

Walpole Cross Keys Primary School

Weekly Newsletter – 28th February 2025



Hello everyone,

Welcome back. We hope you had a lovely half term?

'Well done' to the girls who took part in the football this week. We are very proud of you.

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 7th March due to parents evening and PE taking place on Thursday 6th March. We are asking children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character as well as bringing in their favourite book to share.

We are still seeking members for our PTA. If you are interested, please speak to Mr Overton as soon as possible. Thank you for all your support.

UPDATE—We have a final total of £398.50 for the skip-a-thon and £19.00 for the Number Day collections. Thank you for all your support.

Some After school clubs are still available to book. See page 3 of the Newsletter.

To celebrate Shrove Tuesday we are having a change of desert. See poster. We will also be having a special 'World Book Day' lunch on Thursday 6th March 2025. Please book via your MCAS account. No alternatives available on this day.

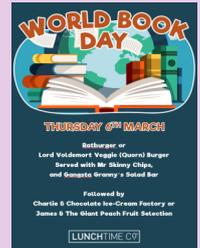
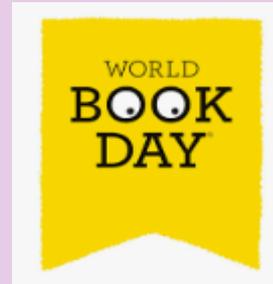
Could you please ensure your child comes to school suitably dressed for the elements.

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.**



Weekending—28.02.2025

Stars:

Isaac & Bella (Class 1), Lucas (Class 2) & Ella (Class 3)

Kindness:

Edith (Class 1), Chase (Class 2), & Lilley (Class 3)

Handwriting:

Ronnie (Class 1), Ivy (Class 2) & Bethany (Class 3)

THANK YOU card winners:

Nova (Class 1), Zoe (Class 2) & Florence E (Class 3)

Golden Broom: Class 3



Attendance

Class 1: 100%

Class 2: 97%

Class 3: 90%

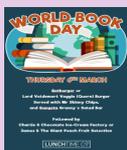
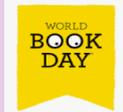
Congratulations to Class 1!

Whole school: 94.1%

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 & 2025/26 can be located from the school's website. School holiday dates are slightly different to NCC.

Tuesday 4th March 2025 	To celebrate Shrove Tuesday we have a change of main menu desert.
Wednesday 5th March 2025	Year 5 West Norfolk Academies Trust Literary Event—Sign up via MCAS account.
Thursday 6th March 2025  	<p>Year 2 River of Hope Trip—Please sign up via your MCAS account.</p> <p>World Book Day—Special Lunch. No alternatives available. Please book via your MCAS account.</p> <p>Parents evening—3.30pm—7.30pm. Google link already sent out via text. Alternatively please contact the school office to book an appointment.</p>
Friday 7th March 2025 	World Book Day—We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 7th March due to parents evening and PE taking place on Thursday 6th March. We are asking children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character as well as bringing in their favourite book to share.
Wednesday 12th March 2025	Class 3—Assembly. Parents/carers invited @ 3pm.
Monday 17th March 2025	Livestock (Sheep) being dropped off today for the whole week as part of the 'Learn about Livestock 2025'.
Tuesday 25th March 2025	SSP Dance Festival—16 children—selected.
Wednesday 26th March 2025	JLT trip to Houses of Parliament.
Friday 28th March 2025	Year 5 & Year 6 Duxford Trip—Please sign up via your MCAS account.
Monday 31st March 2025	Year 5 & Year 6 Cluster Bee Netball—Selected.
Friday 4th April 2025	School breaks up at usual time for Easter break.
Wednesday 23rd April 2025	School opens—Prompt registration at 8.45am
Tuesday 29th April 2025	Year 6—Crucial Crew Trip. More details to follow.
Monday 5th May 2025	BANK HOLIDAY—School closed.
Friday 23rd May 2025	School breaks up at the usual time for half term.
Monday 2nd June 2025	School opens-Prompt registration at 8.45am.
Thursday 12th June 2025	Lilacmoon Photography—Class photos only.
Tuesday 22nd July 2025	School breaks up at the usual time for the summer holiday.

CLUBS

Clubs Overview Spring Term 2 2025

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 -Ms Calaby/Mr Overton	24th February - 31st March 12.30pm - 12.50pm	All years	Free: No booking necessary
Tuesday	LUNCHTIME TIMES TABLE/READING CLUB with Mr Overton	25th February - 1st April 12.30pm - 12.50pm	All years	Free: No booking necessary
Wednesdays	LUNCHTIME TIMES TABLE CLUB WITH Mr Overton	26th February - 2nd April 12.30pm - 12.50pm	All years	Free: No booking necessary
	AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - STEM with Mrs Jones	26th February - 2nd April 3.15pm - 4pm	KS1	8 places - Free: Booking via MCAS
Thursdays	LUNCHTIME TABLE TENNIS CLUB with Aaron	27th February - 3rd April 12:30pm-12:50pm	Years 4, 5 & 6	Free: No booking necessary
	FOOTBALL CLUB with Aaron (football boots & shin pads are optional)	27th February - 3rd April 3:15pm-4:15pm	All years	£4.00 per session totalling to £24.00 for 6 weeks Book & pay direct with ICS Coaching by 27th Feb please click on the link to book https://icscoaching.pembee.app/



Become a Parent Champion

Would you like to help parents and carers in your community?

