

# Walpole Cross Keys Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter - 15th November 2024



Hello everyone,

On Monday some of our pupils took part in the WNAT Remembrance Performance at Springwood High School, it was a very special evening and we are very proud of them all.

Thanks to all that took part in wearing odd socks to celebrate anti-bullying week.

Today we went all yellow and spotty for **Children in Need**, and so far we have raised **£22**.  
Pudsey also came to visit us! See photo's below.



### Special Christmas Lunch—Friday 13th December

The trust will now be funding this for all children.

If your child would like the Christmas lunch please could the form be completed by the **30th November**. A text with the link to this was sent out this week.

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 also check page 2 for future diary dates.

## Attendance

Class 1: 98%

Class 2: 96%

Class 3: 96%

Attendance winners: Class 1

Congratulations to Class 1!

Whole school: 96.6%



### Weekending—15.11.2024

**STARS:** Toby (YR), Jacob (Y2), Taylor (Y5)

**KINDNESS:** Nova (YR), Chase (Y3), Bethany (Y6)

**HANDWRITING:** Isaac (Y1), Isaac (Y2), Lottie (Y6)

**THANK YOU CARD WINNERS—** Amelia B (Y1), Edward (Y3), Leo (Y5)

**PSHE - Include others when working & playing -**

Class 1—Emilie, Isaac, Nova, Ronnie

Class 2—Zoe, Layla, Chase, Edward



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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 2024/25 can be located from the school's website. School holiday dates are slightly different to NCC.

<b>Monday 18th November</b>	Blue Cross Charity visiting Class 1
<b>Monday 18th November</b>	Zoo lab trip for Yr1—Held at West Lynn
<b>Thursday 21st November</b>	KLTFC—National League Cup Football @ Lynnsport (Selected). Consent will be required via ParentPay. Thank you.
<b>Friday 22nd November</b>	Trues Yard trip—Year1
<b>Friday 22nd November</b>	Community Christmas Service Rehearsals @ Springwood
<b>Monday 25th November</b>	NHS Immunisation Programme—Flu  SSP Tag Rugby @ West Norfolk Rugby Club (Selected). Consent will be required via ParentPay.
<b>Tuesday 26th November</b>	WANT Sports event—Archery @ Heacham—Selected children
<b>Monday 9th December</b>	NHS Immunisation Programme—Flu-Follow up session
<b>Wednesday 11th December</b>	Cinderella Panto @ The Corn Exchange Whole school *Kitchen closed packed lunch only!*
<b>Wednesday 11th December</b>	Community Christmas Carol Service—St Nicholas Chapel 17:00-19:00
<b>Thursday 12th December</b>	Mini Medics—Class 3
<b>Thursday 12th December</b>	<b>Change of menu—Today only!</b> Fish fingers as main meal
<b>Friday 13th December</b>	<b>Special Christmas Lunch</b> <b>This will be funded by the Trust for all children.</b> Please complete the form which was sent via text message.
<b>Monday 16th December</b>	Christingle Assembly with Reverend Barbara
<b>Wednesday 18th December</b>	Class 1—Christmas Party
<b>Friday 20th December</b>	SCHOOL CLOSURES @ 15:15 FOR HALF TERM
<b>Tuesday 7th January 2025</b>	SCHOOLS OPENS—PROMPT REGISTRATIONS @ 8.45AM

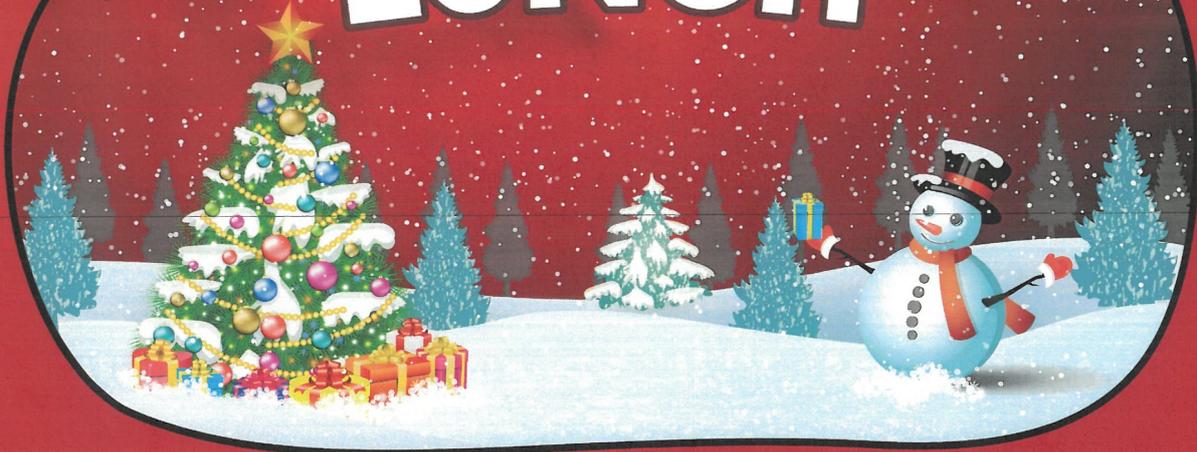
# Odd socks day—Anti—bullying week



# Children in Need—Friday 15th November



# CHRISTMAS LUNCH



**13th DECEMBER 2024**

**Our Traditional Festive Roast chicken with a  
Chipolata**

**or**

**Quorn Fillet with a Quorn Sausage (v)**

**Served with Roast Potatoes, Roasted Carrots,  
Peas & Brussels Sprouts,  
Yorkshire Pudding, stuffing and Gravy**

**Followed By**

**Christmas Festive Desserts  
or Fresh Fruit**

**LUNCHTIME CO<sup>®</sup>**

The trust will be funding this for all children.

