

Walpole Cross Keys Primary School

Weekly Newsletter – 7th November 2025



Hello everyone,

Welcome back! We hope you had a great half term.

Our Year 1 pupils enjoyed exploring the **village** of Walpole Cross Keys on Monday as part of their English lesson.

On Tuesday the whole school went to Lynnsport for Gymnastics and this will continue on a Tuesday until 9th December. Hot lunches will be available for the children when returning from this event. Please ensure that school lunches are booked (if applicable) via your MCAS account by no later than midnight on a Saturday!

On Wednesday Class 3 visited the Masjid Ghousia Mosque in Peterborough, they had a really great time learning more about the Islam culture.

Parent Consultations—3.30pm–7.30pm (6.30pm for Class 1)—Booking via the google link that has been sent. Alternatively, please call the school office on 01553 828680. ****No Lego Club with Mrs Preston on this day due to Parent Consultations. ****

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.

To celebrate Anti-bullying week, we are asking children to come to school on Monday 10th November in odd socks. No donation necessary—just for fun! All other usual school uniform to apply please.

Friday 14th November, we are supporting Children in Need. Please wear something spotty! Donations to be made via your MCAS account which can be found in the 'Shop' section. Thank you for your support.

The Whole School immunisation programme (Flu) takes place on Monday 24th November 2025. Please use this link to register your child.

<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/copy-of-consent-forms-flu>

Best Wishes

Ms J. Borley
(Executive Head Teacher)



Join the PTA!



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

Attendance

Class 1: 98.6%

Class 2: 91%

Class 3: 97.7%

Congratulations to
Class 1!

Whole school: 96%



Weekending—07.11.2025

Stars:

Danas (Class 1), Lucas (Class 2) & Rosie C (Class 3)

Kindness:

Jesse (Class 1), Isaac O (Class 2) & Rosie M (Class 3)

Handwriting:

Jessica (Class 1), Brody (Class 2) & Nelly (Class 3)

THANK YOU card winners:

Frankie (Class 1), Devon (Class 2) & Taylor (Class 3)

Golden Broom: Class 2

PSHE—Accept everyone is different:

Tommy-Lee, Danas, Thomas, Ted & Ronnie (Class 1)

Everyone (Class 2)

Everyone (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 10th November 2025 	SSP Cross Country Finals @ Lynnsport 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. Alternatively, please call the school office on 01553 828680. **No lego Club with Mrs Preston on this day due to Parent Consultations.**
Friday 14th November 2025  	Children in Need—Donations can be made via your MCAS account under the 'Shop' item. Thank you for your support. Sensory Workshop—3pm—4.30pm @ Walpole Cross Keys Primary School. Parents invited.
Wednesday 19th November 2025	Family Workshop at Clenchwarton Primary School—9.30am—10.30am
Thursday 20th November 2025	Yr 5 & Yr 6 —Chemistry Kitchen at Springwood High School. Consent/Payment via your MCAS account.
Monday 24th November 2025 	Whole School immunisation programme (Flu). Please use this link to register your child. https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/copy-of-consent-forms-flu SSP Tag Rugby—Yr5 & Yr6—Selected.
Tuesday 25th November 2025	Class 2—Assembly @ 3pm. Parents/Carers invited.
Wednesday 26th November 2025	Family Workshop at Clenchwarton Primary School—9.30am—10.30am. Class 3—Assembly @ 3pm. Parents/Carers invited.
Thursday 27th November 2025	Class 1—Assembly @ 3pm. Parents/Carers invited.
Friday 28th November 2025	Y1—True's Yard Trip—Consent/Payment via your MCAS account.
Wednesday 3rd December 2025	WNAT Community Christmas Carol Service @ St Nicholas Chapel, King's Lynn for Yr5 & Yr 6. Please return the slip to the office. Thank you.
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 Rudolph Run - Tapping House
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.

