

Walpole Cross Keys Primary School

Weekly Newsletter – 16th May 2025



Hello everyone,

Well done to all our Year 6 Pupils who took their Sats tests this week. We are very proud of you all!



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 check page 2 for future diary dates.**

Weekending—16.05.2025



Stars:

Edith (Class 1), Millie (Class 2) & Nelly & Mrs Heath (Class 3)

Kindness:

Gabriel (Class 1), Edward (Class 2) & Eli & Mrs Shingles (Class 3)

Handwriting:

Bella (Class 1), Matthew (Class 2) & Ivy (Class 3)

THANK YOU card winners:

Ted (Class 1), Isaac (Class 2) & Florence E (Class 3)

Golden Broom: Class 2

PHSE—Shows respect in how they treat others:

Edith & Rosie (Class 2)

Edward, Millie & Layla (Class 3)

Attendance

Class 1: 94%

Class 2: 94%

Class 3: 96%

Congratulations to Class 3!

Whole school: 94.7%



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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.

Wednesday 21st May 2025	Dynamos Cricket @ Terrington Cricket Club—Year 5 & Year 6—Selected. Sign up via MCAS account.
Thursday 22nd May 2025	EYFS & Year 1—RE workshop—Consent & Payment via MCAS. KS2—WNAT Rounders at Clenchwarton Primary School. KS2 Selected. Sign up via MCAS
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—10am start.
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Tuesday 3rd June 2025	WNAT KS1 Sports event at Snettisham—TBC
Thursday 5th June 2025	SSP—Mini Tennis @ Lynnsport (Year 3 & Year 4). Consent via MCAS.
Wednesday 11th June 2025 *New date*	EYFS—Trip to Sea Life Centre. Consent and Payment via MCAS.
Thursday 12th June 2025	Art Bytes Celebration Event in Cambridge—Finalists. Consent via MCAS
Friday 13th June 2025 *New date*	Lilacmoon Photography—Class photos only.
Monday 16th June 2025	Spelling Bee Competition—Finals. Consent via MCAS
Wednesday 18th June 2025	Class 2—Swaffham Museum. Consent and Payment via MCAS.
Thursday 19th June 2025	Soroptimists Public Speaking Competition—The College of West Anglia—Selected.
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.
Wednesday 25th June 2025	Year 6—Theatre Experience in London—Wicked
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.
Wednesday 2nd July 2025 & Wednesday 3rd July 2025	Bikeability—Level 1 & Level 2—Year 5 & Year 6
Thursday 3rd July 2025	Move Up Day. Year 6—Transition Day @ St Clements High School.
Friday 4th July 2025	Apprentice Day—Year 2 to Year 6
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 to Wednesday 16th July 2025	Year 6—Residential—Hilltop
Monday 14th July 2025	MITI Workshop @ Springwood High School.
Monday 21st July 2025	Whole School—Mad Science workshop.
Tuesday 22nd July 2025	School breaks up at the usual time for the summer holiday.

Understanding Neurodivergence

Helping you to understand more about neurodivergence and what it may look like, with an opportunity to look at resources, share ideas and discuss strategies that may support you and your child at home.

Session 1:

- What neurodiversity is.
- Some of the benefits associated with neurodiversity.
- How neurodiversity may present.

Session 2:

- Understanding neurodiversity from the child or young persons perspective.
- Supporting tools and strategies that may help.
- Where to go for additional guidance and support.



Both sessions will last approximately 1 hour

We advise that parents/carers attend both sessions to gain the most out of the programme

Venue: Clenchwarton Primary School
Session 1; Thursday 8th May 2025 at 2pm
Session 2; Thursday 15th May 2025 at 2pm



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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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MINECRAFT



Still the best-selling game of all time, Minecraft is a bastion of creativity and community, with hundreds of millions of players building and crafting in its almost endless world. The popularity of Minecraft among gamers of all ages means it's important to remain informed about the game, including how to play it safely and whether it's suitable for the children in your care. That's why we've created this guide explaining the risks associated with Minecraft and how to ensure a purely enjoyable gaming experience.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCARY ELEMENTS

While Minecraft can be seen as a kind of 'digital LEGO', certain game modes include creatures accompanied by eerie sound effects. These can be a bit too frightening for some younger players, potentially leading to distressing in-game combat and other encounters – although the combat is quite basic and free from any real depiction of violence.