Becoming a Parent Champion means you can meet new people, learn new skills, gain confidence, and give something back to the local community.

Training Available!

Monday 24 and 31 March 2025, 10am - 1pm (please attend both dates)
Saint Augustine's Healthy Living Centre, Columbia Way, King's Lynn, PE30

Lunch and refreshments provided. Travel costs reimbursed.

Interested?

To register your interest email:
parentchampions@norfolk.gov.uk
or visit our website:
norfolk.gov.uk/parentchampionvolunteers



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Girls Football



Medical Diet Menus – A Guide for Parents, Guardians & Carers

At Lunchtime Co., your school caterer, our aim is to ensure that children with diagnosed allergies and intolerances are supported and receive a tasty, nutritious and safe meal. Our nutrition and catering teams work together and follow a robust process so you can feel reassured that, whenever possible, a safe alternative menu will be provided for your child. You would be informed in advance if there are any circumstances when we cannot cater for a pupil's medical diet requirements.

Which children will require an alternative menu?

- ✓ Children with diagnosed food allergies or diagnosed food intolerances
- ✓ Children with Type 1 Diabetes who require a carbohydrate count
- ✓ Children with medical conditions requiring a modified menu

Please note

Children with religious, cultural or personal preferences, can choose from the standard menu. You do not need to complete a medical diet request form. This includes, but is not limited to, vegetarian, pescatarian, vegan and Halal requirements.

Keeping everyone safe

We aim to provide meals for as many children as possible, as safely as possible. We will only provide menus that exclude the whole allergen. We do not offer children with medical diets the self-service salad bar and dessert station options.

Identification of your child with a medical diet

In line with the Government guidance, your child will be issued a photographic ID card that is managed by the school office, which contains the important information about your child's allergies and intolerances. This card will then be handed in to the school catering team each lunchtime, to ensure your child is served the correct meal.

Always fresh, inclusive, tasty and nutritious

We are aware of how important it is that, despite your child needing a medical diet menu, you feel confident knowing that they are still receiving a balanced and enjoyable lunch. Most of our dishes are made from scratch using fresh, local ingredients without compromising on taste.

Where possible, the Nutrition Team strive to adapt the dishes already featured on the school's menu to suit your child's needs. Examples include exchanging pasta for gluten free pasta, utilising various allergen aware pizza options or using plant-based dairy substitutes. We also have a range of bespoke medical diet recipes that are not featured on our standard menus that are suitable for more numerous or complex allergies, never compromising on flavour and nutrition.

How do I apply for a medical diet?

Please complete and return the medical diet form to your child's school office, who will pass this onto our catering team. The new medical diet menus will go live [redacted].

What happens next?

The Nutrition Team will prepare a medical diet menu based on the current school menu. The allergen information is supplied directly from our manufacturers and suppliers, and products that are labelled with a 'may contain' for that allergen, will also be excluded. Your child's menu will include where possible, a choice of two main meal options and a dessert, fresh fruit, yoghurt and salad. Please note that choices may vary depending on your child's school.

Your child's menu be created ready to go live [redacted]. Once processed, you will receive a copy of your child's personal medical diet menu so you can select which dishes they would like. Please pass these choices onto the school office so they can be given to the onsite catering team. You will receive a new medical diet menu for your child every time the school's menu changes.

What if my child no longer requires a medical diet?

If your child no longer requires a medical diet, and they can eat from the standard menu, you need to inform the school office in writing, who will then pass on the written confirmation to Lunchtime Co.

MEDICAL DIET / FOOD ALLERGY REQUEST FORM

Child's name School name

Class name School year

Details of Special / Medical Requirement Requested

Allergen	Allergy / Intolerance? Tick	Allergen	Allergy / Intolerance? Tick
Celery		Molluscs	
Crustaceans		Mustard	
Gluten		Nuts	
Egg		Peanuts	
Fish		Sesame Seeds	
Lupin		Soya	
Milk / Dairy		Sulphur Dioxide	

Any other allergy, please list

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Please advise if the child requires a vegetarian only menu, circle the option needed **Yes or No**

By signing this form, you confirm the information detailed is correct and should the child's allergen requirements change, a new form will be completed and submitted.

I agree for this form and the information contained in it can be shared with Lunchtime Co. by the school and both parties can retain this information for the purpose of management of the child's medical diet needs.

