

Walpole Cross Keys Primary School

Weekly Newsletter – 4th September 2026



Hello everyone,

Welcome back everyone and welcome to our new children and parents.

Our allocated PE days are as below. Please send your child to school in their full school PE kit (pale blue polo shirt & navy shorts) with appropriate outerwear (plain navy) on their day:

Class 1 (Years R-2) — Friday's

Class 2 (3-6) — Tuesday's

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.

Next Friday, 11th September Mrs Adams will be holding a bake sale on the playground at 3.15pm. 50p per cake. All donations will go to the Nelson's Journey Charity.

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: 100%

Class 2: 90.7%

Congratulations to Class 1!

Whole school: 94.4%



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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.

Wednesday 9th September 2026	MITI at Springwood High School.
Friday 11th September 2026	After school Bake sale at 3.15pm—All donations to go to the Nelson's Journey charity.
Friday 25th September 2026	Harvest Festival
Thursday 22nd October 2026	School breaks up at the usual time of 3.15pm for Half Term.
Friday 23rd October to Friday 30th October 2026	SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 2nd November 2026	School opens—Prompt registration at 8.45am
Monday 9th November 2026	Whole School NHS Flu immunisation
Tuesday 10th November 2026	Parent consultations—3.30-5.30pm—More details to follow
Thursday 12th November 2026	Parent consultations—3.30-7.30pm—More details to follow
Thursday 19th November 2026	Chemistry Kitchen event for Year 5 & Year 6 children —More details to follow



Fire safety starts at home

Most fires in the home can be prevented. Actions such as:

Testing smoke alarms every week, keeping them clean and well maintained

Storing and charging electrical items safely

Talking to children about fire risks can make a significant difference.

Fire safety is not about causing worry; it is about helping families feel prepared and confident about what to do if an emergency occurs. Working smoke alarms are one of the most effective ways to protect your household, and every family should be aware of their escape routes and what to do if an alarm sounds.

Safety actions to protect your home

Many household fires start through everyday activities. Cooking remains one of the most common causes of accidental fires, particularly when food is left unattended or when cookers and cooking surfaces are used for extra storage, as items left on or near hobs can accidentally catch fire.

Faulty electrical equipment, damaged charging cables and overloaded plug sockets can also present significant risks. Developing safe habits, such as switching appliances off when not in use, avoiding overloading extension leads and keeping flammable materials away from heat sources, can help reduce the likelihood of a fire starting in your home.

As children grow older, they often spend more time independently in their bedrooms and make greater use of technology. It is important for parents and carers to know where devices are being charged and to encourage safe charging habits.

Phones, tablets, laptops and gaming equipment should never be charged under pillows, on beds or beneath blankets where heat can build up. Hair straighteners should be fully switched off after use and allowed to cool safely. It is also worth having conversations about candles, incense burners and any other items that generate heat.

Children are naturally curious and may have questions about fire, fireworks or emergency services. Open and age-appropriate conversations can help them understand both the dangers and the importance of safe behaviour. Encourage children to tell an adult if they find matches, lighters or damaged electrical items. Explain that smoke can be just as dangerous as flames and that hiding during a fire can make it more difficult for firefighters to help them. Reassure children that knowing what to do in an emergency helps to keep everyone safe.

Creating a family escape plan

Every family should have a simple escape plan. Take time to identify the quickest way out of each room and, where possible, a second route in case the first is blocked. Make sure everyone in the household knows these routes and understands what to do if they hear the smoke alarm. Keep exits clear so that everyone can leave quickly in an emergency and ensure keys are stored in a safe but accessible place.

All family members should know where they are kept. Choose a family meeting point outside the home as this helps ensure everyone can be accounted for safely and reduces the risk of anyone re-entering the building. If there is a fire, get out, stay out and call 999. Teach younger children never to hide during a fire and never to go back inside for toys, pets or belongings.

Your family escape plan should also cover what to do if you cannot leave the property safely. If your escape route is blocked, move to a room with a window if possible and close the door behind you. Use towels, bedding or clothing to block gaps around the door to help prevent smoke entering the room. Open the window, call for help and dial 999 if you can. If you are on an upper floor, do not jump from a window; stay where you are and wait for rescue. If you live in a flat, make sure everyone in the household is familiar with the building's fire safety arrangements, evacuation procedures and escape routes, including the importance of not using lifts during a fire.

Fireworks, Deliberate Fires and Hoax Calls

Some children might not fully understand the consequences of irresponsible behaviour involving fire. Deliberately setting fires, misusing fireworks or making hoax calls to emergency services can place lives at risk and divert valuable resources away from genuine emergencies. Parents and carers play an important role in helping young people understand how these actions can affect individuals, families and communities. Taking opportunities to discuss news stories, local incidents or community events can help reinforce these messages.

Knowing your rights and the support available

Local authorities, housing teams, Citizens Advice, community organisations and charities may be able to assist with a range of issues, including housing conditions, household safety and family wellbeing. Many local Fire and Rescue Services also offer free Home Fire Safety Checks, providing practical advice tailored to individual households and circumstances.

If you rent your home, your landlord has legal responsibilities to help keep you safe. In England, landlords must provide smoke alarms on every storey of a property, ensure gas appliances are checked annually where provided, maintain safe electrical installations and provide appropriate carbon monoxide alarms where required. They should also ensure that escape routes can be used safely at all times.

If you have concerns about fire safety, speak to your landlord or letting agent first. If problems are not resolved, your local council's housing team, Shelter or Citizens Advice may be able to offer support and guidance.

Useful Sources of Support

Further advice and support can be obtained from:

- Your Local Fire and Rescue Service
- Citizens Advice
- Shelter
- GOV.UK

These organisations provide information on home fire safety, housing rights, landlord responsibilities and support for families who may be experiencing difficulties.

Want to find out more?

- www.Pol-Ed.co.uk
- hello@pol-ed.police.uk
- [@PolEd.UK](https://www.facebook.com/PolEd.UK)
- [facebook.com/PolEd.UK](https://www.facebook.com/PolEd.UK)

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CLUBS

Clubs Overview Autumn 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	Yr Group	Cost
Mondays	LUNCHTIME READING CLUB with Mrs Roesner	7 th September to 19 th October 2026 12:30pm-12:50pm	All years	Free: No booking necessary
Tuesdays	LUNCHTIME TIMES TABLE CLUB with Miss Daws	8 th September to 20 th October 2026 12:30pm – 12:50pm	All years	Free: No booking necessary
Wednesdays	AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB with Joe/Austin – TBC (football boots & shin pads are optional)	9 th September- 21 st October 2026 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

PE—Autumn Term 1

Tuesday's - Class 2 ***Wear PE kits***.

Friday's - Class 1 ***Wear PE kits***.



Term Dates 2026-2027 – Primary and Secondary Schools

September 2026						
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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 – Tuesday 1 September, Wednesday 2 September, Monday 4 January and Monday 12 April as whole training days.
Friday, 23 October 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:-

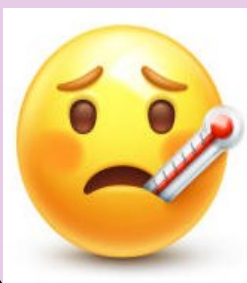
<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>



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.

IMPORTANT



Please be advised from **1st May 2026** Lunchtime Co will increase the cost of school meals. Meals will be **£2.80** per day from this date. MCAS will be updated and all meals from 1st May will be at the new price irrespective of when they were booked.

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

Community News



PELICANS.H.C
Est. 1920

HOCKEY HEROES £25

Saturdays x 7 weeks | 9-10 AM | Pelicans HC
5, 12, 19, 26 Sep / 3, 10, 17 Oct 2026

Hockey Sticks will be provided.

New to hockey, want to try a different sport? Come and join in on the fun!
Open to 5 years old and above. New beginners of older ages welcome to complete this course before moving to U8s / U10s / U12s.

www.teamo.chat/club/register/pelicans 07734691377

Pelicans HC, Greenpark Avenue, King's Lynn, PE30 2NB

Kids flourish 

Norfolk Parent Carer Service

Autumn Term Online Workshops

Tuesday 22nd September Demand Avoidance
10.30am - 12.30pm

Sunday 4th October Eating Challenges 2pm - 4pm

Wednesday 7th October Eating Challenges 11am - 1pm

Wednesday 14th October Sleep 10.30am - 12.30am

Sunday 25th October Demand Avoidance 2pm - 4pm

Sunday 8th November Behaviour 2pm - 4pm

Friday 20th November Behaviour 10.30am - 12.30pm

Sunday 22nd November Sleep 2pm - 4pm

Monday 23rd November Resilience 11am - 1pm

Sunday 29th November Resilience 2pm - 4pm

Scan here for booking form:



Join us online - just scan the code and choose your dates!

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for more info

