

Walpole Cross Keys Primary School

Weekly Newsletter – 25th April 2025



Hello everyone,

Welcome back. We hope you had a fabulous Easter break?

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.



Join the PTA!



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS—We still have spaces available for Mrs Calaby's Phonics Club (Year 1) and Mrs Jones' STEM Club (KS2 only). Please sign up via your MCAS account.

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 check page 2 for future diary dates.

Weekending—25.04.2025

Stars:

Jesse (Class 1), Isaac (Class 2) & Clay (Class 3)

Kindness:

Gabby (Class 1), Sydney (Class 2), & Ivy (Class 3)

Handwriting:

Edith (Class 1), Millie (Class 2) & Evan (Class 3)

THANK YOU card winners:

Isaac (Class 1), Sydney (Class 2) & Leon (Class 3)

Golden Broom: Class 2

PHSE—Knew how to make a friend:

Bella, Amelia, Emilie & Isaac



Attendance

Class 1: 83%

Class 2: 93%

Class 3: 91%

Congratulations to Class 2!

Whole school: 90.1%



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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.

Tuesday 29th April 2025	Year 6—Crucial Crew Trip. Please sign up via your MCAS account.
Thursday 1st May 2025	Reception children Trip to Stories of Lynn/Lynn Museum—Please sign up via your MCAS account.
Monday 5th May 2025	BANK HOLIDAY—School closed.
Monday 12th May 2025	Year 6 SATs week. No absences.
Thursday 15th May 2025	Special lunch—Italian Day—Italian Tomato Pasta with Garlic Bread, Salad Bar & Fruit Iced Lolly. No alternatives for this day. Booking via MCAS account.
Tuesday 20th May 2025	KS1 (Yr 1 & 2) - WNAT KS1 Event—More details to follow.
Thursday 22nd May 2025	EYFS & Year 1—RE workshop - More details to follow. KS2—WNAT Rounders at Clenchwarton Primary School. 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.
 Sports Day	Sports Day—10am start.
Thursday 5th June 2025	SSP—Mini Tennis @ Lynnsport (Year 3 & Year 4). More details to follow.
Wednesday 11th June 2025 *New date*	EYFS—Trip to Sea Life Centre. More details to follow.
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. SSP-Quadkids (Year 5 & Year 6) @ Lynnsport. More details to follow.
Friday 27th June 2025	Top Link Festival (EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2) @ St Clements High School. More details to follow.
Monday 30th June 2025	Area Sports (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) @ St Clements High School. 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.
Monday 7th July 2025	Active Kids Festival (Year 1 & Year 2) @ Lynnsport. More details to follow.
Tuesday 8th July 2025	Year 5—Opportunity Day at St Clements High School.
Sunday 13th July to Wednesday 16th July 2025	Year 6—Residential—Hilltop
Monday 21st July 2025	Whole School—Mad Science workshop.
Tuesday 22nd July 2025	School breaks up at the usual time for the summer holiday.

CLUBS

Clubs Overview Summer Term 1 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	28 th April – 19 th May 12.30pm - 12.50pm	All years	Free: No booking necessary
Tuesday	LUNCHTIME TIMES TABLE/READING CLUB with Mr Overton	29 th April – 20 th May 12.30pm - 12.50pm	All years	Free: No booking necessary
	AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - PHONICS with Ms Calaby	29 th April – 20 th May 3.15pm - 4pm	Year 1 only	Free: Booking via MCAS
Wednesdays	LUNCHTIME TIMES TABLE CLUB WITH Mr Overton	30 th April – 21 st May 12.30pm - 12.50pm	All years	Free: No booking necessary
	AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - STEM with Mrs Jones	30 th April – 21 st May 3.15pm - 4pm	KS2	8 places - Free: Booking via MCAS
Thursdays	LUNCHTIME TABLE TENNIS CLUB with Aaron	1 st May – 22 nd May 12:30pm-12:50pm	Years 4, 5 & 6	Free: No booking necessary
	FOOTBALL CLUB with Aaron (football boots & shin pads are optional)	24 th April to 22 nd May 2025 3:15pm-4:15pm	All years	£4.00 per session totalling to £20.00 for 5 weeks Book & pay direct with ICS Coaching by 24 th April Please click on the link to book https://icscoaching.pembee.app/?filters=663a16b2978bf17ae904a4d4-



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.