Year 1 — Village Walk



Class 3—Masjid Ghousia Mosque Visit



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about POKÉMON TCG POCKET



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Pokémon TCG Pocket is a mobile version of the hugely popular Pokémon Trading Card Game, downloaded over 100 million times on Android and iOS. Players collect cards, battle others online, and open packs of cards – known as booster packs – to expand their decks. While the core game can be fun and helps develop tactical and numeracy skills, its design encourages spending and can feed addictive behaviours – making it important for adults to understand the risks.

ADDICTIVE PACK OPENING



Booster packs rely on probability to provide rare or powerful cards. The excitement of opening them – and the dopamine rush when finding a sought-after card – can become addictive. Unlike purely cosmetic loot boxes, the cards here are integral to competitive gameplay, adding extra pressure for serious gamers to collect more.

ENDLESS PACK LOOPS



New themed sets of cards are released each month, ranging from around 85 to over 370 cards per expansion. This constant cycle encourages players to keep opening packs in an effort to complete collections or improve their battle decks, potentially promoting unhealthy spending habits. With the introduction of limited-time booster packs, some players may feel increased pressure to collect these cards while they're still available.

QUICK BUT ABSORBING



Card battles last around five to six minutes, making it easy to fit in "just one more game". This quick format, combined with the drive to win, can lead to prolonged play sessions and increased screen time without noticing. With limited-time Ranked Match seasons constantly being refreshed – an opportunity to accumulate points and earn profile emblems – players may find themselves drawn into this game mechanic repeatedly.

COST OF BOOSTER PACKS



Although free to play, with set rewards and two free booster packs given daily, players can exchange Poké Gold if they wish to open more, and a small amount of Poké Gold is rewarded for free as the player levels up. Poké Gold is also sold in bundles that are often just short of what players need to open extra packs, encouraging them to buy additional bundles.

PREMIUM PASS PRESSURE



A monthly subscription gives players access to exclusive missions, rewards, and an extra daily booster pack. Missions and rewards are replaced each month, providing an incentive to stay subscribed. While some premium rewards are exclusive, others are available through free play – making the pass more about faster progression and obtaining cosmetic items than true necessity.

COMPETITIVE ONLINE PLAY



Interactions in Pokémon TCG Pocket are relatively safe – there's no messaging between players, friend requests require player approval, no real names are used, and card trading is restricted to fair trades between friends. On the other hand, the competitive nature of online play can still cause frustration, over-investment, and isolation if children spend too much time focused on the game.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR SPENDING HABITS



Set clear boundaries around in-game purchases. Treat Poké Gold as an occasional rather than routine reward, helping children develop healthier attitudes towards digital spend.

PLAY TOGETHER



Card battles can help children learn tactics, problem-solving, and rule-following, as well as numeracy skills. Playing alongside them is a great way to share in their enjoyment, while also modelling balanced play and keeping an eye on how much they're investing in the game.

SET REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS



Talk about the unpredictable nature of booster packs and prepare children for disappointment when duplicates appear or rare cards don't surface. Understanding probability can help minimise disappointment – use the game's built-in offering rates guides to find out more about it.

TEACH FAIRNESS



Losing a battle can be discouraging, especially when money has been spent on collecting the cards to build a deck. Support children in recognising the importance of fairness, learning from both wins and losses, and making considered choices when trading cards.

Meet Our Expert

Dan Lipscombe is a videogame journalist and children's book author with over 15 years of experience. Specialising in technology and gaming, he has written extensively on how digital platforms affect young people and has been playing games for more than three decades.



Community News

Norfolk County Council School & Community Team Parent Workshop Sensory Workshop

14th November 2025 @ 3pm

- What do we mean by Sensory Processing Issues?
- How many Sensory Systems do we have?
- What do they affect?
- How can we support them?

Opportunities to ask questions and find further support.

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**WISBECH
GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

YEAR 5

SUPER SCIENCE



**Saturday 29 November 2025
0900 - 1300**



Register on our website: wisbechgrammar.com/open-events

wisbechgrammar.com admissions@wisbechgrammar.com 01945 586750

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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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