

Walpole Cross Keys Primary School

Weekly Newsletter – 21st March 2025



Hello everyone,

On Wednesday the children from EYFS visited PC Brand at West Lynn. They really enjoyed this event!

On Thursday the children had a Shakespeare session learning all about the story of Twelfth Night.

Today we marked the 40th anniversary of Comic Relief and saw some fabulous 80's theme clothing - Thank you for all your support.

We will be having a new Lunchtime Menu to use which comes into effect from Wednesday 23rd April 2025. Unfortunately due to deliveries, we will be having a change of menu to the Wednesday 23rd April 2025, this will consist of Cheese & Ham Pizza with Jacket Potato Wedges peas & sweetcorn. Vegi - Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Jacket Potato Wedges peas & sweetcorn. No Jacket Potatoes, but ham, tuna & cheese sandwiches are available. All bookings need to be made by midnight on Saturday 19th April 2025 via your MCAS account. The new menu will be available from the website.



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.

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—21.03.2025

Stars:

Toby (Class 1), Glenn (Class 2) & Rosie M (Class 3)

Kindness:

Freddie (Class 1), Jacob (Class 2), & Rosie M (Class 3)

Handwriting:

Emile' (Class 1), Ivy (Class 2) & Leon (Class 3)

THANK YOU card winners:

Jesse (Class 1), Millie (Class 2) & Florence E (Class 3)

Golden Broom: Class 3



PSHE—Keeping everyone safe:

Freddie, Emile', Rosie & Gabriel (Class 1),
All teachers

Attendance

Class 1: 97%

Class 2: 92%

Class 3: 91%

Congratulations to Class 1!

Whole school: 92.3%



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

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.
Monday 31st March 2025	Year 5 & Year 6 Cluster Bee Netball—Selected. Please sign up via your MCAS account.
Thursday 3rd April 2025	Maths Enrichment Day—Selected. Please sign up via your MCAS account.
Friday 4th April 2025	School breaks up at usual time for Easter break. Please be aware of a new Lunchtime menu to use which comes into effect on 23rd April 2025. See website.
Wednesday 23rd April 2025	School opens—Prompt registration at 8.45am.
Tuesday 29th April 2025	Year 6—Crucial Crew Trip. More details to follow.
Thursday 1st May 2025	Reception children Trip to Stories of Lynn/Lynn Museum—More details to follow.
Monday 5th May 2025	BANK HOLIDAY—School closed.
Monday 12th May 2025	Year 6 SATs week. No absences.
Thursday 15th May 2025	EYFS & Year 1—West Lynn for a RE workshop - More details to follow.
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.
Friday 13th June 2025 *New date*	Lilacmoon Photography—Class photos only.
Monday 23rd June 2025	EYFS/Year 1—West Lynn for Little City workshop. More details to follow.
Tuesday 1st July 2025	EYFS—Puppet Show @ West Lynn. More details to follow.
Thursday 3rd July 2025	Year 6—Transition Day @ St Clements High School.
Tuesday 8th July 2025	Year 5—Opportunity Day at St Clements High School.
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/



Term Dates 2024-2025 – Primary Schools

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Key: White dates – school open to pupils
 Orange dates – pupil holidays
 Purple dates – staff training days
 Red dates – bank holidays

Staff training days are – Monday 2 September, Tuesday 3 September, Monday 6 January and Tuesday 22 April as whole training days.
 Friday 25 October 2024 is disaggregated.

Science Day



Reading Café



EYFS—Visit from PC Brand



Community News



ALIVE

**Easter 2025
Holiday Programme**
5-22 April

Lynnsport, St James Pool,
Downham Leisure, Oasis
and Glebe House School
Booking is advisable for all activities

ALIVE BRANDSWOOD
King's Lynn &
West Norfolk **Big Norfolk
Holiday Fun**

[alivewestnorfolk.co.uk](https://www.alivewestnorfolk.co.uk)

Scan to book

The poster features a young girl holding two brown eggs over her eyes. It is decorated with colorful Easter eggs, a white rabbit, and floral patterns. Logos for ALIVE, Big Norfolk Holiday Fun, and a QR code are also present.

[https://
www.alivewestnorfolk.co.uk/
activities/holiday-activities/](https://www.alivewestnorfolk.co.uk/activities/holiday-activities/)

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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ROBLOX

AGE RESTRICTION
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Roblox is one of the most popular video games among children. In 2020, the game's developers claimed that more than half of the USA's children had played it. As a 'sandbox' title, the game lets players create their own gaming experiences with Roblox Studio to build custom levels, which can then be shared online.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ONLINE PLAY RISKS

Because Roblox connects random players across the world, it can put younger players into an environment with anonymous users who could use the platform for nefarious reasons. For example, some role-play games are used for online dates and mature role play, which could expose youngsters to inappropriate messages in the public chat box.

ANONYMOUS PLAYERS

The anonymity of users can leave players vulnerable to bullying, harassment, and predatory behaviour. Without the right parental controls or monitoring, users can connect with each other via personal messages or friend requests, and it is very difficult to know who's behind a username in this vast online world.

MATURE CONTENT

Content is difficult to moderate throughout Roblox, due to the number of games available. This is particularly notable on smaller games and experiences, but in summary, some of the games and experiences offered on the platform contain age-inappropriate content that could easily be seen by young players.

RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox games can feature rewarding or satisfying mechanics that keep players coming back – or persuade them to stay logged-in for much longer. Like most games, they focus on interactivity, with constant rewards via in-game unlocks and currencies, which can sometimes lead to an addictive need to remain online for long periods of time.

IN-GAME SPENDING

The majority of games within Roblox have extensive monetisation options, usually through season passes or microtransactions. Purchases can range in value from a few pennies up to much larger sums of money. While some games offer a lot of content via purchases, others can offer very little for real world money, causing younger players to end up out of pocket.

SCAMS

Many of the games on Roblox feature collectible items, pets, or characters. These objects, while digital, are worth a lot of real money on certain online markets. Scammers will attempt to trade with younger users in the hopes of getting rare items that can be sold for real money, manipulating the child into handing them over, usually via misleading information.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR THE CONTENT

While Roblox does implement plenty of moderation tools and parental controls, it's up to parents and guardians to monitor the types of games a child or impressionable player is experiencing. If a youngster wants to play Roblox, be sure to check out which specific games they want to play within it, and get a good idea of their content.

PLAY TOGETHER

Consider playing Roblox with the children in your care. There are few more effective ways to see how monetisation works, gauge whether the game could lead to addictive behaviours, or even witness how interaction between players works, than sitting down and trying the game for yourself. This should help you figure out whether it's suitable for particular children.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TOOLS

Use the parental controls within the game itself and teach youngsters how to report and block other players. Knowing the powers within their reach will make Roblox a safer, happier experience. You can set age ranges for who's allowed to contact you, close public chat boxes, block spending, and even make your Roblox profile completely private. All these options are helpful in cutting off bad actors from engaging with children.

TEACH ONLINE BEHAVIOURS

Have an open conversation about the risks of online play and how to spend money wisely. By being honest and giving tips on how a younger user can protect themselves, you can empower them to not only take care of themselves, but others too. Any user can be reported to Roblox moderators by other players for behaving inappropriately. With this knowledge, younger players can be aware of what to look for and help prevent it.

Meet Our Expert

Dan Lipscombe is a videogame journalist and author of over 20 books on gaming, including books on Minecraft, Fortnite, Roblox, and more. For 15 years he has been writing about his passion for gaming. When he's not playing games, he's talking about them at GAMINGbible.



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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