Community News



King's Lynn & District
Camera Club

Photographic Competition 2025

KLDCC in conjunction with WNAT would like to invite entries to the annual photographic competition

The competition is open to Key stages 2,3,4,5 and Staff

The theme for this year's competition is



'MY COMMUNITY'



Photographs can be taken on any imaging device including mobile phones tablets or cameras

The theme 'My Community' covers a wide range of subjects, such as local land/seascapes, people, farming, wildlife, and culture found in and around your own local communities

So go out and be creative!

Images should be submitted to e.pearman@wnat.co.uk in Jpeg format and be no larger than A4 or 300 x 200mm

Images will initially be assessed by the Trust who will choose the finalists from each group to go forward for final Judging by the KLDCC on 30th June 2025 at Springwood High School

Prizes will be awarded to each age group for first place
The overall winner will receive the Dave Ashfield Cup
All finalists will receive a mounted print of their entry

Entries close at 9am on Monday 2nd June 2025

Take a look at the KLDCC tips and tricks to help make the best pictures

A brief guide to Photography

To take more interesting photographs, concentrate on basic principles like understanding the "rule of thirds" composition, paying attention to lighting, keeping your subject in focus, considering the background, and experiment with different angles and perspectives. Also, be mindful of the moment and try to capture interesting details expressions.

Key elements to consider:

- **Composition:**

- **Rule of thirds:** Divide your frame into thirds horizontally and vertically. Place your subject on one of the intersecting lines, or along the lines, for a balanced composition.



- **Leading lines:** Use natural lines in the scene to guide the viewer's eye towards your subject.



- **Negative space:** Leave some empty space around your subject to provide breathing room and focus, or allow moving objects an area to move into.



- **Lighting:**

- **Natural light:** Shoot during the golden hour (early morning or late evening) for soft, flattering light.
- **Avoid harsh, direct sunlight:** Try to shade your subject or shoot at an angle to reduce harsh shadows. This is especially true during the middle of a sunny day.
- **Fill flash:** Use a flash to fill in shadows on your subject in bright light, but be careful that it doesn't overpower the subject or create red eye.

- **Focus:**

- **Sharp focus:** Ensure your main subject is clearly focused, and if the subject has eyes, ensure these are as sharp as possible - this is where the viewer will be drawn to.
- **Depth of field:** If your camera can, experiment with aperture settings to control how much of the scene is in focus (wide aperture for shallow depth of field, narrow aperture for large depth of field). Some phone cameras can simulate this, check the phone's camera settings.

- **Subject and Background:**

- **Choose your subject:** Identify the most interesting element in the scene to focus on.
- **Mind the background:** Be aware of distracting elements in the background and around the edges of the image. Try to keep it simple.

- **Other tips:**

- **Shoot from different angles:** Try taking photos from high, low, or side angles to add variety.
- **Capture moments:** Look for interesting expressions, actions, or interactions to make your photos more dynamic.
- **Try and tell a story:** What kind of emotions are you trying to convey?
- **Experiment with settings:** If your camera has them, learn how to adjust the settings (ISO, shutter speed, aperture) to control exposure and creative effects. Again, if you are using a phone camera, check the phone's camera settings.

- **Edit your photos:** Use photo editing software to enhance your images by adjusting brightness, contrast, and colours. There are many free pieces of software for use on your phone or PC.
- **Have fun:** Often if you are enjoying what you are taking pictures of, it is reflected in the image.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM STRATFORDS REGARDING SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERS



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Dear Parent,

As of 1st April 2025, Stratfords Industrial is changing the way you purchase school uniform.

You will no longer be able to purchase and take items with you from the trade counter. All items will need to be ordered by email, website or in person. You will be issued a number for email and orders placed in person; this will be needed to collect your items from our new pick-up window (website customers you will need your 5 digit order number #*****). You will be notified via email, text message or website notification when your order is ready to collect. All items must be paid for prior to collection.

