

Walpole Cross Keys Primary School

Weekly Newsletter – 17th April 2026



Hello everyone,

Welcome back everyone. We hope you had a fabulous Easter break?

Next week the Happy Chick Company will be delivering some eggs that will hatch out throughout the week. We will keep you up to date with the new chicks.



PARKING OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL – Could you please ensure that you are respectful of the residents and do not park across any driveways as access is required. Please park sensibly. 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.

Weekending—17.04.2026

Stars:

Thomas & Jessica (Class 1), Bella (Class 2) & Lilley (Class 3)

Kindness:

Edith (Class 1), Isaac O (Class 2) & Nelly (Class 3)

Handwriting:

Tommy-Lee (Class 1), Millie (Class 2) & Florence P (Class 3)

THANK YOU card winners:

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

Golden Broom: Class 2

PSHE-Know how to make friends

Max, Jesse, Nova, Rosie, Toby & Ted (Class 1)
Bella, Mabel, Devon, Jacob, Isaac O, Hudson & Matthew (Class 2)
Nelly, Florence P, Taylor, Rosie M & Ivy H. (Class 3)



Attendance

Class 1: 88.6%

Class 2: 97.3%

Class 3: 83.11%

Congratulations to Class 2

Whole school: 89.3%



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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 can be located from the school's website. School holiday dates may be slightly different to NCC.

Tuesday 28th April 2026	Year 6—Crucial Crew Trip
Wednesday 29th April 2026	Tri Golf Festival—Years 1—4 only
Thursday 30th April 2026	Class 3—Victorian Activity Day @ Gressenhall—Consent and payment via MCAS.
Monday 4th May 2026	BANK HOLIDAY—School Closed.
Wednesday 13th May 2026	Class 1 Sandringham Trip-Consent and payment via MCAS.
Thursday 14th May 2026	Class 1 Shabbat workshop—Consent and payment via MCAS.
Monday 18th May 2026	Great Athletes visit—More details to follow.
Tuesday 19th May 2026	Year 4—Stories of Lynn Trip—Consent and payment via MCAS.
Wednesday 20th May 2026	Dynamos Cricket
Thursday 21st May 2026	WNAT Sports Event UKS2
Friday 22nd May 2026	School breaks up at the usual time of 3.15pm for Half Term
Monday 1st June 2026	School opens-Prompt registration at 8.45am
Monday 1st June 2026	SSP Dynamos Cricket—Finalists—TBC
Thursday 4th June 2026	Lilacmoon in for Class photos only.
Thursday 11th June 2026	SSP Tennis (Yr3 & Yr4) - More details to follow
Monday 15th June 2026	Spelling Bee Final—KS2 only
Thursday 18th June 2026	Reception—Sea Life Centre Trip-. Consent via MCAS. Yr6 Selected-Soroptimist event at The College of West Anglia.
Friday 18th June 2026	Sports Day— 10am -12pm Soroptimist Public Speaking Event—Selected
Monday 22nd June 2026	SSP Quadkids (Yr5 & Yr6) - More details to follow.
Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd, Thursday 25th & Friday 26th June 2026	Year 5 & Year 6 Bikeability—4 days
Thursday 25th June 2026	WNAT Photographic Competition Final
Wednesday 24th June 2026	Year 6—Theatre Trip
Thursday 2nd July 2026	Year 6 Transition Day and Evening at St Clements High School. Move Up Day.
Friday 3rd July 2026	Maths Challenge—UKS2
Monday 6th July 2026	Active Kids (Yr 1 & Yr2) - More details to follow. WNAT Community Music Festival Week. MITI
Wednesday 8th July 2026	Intra Sports Event—Class 1 WNAT Community Music Festival week (90's theme) - Yr5 & Yr6
Tuesday 7th July 2026	Year 5 Taster Day @ St Clements High School.
Friday 10th July 2026	SSP Tennis (Yr 5 & Yr 6) - More details to follow. Top Link Festival (YrR, Yr1 & Yr2) - More details to follow.
Sunday 12th July to Wednesday 15th July 2026	Year 6 Residential—Hilltop
	
Friday 17th July 2026	Schools breaks up at the usual time of 3.15pm for the summer holidays.



West Norfolk
Academies Trust



King's Lynn & District
Camera Club

Photographic Competition 2026

KLDDCC in conjunction with WNAT would like to invite entries to the annual photographic competition. The competition is open to Key Stages 2,3,4,5 and Staff.

The theme for this year's competition is



'OPEN'



Photographs can be taken on any imaging device including mobile phones, tablets or cameras.

The OPEN theme covers any subject you think would make an interesting picture. We are looking for pictures that have impact, rather than 'snapshots' So go out and be creative!

Images should be submitted to e.pearman@wnat.co.uk in Jpeg format, be no larger than A4 or 300 x 200mm and be saved at their full size if possible (a maximum of around 3600 x 2400 pixels).

Please do not send via WhatsApp or Facebook, as the images will be compressed and will not print properly.

Images will initially be assessed by the Trust, who will choose finalists from each group to go forward for judging by the KLDDCC on 25th June 2026, at Springwood High School.

£20 of Amazon vouchers will be awarded as first place prize to each key stage.

The overall winner will receive the Dave Ashfield Cup.

All finalists will receive a mounted print of their entry.

Entries close at 9am on Monday 1st June 2026.

Head to the KLDDCC website kldcc.co.uk and look at some of the pictures taken by our club members to get some good ideas. You will also find some tips on the website to help you make the best of your images



WNAT Photo competition - brief guide to photography



It doesn't matter if you use your phone or a 'proper' camera, whatever you are photographing it needs to be in focus and properly exposed (not too dark or too bright), here a few quick tips to help you get the best from your images.

Landscapes: Keep the horizon level and make sure something in the photo draws your eyes to it, this is called a focal point. A great time to take your camera out is the last couple of hours before the sun sets, and there is no such thing as bad weather!



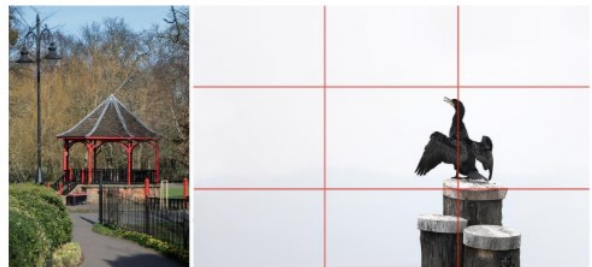
People: Your subject shouldn't be too small in the picture and you will get nicer photos if you zoom in rather than holding the camera closer to them.



Animals/Pets: Crouch down to their level as opposed to pointing the camera downwards.



Composition: Think about your composition when you take the photo, something leading the eye to your focal point always works, as does using the "Rule of Thirds" (draw a mental grid over what you see and put your subject where two of the lines cross).



Finally, editing your photos afterwards is not cheating! For example, if the colours do not work, try changing the photo to black and white.

ENJOY YOUR PHOTOGRAPHY!!

CLUBS

Clubs Overview Summer Term 1 - 2026

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	Year Group	Cost
Monday	LUNCHTIME READING CLUB with Mrs Roesner	20 th April to 18 th May 12:30pm-12:50pm	All years	Free: No booking necessary
Tuesday	LUNCHTIME TIMES TABLE CLUB with Miss Daws	14 th April to 19 th May 12:30pm-12:50pm	All years	Free: No booking necessary
	PHONICS CLUB with Mrs Roesner	14 th April to 19 th May 3:15pm – 4pm	Year 1 only	Free: Booking & consent via your MCAS account.
Wednesdays	LUNCHTIME CLUB with Austin/Joe (ICS)	15 th April to 20 th May 12:30pm-12:50pm	All years	Free: No booking necessary
	FOOTBALL CLUB with Austin/Joe (ICS) (football boots & shin pads are optional)	15 th April to 20 th May 3:15pm-4:15pm	All years	£4.00 per session totalling to £24.00 for 6 weeks Book & pay direct with ICS Coaching by no later than 14 th April please click on the link to book https://icscoaching.pembee.app/
Thursdays	LEGO CLUB with Mrs Preston	16 th April to 21 st May 3:15pm to 4pm	All years (max 10 spaces available)	Free: Booking & consent via your MCAS account.

PE—Summer Term 1

Tuesday's Class 2—Swimming (swim kits) including hat. If goggles are to be worn, could you please give written permission to the school office. Thank you.

Wednesday's - Class 1 & 3 *Wear PE kits*.



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.

Have your circumstances changed recently?

You may be eligible for Free School Meals!

The school receives funding for each child who comes under Pupil Premium (including FSM).

You can apply online:-

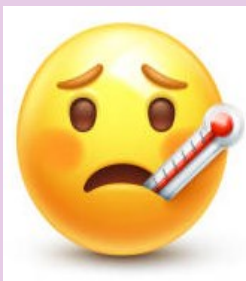
<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>



Could you please ensure your child comes to school suitably dressed for the elements.



