

Walpole Cross Keys Primary School

Weekly Newsletter – 6th October 2023



On Thursday our year 1 & 2 pupils took part in the active kids festival at Lynnsport. They all had lots of fun whilst practising target skills.

Today our quicksticks hockey team have been to Lynnsport for a festival to learn and improve their hockey skills. We will let you know how they got on next week.

Next week - on Tuesday pupils may come to school in non uniform wearing something GREEN. This is to raise awareness of World Mental Health Day. No donations required.

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

Next week ...

Monday

-Yr4 West Stow Anglo Saxon Village
home packed lunch only

Tuesday

-Non uniform *green theme* for world mental health day *no donations required*
-Music lessons *remember instruments*
-KS1 phonics meeting @ 3pm

Wednesday

-Yrs2-6 science workshops
-Lunchtime games club
-PTA tuck shop *3:15pm in playground*
-Yrs 3-6 golf club 3:15-4pm *bookings only*

Thursday

-Yrs 2-6 PE day *wear PE kits*
-Starter band practice @ St Clements High *pick up 5pm from high school*
-Yrs2-6 computing club 3:15-4pm
bookings only
-All yrs football club 3:15pm-4:15pm
bookings only

Friday

-Yrs R&1 PE day *wear PE kits*
-Choir club 12:30pm

STARS: Brody (Yr1), Adam (Yr3) & Harry (Yr6)
KINDNESS: Gabriel (YrR), Evan (Yr2) & Daniella (Yr6)
HANDWRITING: Mabel (Yr1), Glenn (Yr2) & Star (Yr6)
GOLDEN BROOM: Class 1
THANK YOU: Millie (Yr1), Ivy.O (Yr3) & Alfie (Yr5)



Attendance

Reception: 100%
Year 1: 86.11%
Year 2: 90.48%
Year 3: 95.24%
Year 4: 88.89%
Year 5: 100%
Year 6: 93.06%
Whole school: 92.97%
Attendance bear winners: Class 3

Please check following pages for future diary dates.

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- ✓ Yr4 West Stow 9/10: final instalment on ParentPay by 6th October.
- ✓ Yrs3-6 Cross Country 16/10: consent on ParentPay by 11th October.

- ✓ Yrs&3 Houghton Hall 19/10: consent and 1st payment on ParentPay by 8th October.
- ✓ All years gymnastics 30/10: Consent on ParentPay by 6th October 2023.
- ✓ Yrs4-6 remembrance performance 15/11: Return completed slip to school by 9th October 2023.
- ✓ Data collection sheets: Sent home with pupils on 12th September. Please check details are correct, sign, date & return the form return to the school.

Diary Dates

Please be aware that dates are for guidance only and are subject to change

Monday 16th October	Yrs3-6 cross country (selected pupils) *consent on ParentPay by 11th October*
Thursday 19th October	Yrs 2&3 Houghton Hall *consent and 1st payment by 8th October*
Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF-TERM
Thursday 2nd November	Yrs3-6 cross country finals (finalists only) *letter to follow*
Friday 3rd November	Individual & sibling photos *if you would like photos with any siblings who do not attend our school please come to the school office at 8:30am*
Thursday 9th November	All years flu immunisations *details to follow*
Wednesday 15th November	Yrs4-6 remembrance rehearsal & performance *return completed slip by 9th October*
Thursday 23rd November	Yr1 zoolab workshop @ West Lynn *letter to follow*
Monday 27th November	Yrs5&6 tag rugby (selected pupils) *letter to follow*
Wednesday 29th November	Yr1 True's Yard visit *letter to follow*
Friday 1st December	Yr6 midsummer nights dream @ Guildhall *letter to follow*
Tuesday 12th December	Nativity performance @ 9:30am *details to follow*
Wednesday 13th December	Panto @ King's Lynn Corn Exchange *letter to follow*
Thursday 14th December	School nurse visiting YrR&6 *details to follow*
	Nativity performance @ 2:20pm *details to follow*
Thursday 21st December to Wednesday 3rd January	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK



James Wild MP visit Wednesday 20th September 2023



Week 1

Monday

Tuesday

STREET FEAST
WEDNESDAY

Thursday

Friday

Main Meal

Pasta Bake served
Seasonal Vegetables

(G) (W) (MK)

Meat Feast Pizza served
with Herb Sautéed Potato
and Broccoli

(G) (W) (E)(SO) (MK) (SU)

Grilled Seasoned Chicken
Wrap served with Golden
Rice & Vegetable Medley
with BBQ Sauce

(G)(W)(B)(E)(SO)(C)

Pork Sausage served with
Potatoes, Yorkshire
Pudding, Carrots &
Broccoli

(G)(W)(E)(MK)(SO)(SU)

Fish Fingers served with
Chips, Garden Peas or
Baked Beans

(G) (W) (F)

Meat Free

Roasted Vegetable &
Paprika Pasta Bake
served with Garlic Bread
& Seasonal Vegetables

(G) (W) (MK) (SO)

Margherita Pizza served
with Herb Sautéed Potato
and Broccoli

(G) (W) (E) (SO) (MK)

Mediterranean Vegetable
Wrap served with Golden
Rice & Vegetable Medley
with BBQ Sauce

(G)(W)(B)(E)(SO)(C)

Quorn Sausage served
with Potatoes, Yorkshire
Pudding, Carrots &
Broccoli

(G) (W) (E) (MK)

Cheese Pepper & Onion
Pasty served with Chips,
Garden Peas and Baked
Beans

(G) (W) (MK)

Jackets

Jacket Potato with Choice
of Toppings served with
Fresh Salad

(MK) (F) (E)

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of Toppings served with
Fresh Salad

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of Toppings served with
Fresh Salad

(MK) (F) (E)

Lunchtime Lunchbox

Cheese Sandwich
Cheese Straw
Salad Sticks
Choose one of our
Fabulous Desserts

(G)(W)(B)(SO)(MK)(E)(SE)

Ham Sandwich
Pizza Finger
Salad Sticks
Choose one of our
Fabulous Desserts

(G)(W)(B)(E)(MK)(SO)(SE)

Tuna Mayo Sandwich
Tortilla Chips
Salad Sticks
Choose one of our
Fabulous Desserts

(G)(W)(B)(F)(E)(SO)(SE)

Ham Sandwich
Cheese Straw
Salad Sticks
Choose one of our
Fabulous Desserts

(G)(W)(B)(E)(MK)(SE)(SO)

Cheese Sandwich
Pizza Finger
Salad Sticks
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Desserts

Vanilla Crunch
Fresh Fruit Pot

(G) (W) (E)

Chocolate & Orange Cake
Fresh Fruit Pot

(G) (W) (E) (MK)

Banana Loaf
Fresh Fruit Pot

(G) (W) (E)

Vanilla Ice-Cream
& Fruit Sauce
Fresh Fruit Pot

(MK)

Marble Cake
Fresh Fruit Pot

(G) (W) (E)

Making lunchtime the **highlight** of your day



If your child would like any school lunches please order for the week using **ParentPay**, the deadline for orders is midnight on Sunday. If you miss the deadline please email the office by 9am on Monday with your child's choices for the week.
Thank you

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

AMONG US

A multiplayer 'social deduction' game set in outer space, Among Us enjoyed a surge in popularity in 2020, and has since maintained a dedicated fan-base (globally, around 60 million regular players each month) thanks to its unique nature, simple premise and ease of access across numerous platforms. The game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception – and there are certain parallels to be drawn with some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SENSITIVE PREMISE

In Among Us, up to three players are secretly assigned to be alien imposters, tasked with murdering their colleagues while the survivors try to unmask them. While the concept's not far removed from traditional games like Wink Murder or TV shows such as *The Traitors*, some parents may feel uncomfortable about their child playing a video game in which deception and killing are prioritised.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

The on-screen death of characters may be fundamental to the gameplay of Among Us, but the majority of the animations depicting this are deliberately cartoonish and only appear very briefly. However, it is worth bearing in mind that the game has a PEGI age rating of 7 – meaning that certain elements (however heavily stylised they may be) could still upset some younger players.

CHAT BETWEEN PLAYERS

With up to 15 people participating in each game online, a large part of Among Us' appeal is speculating with fellow players who the imposters might be and making accusations. This dialogue through the in-game text chat can occasionally become heated – and could, of course, involve your child being put into contact with people (including adults) who they don't know in real life.

GOING OFF PLATFORM

While Among Us provides basic ways to communicate, many gamers prefer to use external services such as Discord: a popular app which offers voice and video chat functions. These undeniably make cooperation easier, but also create a potential route for children to hear inappropriate language – or for strangers to message them privately in an environment which isn't regulated by the game itself.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

Among Us is free to download on mobile devices, and costs less than £5 to obtain on console and PC. A related longer-term pitfall, though, is that the game also includes options to pay for upgrades such as removing ads on the mobile version or adding cosmetic touches to characters (such as different costumes). It's certainly possible that a child could spend a significant sum without realising it.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER SOFTER ALTERNATIVES

Although Among Us is hugely popular with young gamers, it's possible that some children might find the murder themes unsettling. If so, plenty of similar social deduction games are available (in both digital and traditional board game formats) which downplay the potentially grislier elements: some centre around undercover spies, for instance, and there's even a Marvel superhero-themed variant.

CHAT ABOUT CHATTING

You might feel it's prudent to talk to your child about the risks associated with voice chat while gaming, explaining in particular that strangers online aren't always who they claim to be. Keeping the conversation relaxed will reinforce your child's confidence that they can always come to you with any online concerns – not just about Among Us, but any potential future issues as well.

DISCUSS DISCORD

In general, Discord is an excellent app for keeping online communities together because of its use of dedicated individual servers, which allow comprehensive control over who can join – and who can't. Once you're familiar with the platform, you could set up a secure server for your child and their friends to communicate during games of Among Us, with no access for people they don't know.

AMONG US, AMONG FRIENDS

When your child and their friends get together, they can enjoy a private game of Among Us by choosing a 'local' lobby – that is, only people connected to the same WiFi (your home network, for example) can enter. This prevents any random online users – who may be total strangers – from joining and removes the need for voice chat, as the players are all physically in the same location.

STOP SURPRISE SPENDING

If you're concerned about the possibility of your child racking up an unexpected bill on Among Us' microtransactions, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit. Likewise, you could specify in the game's options that adult authorisation is required for every purchase – or you could make sure that no payment methods are enabled on the device that your child plays the game on.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent who understands the value of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.