All orders for school uniform must be received by 22nd August 2025 to guarantee your items for w/c 1st September 2025. We endeavour to keep all uniform in stock but occasionally items will be out of stock with the supplier, this is out of our control.

During busy times Monday-Friday July, August & September and to allow a more personal service we will operate a queueing system. You will not be able to enter the shop until the person in front of you has completed their purchase. We estimate 15-20 mins per customer. We will only take orders and payment.

We would ask that, where possible, orders are made via the website or by email. Orders will NOT be taken over the telephone.

Saturday will be by appointment only. Collections will not be affected.

We hope to make purchasing school uniform as painless as possible. By launching this new more modern approach we hope to provide a smoother, more user friendly experience.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'N.R.S. Hindry' with a long, sweeping underline.

Neil Hindry,

Chief Executive Officer

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MAKING FRIENDS ONLINE

In today's digital world, it's increasingly common for children to form friendships with people they've never met in person. While online connections can offer children a sense of belonging, they also carry significant risks. Around 19% of children aged 10 to 15 in England and Wales have chatted online with someone they've never met face to face. This guide offers expert advice for parents and educators on helping children navigate online friendships safely.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ONLINE GROOMING THREATS

Predators can use games, chat apps or social media platforms to build relationships with children and gain their trust. This may quickly develop into grooming or exploitation. Between April 2017 and March 2023, UK police recorded nearly 34,000 online grooming offences – an 82% increase in just five years.

EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Children may encounter distressing or explicit material while interacting with online contacts – especially via TikTok, Instagram or Snapchat. This is evidenced in a survey by the Children's Commissioner for England, which found that 45% of children aged 8 to 17 had seen content online that made them feel uncomfortable, worried or upset.

PRIVACY AND DATA RISKS

Children and young people often overshare personal details – such as where they live or go to school – without understanding the consequences. In fact, 4.4% of 10 to 15-year-olds in the UK have met up in real life with someone they'd only spoken to online.

COMPROMISED PERSONAL SAFETY

Meeting an online 'friend' in real life risks placing a child in serious danger. From abduction to coercion, the consequences can be devastating. Reports of children being harmed after such meetings are becoming increasingly common in the UK, highlighting the need for safeguarding intervention.

PSYCHOLOGICAL DISTRESS

Online harm – such as cyberbullying, grooming or exposure to disturbing content – can lead to long-term emotional issues, including anxiety, depression and PTSD. 'Sextortion' gangs, who threaten to release sexual information about a person unless they pay them money, have reportedly targeted children as young as 11, leaving them traumatised and ashamed.

LONG-TERM REPERCUSSIONS

Children exposed to harmful online relationships early on may develop unhealthy beliefs about relationships, consent, or self-worth. In a recent case, a 26-year-old posed as a girl on Snapchat to befriend children aged 10 to 16, manipulating them into sexual activity and causing profound emotional distress. One 12-year-old tragically died by suicide, highlighting the long-term psychological harm online friendships with strangers can cause.

26 FRIENDS ONLINE NOW ✓

Advice for Parents & Educators

TEACH SAFE ONLINE HABITS

Help children understand how to use privacy settings, protect their personal information, spot fake profiles, and report anything suspicious or concerning, like pressure tactics. Encourage them to think critically about what they share – and whom they're talking to.

ENCOURAGE REAL-WORLD CONNECTIONS

Support children in building friendships through school, clubs, hobbies and activities in the real world. Strong offline relationships help reduce children's reliance on online platforms for social interaction, and can help them develop resilience and social confidence.

KEEP CONVERSATIONS OPEN

Let children know they can talk to you about their online life. Avoid reacting with anger or judgement, as this may prevent them from opening up in the future. A child who feels listened to is more likely to disclose problems before they escalate.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Parental control settings on devices, games and apps can help manage screen time, filter out inappropriate content, and monitor activity. While no system is perfect, they provide a valuable layer of protection as children explore digital spaces.

Meet Our Expert

Gabriella Russo is a safeguarding consultant with over 30 years' experience in supporting children, families, and adults across education, local authority, and mental health settings – both in the UK (including at Parliamentary level) and internationally.



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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