Parent / Guardian Signature

Print Name.....

Date

The Lunchtime kitchens are nut free environments and we take every precaution to eliminate cross contamination with all allergens. However, we cannot guarantee 100% allergen free.

Please send a completed copy of this form to your school who will pass onto Lunchtime Co.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MARVEL RIVALS



ESRB advise nobody under the age of 13 should play

Marvel Rivals launched in December 2024 and amassed a player count of nearly 150,000 in mere weeks. This player versus player (PvP) shooter packs in a host of recognisable comic-book characters, pitting two teams of six against each other. Despite the game's cartoonish nature, there are several potential risks for parents and educators to be aware of.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

IN-GAME CHAT

Voice chat allows players to speak to teammates and opponents within the game, but in a competitive environment, some conversations can become unpleasant. Text chat is equally prominent among those playing on PC and will be shown on the side of the screen. Moderation on chats is relatively lax, so it's important to recognise that potentially inappropriate messages could arrive at any time.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

While Marvel Rivals is free, there is an in-game store, selling character skins from recognisable movies and comic-book titles. Each season also includes a £10 Battle Pass (much like those seen in Fortnite and Call of Duty), offering a series of exclusive cosmetic items. These passes don't expire – but they can't be purchased once the next season rolls around, creating a fear of missing out.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With such a huge player base, it's impossible to predict whom your child will be teaming up with or playing against. They're virtually certain to run into strangers through voice and text chat, for starters. Most of these people will just be ordinary gamers enjoying the action, but there is the risk of some users behaving inappropriately with younger players – either intentionally, or because they don't realise that they're speaking to a child.

VIOLENT CONTENT

There's no gore in Marvel Rivals, and the violence depicted is comparatively cartoonish – but the playable characters available vary between more traditional superheroes and supervillains, and figures like Black Widow and The Punisher, who use more realistic firearms. Given the game's nature as a shooter, this may make some parents and carers uncomfortable as some players will be firing these weapons at each other.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The game includes some innuendos and mature themes in the dialogue, which could expose youngsters to content unsuitable for their age, detracting from a safe and family-friendly gaming experience. As we mentioned previously, the content of the in-game chat could also be age-inappropriate, ranging from swearing to mature themes to potentially harmful content.

FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

The inclusion of iconic characters might make Marvel Rivals appear more approachable than other games in the genre, with recognisable heroes and villains like Spider-Man and Venom. This could lead to more interest from younger players, increasing the likelihood of children playing the game without properly understanding the risks.

Advice for Parents & Educators

FOLLOW ESRB RATINGS

The ESRB rating for Marvel Rivals says the game shouldn't be played by anyone under 13. Most children of that age will be able to appreciate the moral compass of the roster of characters (people can play as Hela, the Goddess of Death, for example), while also ensuring that the violence, however cartoonish, won't overwhelm them.



FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

The game's inclusion of fan-favourite characters like Iron Man and the Hulk, plus its increasing popularity, means that younger Marvel fans will likely be eager to see what the fuss is about. Since it's free, consider playing Marvel Rivals yourself to get how you feel about a child playing it. Alternatively, you could let them play against the game's AI in Practice Mode, until they're old enough to compete online.

MONITOR OR TURN OFF CHAT

Voice and text chat can both be adjusted within the in-game settings. If you're particularly concerned about exposing children and young people to them, however, you can disable both forms of chat in the game's settings. If a child wants to play alongside friends, remind them that they can use their console's party chat feature or host a call on a third-party service like Discord.



DISCONNECT PAYMENT OPTIONS

Parents should ensure that no payment options – such as debit cards – are linked to the game, to prevent unauthorised purchases and charges. Children can be tempted by enticing in-game offers without fully understanding the costs. Removing payment methods avoids impulsive in-game spending and instils a sense of financial awareness, teaching young people to be careful with their money.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor at the Daily Star and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, he has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar and plenty more.



Community News

SNOW WHITE

Come along and enjoy 'The Fairest Event of them all' on Saturday 22nd March from 10am-3pm in the [Vancouver Quarter](#) shopping centre, King's Lynn!

To celebrate the upcoming release of the live action Snow White film, we are hosting a magical event for you all to enjoy!

- Meet and Greet with our beautiful Snow White
- Find the 7 Dwarfs located around the Vancouver Quarter to be entered into a prize draw
- Photo opportunities



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If you are earning less than £23,500 per annum or are in receipt of any benefits, you will be eligible for a fully funded place with us.

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding children is the action we take to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Every single person who comes into contact with children and families has a role to play. At our school we have a designated safeguarding team who are trained professionals in safeguarding, however all our staff are trained in safeguarding if you want to discuss any concerns with them.

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.



Mrs Maddison



Mr Overton



Miss Calaby



Mrs Jones



Mrs Preston