

Walpole Cross Keys Primary School

Weekly Newsletter – 7th March 2025



Hello everyone,

Today we have celebrated our World Book Day and it was lovely to see everyone come into school dressed up as their favourite book character.

Well done to the children who took part in the Literary Event on Wednesday.

Class 2 had a lovely River of Hope trip on Thursday and the sun came out!

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.

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

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)



Join the PTA!



***Please also check page 2 for future diary dates.**

Weekending—07.03.2025

Stars:

Jesse (Class 1), Edward (Class 2) & Eli, Lottie & Ella (Class 3)

Kindness:

Nova (Class 1), Sydney (Class 2), & Daisy (Class 3)

Handwriting:

Ted (Class 1), Millie (Class 2) & Daisy (Class 3)

THANK YOU card winners:

Amelia P (Class 1), Chase (Class 2) & Evan (Class 3)

Golden Broom: Class 2

PSHE—Eating a healthy & balanced diet:

Bella & Amelia B (Class 1), Matthew (Class 2), Evie & Florence P (Class 3)



Attendance

Class 1: 99%

Class 2: 100%

Class 3: 99%

Congratulations to Class 2!

Whole school: 99.3%

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.

Wednesday 12th March 2025	Class 3—Assembly. Parents/carers invited @ 3pm.
Monday 17th March 2025	SEND Café at Clenchwarton Primary School from 2pm. Parents & Carers invited.
Friday 21st March 2025 	Red Nose Day—All donations will go to Comic Relief. Donations are via your MCAS account under 'Shop'. Thank you for your support.
Monday 24th 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—Class 2— Please sign up via your MCAS account. Tickets can be purchased using this link https://www.kingslynncornexchange.co.uk/theatre/whats-on/event/wnssp-dance-festival-march-2025/#tickets —PM performance.
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.
Thursday 3rd April 2025	Maths Enrichment Day—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.

The link to book is: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/making-sense-of-send-19-march-2025-knights-hill-hotel-kingslynn-tickets-920243321547>



MAKING SENSE OF SEND
FREE INFORMATION FAIR
For parents/carers of young people with SEND and the professionals who work with them.

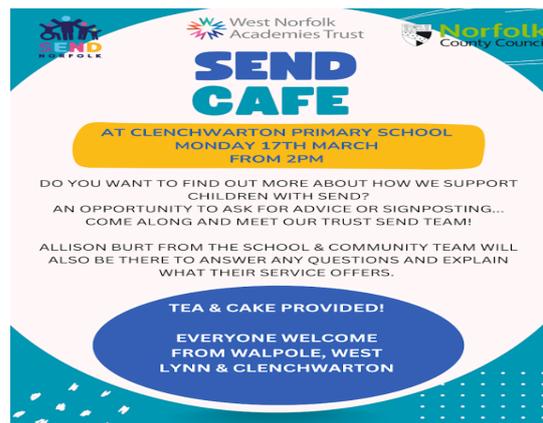
Wednesday 19th March 2025 10am-12pm
Knight's Hill Hotel, King's Lynn, PE30 3HQ

Get information & advice from services | Attend talks on SEN Support & ASD Helping Hands | Enjoy free refreshments

Information stands will include:

- Norfolk SEND Local Offer
- Norfolk SENDIASS
- Family Voice Norfolk
- Vision Norfolk
- Nansia
- Healthwatch
- ASD Helping Hands
- Cambridge Community Services
- DRAGONe
- Just One Norfolk
- Dyslexia Outreach Service
- West Norfolk Autism Group
- Participation Team
- Family Information Service
- Community and Partnerships Team
- Action for Children
- Family Action
- Community Dental Services
- School and Community Team
- Supported Internships
- Family Hubs Norfolk
- Learning Disability Health Check
- Direct Payment Support Service
- Young Carers Matter Norfolk
- Atasci
- Anglian Water

Book your place through Eventbrite
Norfolk County Council



West Norfolk Academies Trust
SEND CAFE
Norfolk County Council

AT CLENCHWARTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
MONDAY 17TH MARCH
FROM 2PM

DO YOU WANT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HOW WE SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH SEND?
AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASK FOR ADVICE OR SIGNPOSTING...
COME ALONG AND MEET OUR TRUST SEND TEAM!

ALLISON BURT FROM THE SCHOOL & COMMUNITY TEAM WILL ALSO BE THERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AND EXPLAIN WHAT THEIR SERVICE OFFERS.

TEA & CAKE PROVIDED!

EVERYONE WELCOME
FROM WALPOLE, WEST LYNN & CLENCHWARTON

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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Literary Event



Class 2 River of Hope Trip



World Book Day



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators USING TECHNOLOGY TO BOOST READING SKILLS

The way we engage with text has changed dramatically over the years. Whether reading captions on social media, instructions in a video game or an e-book on a digital device, technology plays a major role in modern literacy. While traditional books remain invaluable, digital tools can enhance reading skills by making text more accessible, interactive and engaging.

1 CHOOSING THE RIGHT TYPE OF TEXT

Before integrating technology, consider the types of text that a child engages with. If they need help on occasion, digital reading pens can assist by scanning and reciting words or sentences. These tools are especially useful for students with reading difficulties, and can even be used in exams if they're part of their routine learning process. Proper training and practice are required, but they can be a great help when tackling printed text.

