

# Walpole Cross Keys Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter – 27th June 2025



Hello everyone,

A busy week!

Congratulations to Edward and Florence who achieved a silver medal in their sports acrobatic competition on Saturday! Amazing!

Class 1 visited West Lynn for the Little City Workshop on Monday and had a wonderful time and Year 5/6 took part in the SSP Quadkids at Lynnsport.

Year 6 had a great experience at London watching the 'Wicked' show.

Today EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 took part in the Top Link Festival which was held at St Clements.

Class photo proofs have now been emailed to you. To order please go online or use the QR code and reference number from the photo. The deadline in which to place an order is **Midnight on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**. Please order within this period otherwise the £5.50 postage charges for Home Delivery will apply.



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.**

## Attendance

Class 1: 78%

Class 2: 92%

Class 3: 91%

Congratulations to Class 2!

Whole school: 89.1%



## Weekending—27.06.2025

### Stars:

Emile' (Class 1), Isaac (Class 2) & Rosie C (Class 3)

### Kindness:

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

### Handwriting:

Edith (Class 1), Edward (Class 2) & Ivy O (Class 3)

### Golden Broom: Class 2



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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 1st July 2025	EYFS—Puppet Show @ West Lynn.
Wednesday 2nd July 2025 & Thursday 3rd July 2025	Bikeability—Level 1 & