

Walpole Cross Keys Primary School

Weekly Newsletter - 17th May 2024



Well done to all the year 6 pupils who completed their SATs this week, you coped really well and deserved your delicious Domino's lunch today, funded by our amazing PTA team.

Thank you to everyone who supported our **mental health week** by wearing non uniform today.

STAFFING NEWS - Mrs Goodwin will be leaving us at half-term, her last day is 24th May. We would like to thank Mrs Goodwin for everything she has done for the school and wish her well in her new role. We are pleased to let you know Mrs Higby will be moving across from Clenchwarton Primary, once they have appointed their replacement. Mrs Mann will be carrying out the role for us until Mrs Higby can join us. We will keep you updated.

Please note, the school will be closed from Monday 27th to Friday 31st May for half-term. We are back open to pupils on 3rd June.

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

STARS: Gabby yrR, Glenn yr2 & Ella yr5
KINDNESS: Amelia yrR, Florence.P yr3 & Max yr4
HANDWRITING: Bella yrR, Layla yr2 & Rosie.C yr4
PHSE - know how to help themselves & others when feeling upset or hurt: Amelia yrR, Chase & Edward yr2, Leo & Florence.P yr3
THANK YOU: Matthew yr1, Edward yr2 & Aaron yr6



Attendance

Reception: 100%
Year 1: 88.89%
Year 2: 95.24%
Year 3: 98.15%
Year 4: 97.221%
Year 5: 95.24%
Year 6: 97.22%

Whole school: 95.73%

Attendance bear winners: Class 3



Next week ...

Monday

-Lunchtime table tennis club

Tuesday

-Music lessons *instruments*

-Lunchtime reading club

Wednesday

-Lunchtime golf club

Thursday

-Young Scholars tutorial

-Class 2 swimming *swim kits in bag*

-Class 2 dance rehearsals *wear PE kits*

-Lunchtime table tennis club

-Yrs R, 1-4-6 PE day *wear PE kits*

-Starter band practice

-Football club 3:15pm-4:15pm *bookings*

Friday

-Preloved uniform stall *before & after school*

-River of Hope celebration event

Please check following pages for future diary dates.

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Happy Chicks—Year R



Non uniform day for Mental Health Week—17/5/2024





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Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are changing!



With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued **after 19th August 2024**.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent, for each child that was absent. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

National Threshold

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period. These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence. The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.
- Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

- The Second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:
- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

- The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrate's Court. Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines of up to £2,500.
- Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.



- ✓ YrR Sealife Centre 14/6: Consent & 1st instalment on ParentPay by 24th May.
- ✓ YrsR&1 little city workshop 8/7: Consent & contribution on ParentPay by 1st July.
- ✓ Yr6 London trip 19/7: final payment due by 26th May.

Diary Dates

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

Monday 27th to Friday 31st May	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF-TERM
Thursday 6th June	Yrs3&4 Mini Tennis (selected pupils) *consent on ParentPay by 17th May*
Friday 14th June	Year R Sealife Centre *consent & pay 1st instalment by 24th May*
Monday 17th June	WNAT spelling bee final *details to follow*
Tuesday 18th June	Yrs2&3 dance festival *complete online form by 17th May*
Wednesday 19th June	Yr6 London trip *final payment due 26th May*
Monday 24th June	Yrs5&6 Bikeability (bookings only)
Tuesday 25th June	Yr6 Soroptomist event (selected pupils)
Thursday 27th June	Yrs1&2 active kids festival *letter to follow*
Friday 28th June	YrsR-2 top link festival *letter to follow*
Monday 1st July	Sports Day 10:30am (weather permitting)
Tuesday 2nd July	Yrs5&6 Gressenhall *final payment due 7th May*
Thursday 4th July	Yr6 St Clements transition day MOVE UP DAY - ALL YEARS
Friday 5th July	Apprentice day *details to follow*
Sunday 7th to Wednesday 10th July	Yr6 Hilltop residential
Monday 8th July	YrsR&1 little city workshop *consent & contribution on ParentPay by 1st July*
Tuesday 9th July	Yr5 St Clements opportunity day *letter to follow*
Thursday 11th July	Yrs5&6 Mini Tennis *letter to follow*
Tuesday 16th July	Yrs4-6 WNAT dance festival *details to follow*
Thursday 19th July	Year 6 leavers assembly @ 11am *Yr6 families only*
Monday 22nd July to Tuesday 3rd September	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR SUMMER BREAK

Next week's menu:



WEEK 3 MENU

WEEKS: 29/04, 20/05, 27/06, 08/07, 09/09, 30/09, 21/10

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STREET FEAST

MONDAY

Pork Sausage Served with Herby Diced potatoes & baked Beans or Fresh Salad

MAIN MEAL

TUESDAY

Meat Feast Wholemeal Pizza Served with Baked Potato Wedges, Peas & Sweetcorn or Mixed Salad

MEAT FREE

WEDNESDAY

Beef Pasta Bake Served with Garlic & Herb Bread, Seasonal Vegetables or Mixed Salad

THURSDAY

Roast Chicken served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli, Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy

FRIDAY

Fish Fingers served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans

Vegetable Pasta Bake Served with Garlic & Herb Bread, Seasonal Vegetables or Mixed Salad

Baked Lentil Roast served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Cabbage, Stuffing Ball and Gravy

Vegetable Nuggets served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans

Jacket Potato with Choice of Toppings served with Fresh Salad

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JACKETS

Choice of Sandwich Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Sandwich Tortilla Chips Duo of Salad Sticks

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LUNCHTIME LUNCHBOX

Chocolate Brownie Fresh Fruit Pot

Fruit Muesli Bar Fresh Fruit Pot

Peach Sponge Fresh Fruit Pot

Ice Cream Thursday Vanilla Ice-Cream & Fruit Sauce Fresh Fruit Pot

Jaffa Sponge Fresh Fruit Pot

DESSERTS

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



PUPIL SPOTLIGHT

Edward (Yr2) has had an amazing couple of weeks — passing yellow level at gymnastics and selected for Elite Development squad, completed the mini GEAR in an impressive 9 minutes and achieved his level 3 at swimming. Wow amazing Edward, keep working hard.

If your child has a particular talent, we would love to hear about it and celebrate any successes they have had with the whole school community. Please send us information plus a photo to: office@walpolecrosskeysprimary.co.uk.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SCHOOL AVOIDANCE

Emotionally Based School Avoidance is a term used to refer to reduced attendance or non-attendance at school by a child or young person. It's often rooted in emotional, mental health or wellbeing issues. The rate of children who miss school more than 10% of the time in England has more than doubled since before the pandemic: rising from 10.9% in 2018-19, to 22.3% in 2022-23.

UNDERSTANDING SCHOOL AVOIDANCE

REASONS FOR ABSENCE

School avoidance is sometimes underpinned by several factors rather than one single cause. This could include something going on for the child or young person within the family or at school. A child may have caring responsibilities at home, for instance, or a change in family dynamics; bullying and friendship difficulties at school; pressure to achieve in schoolwork and exams; or moving from primary school to secondary school.

PATTERNS OF ABSENCE

You may notice patterns in regular absences or children regularly expressing that they don't want to attend school (particularly being reluctant to leave home on school days), if a child or young person is neurodiverse, there is some evidence to suggest there are more aspects of school life which can cause distress – such as changes in the environment, changes of routine and sensory stimuli.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS

There may be an increase in a child or young person's complaints about physical symptoms, particularly on school days or the evening before school. These could include complaining of a tummy ache, headache, or saying they feel ill when there doesn't appear to be a medical cause. Always check with the GP first to rule out medical causes or illness.

IMPACT OF SCHOOL AVOIDANCE

LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

School refusal can negatively impact a young person's learning and development. Attending school on a regular basis not only supports academic attainment but is also important for the development of key life skills and the growth of children and young people as citizens.

LONG-TERM OUTCOMES

The difficulties associated with school non-attendance can be far reaching and may have a negative impact on long-term outcomes. It may, for example, lead to reduced future aspirations, poor emotional regulation, mental health difficulties, limited academic progress and restricted employment opportunities.

CYCLE OF ABSENCE

Consistent absences may contribute to sustained school avoidance over time. Further to this, the longer a pupil is out of education, the more likely it is that there is a rise in their ongoing need to avoid the activity which is making them anxious – increasing their desire to stay at home.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WORK TOGETHER

If there's a concern about a child's absence and emotional wellbeing, it's important that there is clear communication and a consistent approach between the child's parents and the school, so you can take a child-centred approach together towards a plan of support or reintegration. This ensures a consistency of approach from both home and school, creating better outcomes for the child.

MANAGING OVERWHELMING FEELINGS

While there may be times you feel frustrated or angry, try to stay calm; acknowledge the child's worries, listen and discuss a range of coping strategies together to help them face the discomfort and overwhelming feelings. These could include mindfulness, deep breathing or going for a walk and practice the strategies in less overwhelming situations first.

FOLLOW REGULAR ROUTINES

Children can benefit from a regular and consistent routine. This could be a morning routine, from waking up and having breakfast through to getting dressed, packing their bag and leaving the house. A consistent evening routine which is calm and limited time on screens can also give children much needed predictability and familiarity. Schools can help create a timetabled routine for the child's school day, if required.

REDUCE STIMULATING ACTIVITIES AT HOME

If a child is avoiding school, reduce their access to more stimulating activities (such as watching television, playing games and spending time with friends) during school hours, where possible. This reduces the potential for the child having rewarding experiences at home, which could be interpreted as a positive aspect of avoiding school.

Meet Our Expert

With 30 years' experience as a teacher, trainer, consultant and interim executive board member, Anna Bateman has a superb understanding of what works in pedagogy, school improvement and leadership. She has also advised the Department for Education on their mental health green paper.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: nationalcollege.com/guides/school-avoidance

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SUNDAY JUNE 16 TH

£30 per 30 minute session

for up to 6 people.



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Forest School Area

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May Half-Term Sandringham Estate

Forest School Canopy



29 30 31 May

1 hr Sessions: 10.30 12.00 1.30

£12 per child

(min of 1 adult to attend with each child max of 2)

Parking extra

booking essential limited spaces

<https://sandringhamestate.co.uk/events>



29 May: The Ugly Bug Ball:

make a clay creature, make a bug house, bug hunt and buggy games



30 May: The King's Garden:

make a miniature garden fit for H.R.M. the King on a plate.



31 May: Save the Bees and

Butterflies: Make a seed bomb and whittle your own seed bomb dibber. Design your own packaging.

ST. GEORGE'S GUILDHALL

May Half-Term Activities

JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES INSPIRED BY

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FAMILY TRAIL
Saturday 25th May -
Saturday 1st June 2024

PLAY-IN-A-DAY
Tuesday 28th May 2024

FAMILY SESSIONS
Wednesday 29th May 2024

DRAGONS ARTS CLUB
Thursday 30th May 2024

Booking is essential via www.guildhall-events.co.uk
St. George's Guildhall, 29 King Street, King's Lynn. PE30 1HA

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