GRIEFING

Some players in Minecraft take pleasure in deliberately damaging or destroying another person's creations. This behaviour, known as 'griefing', is a form of bullying – it intentionally ruins someone else's experience by erasing hours of their work and forcing them to start over. Many public servers regard griefing as a serious offence and often ban those who engage in it.

ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's focus on creativity means that, as with any creative endeavour, it can be easy to get carried away. If your child is finding it difficult to manage their time because they're drawn in by Minecraft's gameplay loop of resource gathering and building elaborate projects, it could have a knock-on effect on their social interactions and schoolwork.

PUBLIC SERVERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

With public servers being so easily accessible in Minecraft, it's highly likely that children will end up chatting with strangers through the in-game text chat. Some servers even place an emphasis on social interaction, actively encouraging communication between players. While there's nothing inherently wrong with this, it does carry certain risks. In addition to the concerns around speaking with strangers online, players who host their own servers may have their IP addresses exposed, posing a further security concern.

ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

Minecraft is available as a free trial on a variety of devices; however, the full game requires a one-off purchase, which is typically around £15. After that, players have the option to buy additional cosmetic upgrades or subscribe to Minecraft Realms. Realms is an entirely optional subscription service that allows users to run their own private server to play with friends. Without proper supervision, younger players may end up making unintended or excessive purchases.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting Creative or Peaceful mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is far lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of enemies and creatures attacking you or damaging your building.

HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for children to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given its address and password. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – ban anyone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft. Hosting a private server, however, will cost a monthly fee.

TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone will make contact with a stranger online. Talking to children about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan for dealing with any hostile or difficult people. It's important that a child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

Much of Minecraft's early stages can be an exercise in frustration for players who don't know where to start. Thankfully, there's a wealth of material online and in video format to help you learn the basics. Just be mindful that some of this content may not be appropriate for children, so you should consider watching it yourself first.

PLAY MINECRAFT WITH YOUR CHILD

As a creative building tool, Minecraft makes it great fun for children to team up and construct vast buildings accompanied by imaginative landscapes, much like working with LEGO or model kits. Playing in a game mode that includes enemies can encourage critical thinking and teamwork; however, you should consider which game mode is appropriate for the child in your care.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Gaming Editor at the Daily Star, and has worked in games media for more than 6 years. A long-time gaming enthusiast, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety for children of all ages.



The National College

COMMUNITY NEWS

LITTLE RIDERS

Children's Cycling Courses






Learn to Ride Courses

Description
Our Learn to Ride course (4 x 1hr lessons) is designed for children aged 4-10 yrs who would like to learn how to ride a bike with pedals. The course will give them all of the skills and confidence they need to cycle independently. Don't worry if your child doesn't have their own bike or helmet as we can lend them both.

Dates
Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th May (2.00-3.00pm) @ Greenpark Academy, Kings Lynn
Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th May (3.15-4.15pm) @ Greenpark Academy, Kings Lynn

Price
Places on the course cost £50 per child (plus booking fee).

Book Now
For more information and to book a place visit www.littleriders.co.uk/learnride/

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ST. GEORGE'S GUILDHALL
May Half-Term Activities

Join us for an exciting programme of activities inspired by
SHAKESPEARE'S AS YOU LIKE IT

DRAGON ARTS HOLIDAY CLUB
Tuesday 27th May 2025
10am - 1pm

FAMILY SESSIONS
Wednesday 28th May 2025
10.30am - 11.45am and
12.30pm - 1.45pm

PLAY-IN-A-DAY
Thursday 29th May 2025
10am - 4pm

Shakespeare Barr, St. George's Guildhall, 29 King Street, King's Lynn, PE30 1HA
Booking is essential via www.stgeorgesguildhall.com

ST. GEORGE'S GUILDHALL
EST. 1406

FREE VISIT!

SEE THE HISTORY BENEATH YOUR FEET!

Visit The St. George's Guildhall Medieval Floor

For a limited time only the entire medieval floor at St. George's Guildhall will be open to the public. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity comes before the floor is covered and preserved for future generations. Every Wednesday in June and July, schools can view the floor and join a workshop on archaeological skills and medieval artefacts, tailored to any key stage.

Workshop times:
9.30 - 11.30 or 12.30 - 14.30

To book email jane.hamilton@west-norfolk.gov.uk
We look forward to welcoming you!