Please complete the form that was sent out this week by text message to confirm your child would like this by 30th November.



**WISBECH**  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL



# YEAR 5 SUPER SCIENCE



**Saturday 30 November 2024**  
**0900 - 1300**

Register on our website: [wisbechgrammar.com/open-events](https://www.wisbechgrammar.com/open-events)

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# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## TEACHING CYCLE SAFETY

Cycling is an amazing way to spend quality time together as a family, as well as keeping everyone healthy and active – and it's an excellent exercise, whatever the age of your children. Getting started can sometimes be daunting, and there are obvious safety concerns over youngsters who are still getting used to a bike – so follow our top tips to help you ride with confidence.

### 1 CONSIDER CYCLE TRAINING

Courses like Bikeability are extremely useful, and training in general has come a long way since cycling proficiency began; there are Bikeability courses for adults, too. Cycle training teaches invaluable skills (such as good road positioning, signaling and visibility), and can help both parents and children feel more at ease on busy streets.

### 2 USE A SUITABLE BIKE

Find a bike of an appropriate size for its rider and resist the temptation to have children 'grow into' theirs by buying one too large for them. A bigger bike will be heavier and more difficult to control, making accidents more likely and potentially putting youngsters off cycling forever. If your child has any specific physical needs, or has dyspraxia, then try out a trike, handcycle or other adaptive cycle to see what works best.

### 3 TRY A CARGO BIKE

Cargo bikes, particularly the box-bike style, are ideal for transporting small children around. Depending on the type of bike chosen – as well as the size and age of the children – it can be possible to transport up to four little ones in this way, with additional space for other cargo as well.

### 4 INSPECT YOUR CYCLE

It's a good idea to do some routine checks on any bike before going for a ride to make sure everything's working correctly. The 'M check' is particularly useful: assessing the condition and position of the bike's wheels, handlebars, brakes, pedals, chain and saddle, working from front to back. Online tutorial videos can also teach you how to carry out basic repairs if needed. For more complicated fixes, head to your local bike shop.

### 5 BRING SUITABLE GEAR

Ensure whatever you're wearing, and any attachments for your bike, are suitable for the ride. A waterproof jacket will let you cycle safely in almost any weather. Make sure any helmets are fitted correctly. If you're riding after dark, remember to fit your bikes with a white front light, a red rear light and a red rear reflector. These are required by law.

### 6 STICK TO FLAT TERRAIN

Take a smooth, flat route if possible, so it's more suitable for younger cyclists. You might be surprised by how many quiet roads or back streets there may be in your area. Don't be put off by an indirect but easier path as opposed to a shorter, busier one. Look out for the National Cycle Network, canal towpaths and even parks that you can cut through.

### 7 STAY ALERT AND IN SAFE FORMATIONS

For maximum protection and visibility, ride in a line with children in the middle and adults at either end. If you're the only adult present, take up a position at the rear to ensure all children remain in your sight. Don't be tempted to hug the kerb if cycling on the road – riding approximately a metre out will make you more noticeable to other road users, and you'll also stay clear of any debris in the gutter.

### 8 AVOID PARKED CARS

When riding past parked cars, try to stay at least a metre away, just in case anyone inside opens a door unexpectedly or the vehicle itself starts to move. This precaution will also deter anyone driving behind from trying to squeeze past you when there isn't enough space, so don't be afraid to ride in a prominent position.

### 9 START A 'BIKE BUS'

Cycling to school with other families is a potentially fun experience – one which comes with the added benefit of safety in numbers. In case anything goes wrong along the way, team up with other parents, carers and educators and pick a day to cycle to school together. Who knows – maybe, in time, you'll have other folks asking to join you!

### 10 HAVE FUN!

Keep in mind that cycling should be fun! A good bike ride can be really enjoyable for adults and children alike, while also being a superb form of exercise. Ease children into the hobby by starting them off with shorter journeys – such as a trip to the park – and build them up to longer, more complicated outings. Some children may get bored on a longer ride, so try to keep a conversation going with them.

## Meet Our Expert

Sophie Gordon is the campaigns manager at Cycling UK, a charity which inspires and enables people to start cycling. She has spent six years campaigning for safer roads and more protected cycle paths, while supporting communities to call for better cycling conditions where they live.

we are cycling UK

#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/teaching-cycle-safety>

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# The Snowman & the Snowdog

Wednesday 18th December, 4pm & 6pm  
King's Lynn Minster

FREE  
Family  
Event

Watch this wonderful family film in our beautiful Minster Church, accompanied by a solo chorister performing 'Walking in the Air'



Tickets are FREE but do need to be booked using the link or QR code:  
<https://buytickets.at/kingslynnminster/1441797>



***CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY***

**Sunday 1st Dec 2024**

**2.00PM to 4.30PM**

All children 11yrs and under living in the village or attending the  
village school

**Entertainment with Disco,**

**Party Games,**

**Party Food**

**Santa will be there**



**Please phone Angela Warner on  
07917294571**

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

**BY 22/11/24 PLEASE**

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