

Walpole Cross Keys Primary School

Weekly Newsletter – 28th November 2025



Hello everyone,

Well done to the children who took part with the SSP Tag Rugby on Monday.

Nativity—We have started planning this years Christmas Nativity. Children have been sent home with the script if you could help your child to learn their lines and the songs that would be great. Tickets will be available to collect from the office from 5th December.

On Friday the children from Year 1 had a trip to True's Yard in King's Lynn. They had a fabulous day.

WE NEED YOU! - Information on becoming a Governor at this school can be found on the website. To register your interest, please fill in the '**Become a Governor**' form from the website. Thank you.

As always, we would like to ensure that your **experience** at Walpole Cross Keys Primary is a **positive** one. If you have any concerns, in the first instance please telephone, email the school office or speak with the class teacher.



Best Wishes

Ms J. Borley
(Executive Head Teacher)

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

Attendance

Class 1: 92.5%

Class 2: 95%

Class 3: 96.7%

Congratulations to
Class 3!

Whole school: 94.9%



Weekending—28.11.2025

Stars:

Hollie (Class 1), Brody (Class 2) & Hector (Class 3)

Kindness:

Nova (Class 1), Millie (Class 2) & Layla (Class 3)

Handwriting:

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

THANK YOU card winners:

Edith (Class 1), Lucas (Class 2) & Max (Class 3)

Golden Broom: Class 2

PSHE—Trying to solve problems:

Jessica, Jesse, Nova & Ronnie (Class 1)

Jacob, Gabby, Bella & Isaac O (Class 2)

Nelly & Chase (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 may be slightly different to NCC.

Wednesday 3rd December 2025	WNAT Community Christmas Carol Service @ St Nicholas Chapel, King's Lynn for Yr5 & Yr 6.
Thursday 4th December 2025	Lego Club with Mrs Preston — Cancelled.
Tuesday 9th December 2025 	NEW DATE —Rudolph Run - Tapping House
Wednesday 10th December 2025 	Family Workshop at Clenchwarton Primary School—9.00am—10.00am Whole School—Panto and King's Lynn Corn Exchange. 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. Consent/Payment via your MCAS account. *Kitchen closed packed lunch only!*
Thursday 11th December 2025  	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas lunch—No alternatives on this day. Booking via MCAS by no later than Saturday 29th November. Roast Chicken (Veg—Quorn Fillet), roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, stuffing, chipolata (Veg Quorn sausage), seasonal vegetables and gravy. Plus Christmas deserts. PTA—Movie Evening—3.15pm—5.15pm—£4 per child. Please return your completed slip to the school office. By no later than Thursday 4th December. Thank you.
Tuesday 16th December 2025	Nativity—Parents invited—9.20am—10.20am. Tickets available soon.
Wednesday 17th December 2025	Nativity—Parents invited—2.15pm—3.15pm. Tickets available soon.
Thursday 18th December 2025	Christingle Assembly with Reverend Barbara Burton
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
Thursday 8th January 2026 	Year 6 and Year R NCMP/Vision and Hearing Screening (NHS) - NEW DATE
Monday 19th January 2026	Young Voices @ O2
Monday 26th January 2026	Active Kids Festival (Yr 1 & Yr 2)

Protecting Kids Online Clenchwarton Primary School



FREE
museum voucher
and prize draw
raffle entry
when you attend
2+ sessions

Are you concerned about your child's online habits?

Would you like to know more about possible dangers on the internet? NCC Family Learning are delighted to invite you to Clenchwarton Primary School over November and December for a FREE 4-week workshop on understanding and protecting young people online.

You don't have to be able to attend all 4 weeks, but more beneficial if you can. Parents/carers only.

- Wednesday mornings - 1 hour per workshop - 9am to 10am
- Nov 19th - Identifying risks to children's safety
- Nov 26th - Building Digital resilience
- Dec 3rd - Safeguarding with parental controls and monitoring tools
- Dec 10th - Preparing and adapting for future risks

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Understanding Your Child's Behaviour: A Norfolk Steps Approach - Primary Years

- Why is a child or young person behaving in a certain way?
- Why are they trying to break things?
- Why are they trying to hurt another child or adult for no apparent reason?

Our Offer:

- Sometimes it is very hard to understand why a child or young person is suddenly having a temper tantrum. Some of the things young people do seem to have no relation to what is going on around them. Parents may be exhausted or feel helpless trying to cope with the behaviour.

All sessions will be 1 hour. We advise that parents attend both sessions to gain the most out of the programme.

Session 1:

- What do we mean by behaviour?
- Flight, Fight, Freeze.
- Recognising 'Triggers.'
- Thinking about 'Before, During and After' an event.



Session 2:

- Early ideas to calm situations and keep the situation manageable for parents and children.
- Supporting children to communicate how they feel.
- Supporting children to self-regulate.
- Using reward/recognition systems.
- Restorative/repair work.

5th and 12th December 2025 3-4pm

West Lynn Primary School

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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(Certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Online videos are often associated with apps such as YouTube, but among teens, TikTok is king. The app provides a potentially addictive, never-ending stream of short clips tailored to users' interests based on their viewing habits. Around half of British children use TikTok, and while most content is benign, Ofcom considers it the app where young people are "most likely to encounter a potential harm".

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

TikTok's Following Feed shows videos from known creators, while the default For You Feed serves endless clips based on viewing history. Most are harmless, but unsuitable content can still appear, and watching for long enough signals interest to the algorithm. Although TikTok bans illegal or inappropriate uploads, the volume of posts means some slip through, increasing the chance that children encounter age-inappropriate material before it is detected or removed.