Play on - every story we tell @playonstgeorges

ALIVE

May 2025

Holiday Programme

26 May - 1 June

Lynnsport, St James Pool, Downham Leisure, Oasis and Glebe House School

Booking is advisable for all activities
alivewestnorfolk.co.uk



ALIVE Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk

Forest School

The Sandringham Estate Family Forest School With Woodland Julie

May Half Term

Take a walk on the wildside!

Tuesday 27th, Wednesday 28th, Thursday 29th May

Sandringham Estate 10.30pm-12.00pm

Dens, Bogs, Slackline, Hammocks, Tools, Fairies & more

Booking essential at <https://sandringhamestate.co.uk>

£10.00 per child (adults free). Suitable for all ages children must be accompanied by an adult

HALF TERM ARCHERY

MAY 24TH 25TH 31ST 1ST JUNE

£30 per 30 minute session for up to 6 people age 5 and upwards. Various sessions throughout the day. Please arrive promptly.



At The Sandringham Estate Forest School. Booking Essential/ Parking Extra. <https://sandringhamestate.co.uk/events/>

Lynnsport Holiday Clubs

Free lunch included with every club!

Breakfast Club

Fun and games alongside a choice of cereal and fruit juice.

8am-9am
\$ E3 | AC £1.50 | ACC £1
Tue 27-Fri 30 May

The Fun Club

A range of sports, games and activities.

9am-3pm
5-12yrs
\$ E16 | AC £16 | ACC FREE
Tue 27-Fri 30 May

Basketball Holiday Club

Fun basketball games, tricks & matches.

9am-3pm
5-12yrs
\$ E15 | AC £15 | ACC FREE
Tue 27 May

Football Holiday Club

Fun football games, leading to matches and a tournament.

9am-3pm | 5-12yrs
\$ E15 | AC £15 | ACC FREE
Wed 28 May

Girls' Football Holiday Club

Fun football games for girls, leading to matches.

9am-3pm
5-12yrs
\$ E16 | AC £16 | ACC FREE
Thu 28 May

Gymnastics Holiday Club

Fun gymnastics activities, ninja warrior & free play.

9am-3pm | 5-15yrs
\$ E22 | AC £22 | ACC FREE
Thu 29 May

Five breakfast and lunch included

S: Standard | AC: Alive Card | ACC: Alive Concession Card
Please see Booking Information on page 2 for specific activity booking information (i.e. * information)

Booking Information

Discounted rates

Are subsidised by the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk. Applies to West Norfolk residents under 19yrs.

Junior Alive Cards are FREE

Simply apply at your local centre.

Booking is advisable for all activities

All bookings are in line with our standard booking policy. For full terms and conditions visit alivewestnorfolk.co.uk.

All children should bring

Refillable drinks bottle, hat, jumper and jacket appropriate to the weather.

* Children under 12yrs must be accompanied at all times during the session by a parent or responsible adult over the age of 18yrs.
** Children must be confident in the water and be able to swim 25 metres unaided.
*** A parent or responsible adult aged 18yrs or over must be booked in and participate in the activity on a 1:1 or 2:1 to 2 children. Bookable over the phone or your local centre.
**** Participants should be confident in deep water and will be required to complete a swim test if during the swim test participants are unable to swim 25 metres unaided, life jackets will be provided.

If your child has any medical, SEND or additional needs which require additional support, please contact us prior to booking at enquiries@alivewestnorfolk.co.uk to ensure we can facilitate this. For all activities excluding holiday clubs, children under the age of 16yrs must be accompanied by a responsible adult who must remain within the designated viewing area for the specific activity for the duration of the activity and be able to assist their child if needed.

All information is correct at time of print and may be subject to change.

Holiday of Play

26 May - 1 June

Soft Play

Alive Lynnsport during opening hours

Tumble Tikes

Alive Lynnsport

Tumble Tots

Alive Lynnsport

50p

Concession Card

£1

Card

Discounted prices are only available to children under 12 being in need of help with an Alive Card, or an Alive Concession Card. Outside of this, activities are full price. Please see website for prices.

All pools during general swim sessions.

ALIVE Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk

School Holiday Booking Offers

Hire our Sports Hall/Multi-Use Pitch for a discounted price over the holidays!

9am-4pm
Lynnsport
Lynnsport Hall Sports Hall £24 per hour

Lynnsport
Multi-Use Pitch (one third) £12 per hour

☎ 01553 818001 for more information or to book

<https://www.alivewestnorfolk.co.uk/activities/holiday-activities/>

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