaping how they are perceived by peers, teachers, or even employers long after the original meme has been shared.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Talk regularly with young people and try to understand their online world - discuss what they find funny about the memes, and why. By listening without judgement, you build trust, making it easier for them to come to you if they see something harmful. Open conversations also help children and teens think critically about the messages behind memes rather than simply accepting them at face value.

MODEL HEALTHY BOUNDARIES

Show children and teens positive online behaviours, such as taking breaks from screens, avoiding late-night scrolling, and engaging in offline activities. Setting clear routines around screen time at home can help to reinforce healthy boundaries and reduce the risks of overuse. By modelling balanced technology use, adults can help children and young people see that digital entertainment, including memes, should be just one part of life.

TEACH DIGITAL LITERACY

Help children and young people learn to question where information comes from and whether it's reliable - developing media literacy skills prepares young people to understand and navigate through their future online lives. Show them how memes can sometimes exaggerate or misrepresent facts for laughs, and encourage them to check credible sources when memes claim to present truth.

FOSTER EMPATHY ONLINE

Remind children and young people that memes should never come at someone else's expense. Encourage them to think about how a meme might make another person feel before sharing or creating it. Highlight examples of positive memes that celebrate creativity without hurting others. Fostering empathy, respect, and kindness in digital spaces will help them become more aware of promoting a safer, more supportive online culture.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Cristina Moreno-Almeida is a Senior Lecturer in Digital Culture at Queen Mary University of London. She specialises in memes, online networks, and youth culture, examining how digital spaces shape identity and everyday life.



See full reference list on our website



The National College

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  **mmunisation**
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