BODY IMAGE AND DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Ofcom reports that most online harms for girls involve body image, while boys more often see dangerous stunts. Both types appear frequently on TikTok and spread quickly through its engagement-driven algorithm. Harmful challenges have included the "blackout" trend, where users held their breath until passing out. Families filed lawsuits after children died linked to the trend, showing how extreme or risky content can rapidly reach young people and negatively influence them.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but children can still spend money. TikTok coins, costing £9.99 to £224.99, let users buy gifts for creators. TikTok Shop adds risk by allowing purchases from influencers or companies, sometimes leading to poor-quality items driven by persuasive marketing. A Canadian investigation found TikTok collected personal data from many children for targeting and advertising despite age limits, meaning young users may lose control over their personal information.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Between 1.6 and 1.9 billion people use TikTok, meaning there's a high risk of unwanted attention from strangers. Accounts created by over-16s (or young people using a fake date of birth) are set to public view by default. This means that not only is someone's profile visible to everyone else on the app, it also suggests their videos to others and allows anyone to download or comment on them.

MISINFORMATION AND RADICALISATION

TikTok's short videos may appear lighthearted, but they can expose young people to harmful ideas. Misinformation is common, and Ofcom reports that nearly one third of 12-15-year-olds use TikTok as a news source, increasing the chance of seeing racist, misogynistic, extremist or conspiracy material. Even brief clips can influence impressionable users and shape their worldview, making discussions about critical thinking, propaganda and online influence especially important for parents and educators.

ADDICTIVE DESIGN

TikTok's fast-paced stream of eye-catching videos can be potentially addictive for young users. In 2024, UK children spent an average of 127 minutes per day on the platform, double the time recorded in 2020. Excessive use can disrupt sleep, increase irritability, and distract from healthier activities. Constantly skipping between short clips may also affect attention span, making it harder to focus on longer tasks such as homework or reading.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account to their child's in order to manage settings remotely. Parents can then turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen time limits, make accounts private and manage whether their child can send messages – and if they can, to whom. Children cannot alter these settings without parental approval.

BLOCK IN-APP SPENDING

Parents can restrict in-app purchases on iPhone and Android devices to prevent accidental or impulsive TikTok spending. Young people can easily spend large amounts on TikTok coins or low-quality products promoted through TikTok Shop. If a disappointing purchase occurs, turn it into a discussion about influencer marketing and how online promotions can be misleading.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If a child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's good practice to discuss the potential risks. Ensure they don't share any identifying personal information or respond to dangerous trends, and that they know to talk to a trusted adult if they're worried by interactions on the app. With more teens using TikTok for news, it's important to talk about misinformation and propaganda.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child is spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as is failing to complete homework or skipping meals. Remember, the parental controls are there for a reason, and it's never too late to introduce limits.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of Wired, TechRadar, Tom's Guide, The Evening Standard and The New Statesman.



See full reference list on our website

#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Community News

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Christmas Holiday Programme

22 December 2025 - 5 January 2026

Lynnsport, St James Pool, Oasis, Downham Leisure, Hunstanton Primary School and South Lynn Community Centre

Booking is advisable for all activities alivewestnorfolk.co.uk

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SWIMMING LESSONS

St James Pool . Downham Leisure . Oasis

BLACK FRIDAY

Join our Swimming Lesson programme at St James, Downham or Oasis from **28 Nov - 1 Dec** & get 1 month free! Book your **FREE** assessment or sign up in centre now!

Catch up clinic - Norfolk

Sat 06 Dec | Gaywood Library

Time & Location

06 Dec 2025, 10:00 - 14:00
Gaywood Library, River Lane, King's Lynn PE30 4HD

About this clinic

These flu clinics will be running on an APPOINTMENT ONLY basis.

Consent forms can be found on our website under 'CONSENT FORMS'.

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CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS
ST. MARGARET'S LANE CENTRE



23rd Dec	Tuesday	12-2pm
24th Dec	Christmas Eve	Closed
25th Dec	Christmas Day	Closed
26th Dec	Boxing Day	Closed
29th Dec	Monday	Closed
30th Dec	Tuesday	12-2pm
31st Dec	New Years Eve	Closed
1st Jan	New Years Day	Closed
2nd Jan	Friday	12-2pm



St. Faiths and KLBC satellite distribution centres will be closed from 23rd Dec and re-open 5th Jan 2026. Please use main centre on 30th Dec and 2nd Jan.

<https://www.alivewestnorfolk.co.uk/activities/holiday-activities/>

Family Christingle Services in the Minster

Christmas Eve 2pm & 4pm

The Christingle services are **FREE** to attend, and you don't have to book but it does help us to make sure we have enough Christingles!

Bookings can be made via Ticket Tailor using the QR Code or link: bit.ly/ticketsKLMinster

FREE Family Event

Christmas Tree Festival at King's Lynn Minster

Friday 5th December to Sunday 7th December 2025
(10am-6pm Friday & Saturday) (10am-4pm Sunday)

Free Family Event!

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Christmas Films at the Minster

Father Christmas Wednesday 17th December 4pm & 6pm
Christmas Raffle & free children's draw.

It's a Wonderful Life Thursday 18th December, 7pm
Bar & Christmas Raffle

Tickets are **FREE**, follow the link to book: bit.ly/ticketsKLMinster

Free Family Events

Come & Sing Christmas Carols

Sunday 14th December 2025
3pm in The Minster

Come along and join in with all the family favourites!

Free Family Event