If your child is not 'fit' to go into school?



Each day your child is unfit to come to school, please report this absence by calling the school office on 01553 828680 before 9:15am to let us know. Please **do not** send messages via Class Dojo. Thank you.

In the message please leave your child's full name, class and give the specific reason for absence. The information you give will be recorded on our official register. Thank you.

All lunches need to be booked by midnight on a Saturday via your MCAS account. Thank you.



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.



Miss Daws



Mrs Roesner



Mrs Jones



Mrs Preston

Community News

Kids Disabled children say we can

Norfolk Parent Carer Service

What's On In April

Online Workshops

Parental Resilience
Sunday 12th April
2pm - 4pm

Behaviour that Challenges
Tuesday 14th April
10am - 12pm

Neurodivergent Teens
Sunday 19th April
2pm - 4pm

Join us online for these free workshops

Scan here to book our online workshops!



NEW! Coffee and Connect North Walsham
Friday 17th April
10:30am - 12:30pm

Join us for cuppa and a warm welcome to our North Walsham Coffee and Connect

Family Hub and ECFS
Manor Road,
North Walsham,
NR28 9HG
Email: natalie.tagg@kids.org.uk

West and Brecklands Coffee and Connect
Wednesday 15th April
Parental Resilience Workshop
Thetford Family Hub, Kingsway, IP24 3DY
10:30am - 12:30pm

Monday 27th April
Wellbeing
St Augustine Healthy Living Centre,
Columbia Way, King's Lynn, PE30 2LB
10:30am - 12:30pm
Email: sally.macgregor@kids.org.uk

Scan here to join our Facebook community!






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What's On In April

Sprowston Coffee and Connect

Guest Speaker from SENDIASS
Wednesday 15th April
10:30am - 12:30pm

Guest Speaker from Early Help
Wednesday 29th April
10:30am - 12:30pm

Viking Centre, Tills Road
Sprowston, NR6 7QZ
Email: hayley.huckle@kids.org.uk

Great Yarmouth Drop-In with Grace
Monday 20th April
10am - 12pm

Join us for a relaxed cuppa and chat session. Places are limited so please email grace.hillard@kids.org.uk for more info

NEW! Dad's Time!
Tuesday 21st April
7:30pm - 9:30pm

Are you a dad, stepdad, grandad or male carer for a young person (0-18 years) with SEND? Then this is for you! Come and join us at Albion Games Cafe in Norwich for a drink, gaming and connection with other parent carers.

Albion Games Cafe
21 St Benedicts Street
Norwich, NR2 4PF
Email: hayley.huckle@kids.org.uk

Riding The Rapids

We run this amazing course every term in different places around Norfolk!

Do you want to know more about:

- Parent wellbeing
- Understanding behaviour
- Sensory needs
- Teamwork & communication
- Positive interactions
- Managing stress & crisis point
- Problem solving

Email sally.macgregor@kids.org.uk for your nearest course!

Scan here to join our Facebook community!






King's Lynn Sea Cadets

TS Vancouver
Tuesday and Thursdays
18:45-21:00

On and off the water the Sea Cadets offer a range of activities and qualifications:

- ⚓ Rowing
- ⚓ Sailing
- ⚓ First Aid
- ⚓ Navigation
- ⚓ Engineering
- ⚓ Leadership
- ⚓ & Many More

Recruiting for Juniors (10-12), Seniors (12-18) Marines (13-18)

For more information email: unit@kingslynnseacadets.org.uk or find us on Facebook






What is THE BOOK OF YOU?

It's a free life writing trail across King's Lynn

Inspired by THE BOOK OF MARGERY KEMPE

She wrote the first autobiography in English over 600 years ago

With **Scribbles the Story Scribe**

There's also an activity booklet just for kids!

Visit the 14 stops on the trail

- The Day Box
- Majestic Cinema
- The First Shop
- Mary's Warehouse
- Forward Number 23 Gift Shop
- King's Lynn Museum
- Groundwork Gallery
- Penn Leong
- Hope Travel
- Stoke of Lynn
- King's Lynn Library
- The 1st Ward
- Lynn Museum
- Fishery Museum
- Waterstones

Wednesday April 15 to Sunday May 3

Pick up a free booklet and pen/pencil at King's Lynn Library or any participating venue

At each stop you will find posters with instructions for both the adult and children's trails

Follow the map in your booklet

Write your answers in the venue-specific pages of your booklet