2 READING ON SCREEN

Many devices now allow users to customise text for better readability. Adjusting font type, size and background colour can significantly enhance comprehension. For many readers, white text on a black background is the easiest to see, whereas other styles – such as dyslexia-friendly fonts – are designed to help those who are struggling. Teaching children how to personalise text settings on their devices empowers them to read more comfortably and with greater confidence.

3 ACCESSIBILITY TOOLS

Most modern devices include built-in tools designed to support readers. These features can be found in Settings under Accessibility and may include text-to-speech, speech-to-text and screen magnification functions. Enabling these tools can make digital reading more user friendly, especially for children with learning difficulties or visual impairments, who might have an easier time with spoken language than the written word, or who might simply require a closer look at the text.

4 INTERACTIVE READING PROGRAMMES

Many digital reading devices, such as Kindle and other e-readers, offer features like word highlighting, adjustable text speed and built-in dictionaries. These tools help learners to break down complex words and phrases while maintaining an appropriate reading pace. Some programmes even allow users to track their progress, making reading a more structured and motivating experience.

5 VIDEO GAMES AND READING SKILLS

Many video games require players to read instructions, character dialogues and mission objectives, making them an unexpected but effective literacy tool. Games that involve storytelling, puzzles or problem-solving often include large amounts of text – encouraging children to read these texts aloud or discuss them can improve their comprehension and vocabulary in a fun, engaging way.

6 SUBTITLES AND CLOSED CAPTIONS

Watching videos with subtitles or closed captions is an effective way to enhance reading skills. As children watch their favourite shows or online videos, they can follow along with the text, gaining a better understanding of how written words sound when spoken aloud. This is particularly beneficial for reluctant readers, as it exposes them to words in a familiar, engaging context. Repeatedly watching content with subtitles reinforces word recognition and comprehension.

7 USING AUDIOBOOKS

Audiobooks are an excellent way to develop listening and reading skills simultaneously. Children can follow along with the text while listening to a narrator, reinforcing word recognition and fluency. For struggling readers, listening to an audiobook before attempting to read the text independently can boost their confidence and comprehension.

9 TEXT-TO-VOICE TECHNOLOGY

Text-to-voice software reads digital text aloud, making it easier for learners to follow along. Most smartphones, tablets and computers come with this function built in. When enabled, users can highlight a passage or sentence and press Play to hear it read aloud. This tool is particularly helpful for auditory learners and those who struggle with decoding written words.

8 VOICE-TO-TEXT FOR WRITING AND READING

Voice-to-text tools allow users to dictate words, which are then transcribed into text. This feature helps children see the connection between spoken and written language. By using text-to-voice to have their dictated words read back to them, learners can identify mistakes and improve their reading and writing skills simultaneously.

10 SOCIAL MEDIA AND PARENTAL CONTROLS

While social media provides opportunities for reading, most platforms have age restrictions of 13–16 years old, making parental guidance essential. Many social media videos include captions and comments that can encourage reading. However, it's important to use the platform's parental controls (such as time limits and content filters) to create a safe and educational online environment for children. Encouraging responsible social media use can ensure a balanced and productive approach to digital literacy.

Meet Our Expert

Catrina Lowri is a qualified special needs teacher and experienced SENCO. She recently launched her own site, Neuroteachers, which offers a library of short, 'how-to' and explanation videos for educators. Catrina also writes and delivers online training and events for multi-academy trusts, businesses, schools and training organisations.



The National College

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



A vertical poster for a Snow White event. At the top, the words 'SNOW WHITE' are written in a simple, spaced-out font. Below this, the text '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!' is written. A paragraph follows: 'To celebrate the upcoming release of the live action Snow White film, we are hosting a magical event for you all to enjoy!'. A bulleted list contains three items: 'Meet and Greet with our beautiful Snow White', 'Find the 7 Dwarfs located around the Vancouver Quarter to be entered into a prize draw', and 'Photo opportunities'. The bottom half of the poster features a large illustration of Snow White with her characteristic black hair, red bow, and yellow dress with a blue bodice. To her left, a large, ornate gold mirror frame contains the text 'Snow White Meet & Greet' in a cursive font, followed by 'SATURDAY 22ND MARCH 10.00AM - 3.00PM'. In the bottom left corner, the 'vancouver quarter King's Lynn' logo is visible. The background of the poster is decorated with a pattern of red apples and yellow flowers.

Snow White
Meet & Greet
SATURDAY
22ND MARCH
10.00AM - 3.00PM

vancouver
quarter King's Lynn

The Sandringham Estate Heads Up for SPRING

Family Seed Planting Workshops
April 15th 16th 17th



Join the Sandringham Education Team this Easter
for a celebration of Spring and Growing.

Choose from a range of resources and ideas to
make your own growing head.

All resources provided.

1.00pm-2.30pm

Located at the School Room in the Stables Courtyard.

£20 per child booking essential.

Suitable from 3 years upwards.

One adult receives admission to the garden with every ticket sold.

Parking extra.

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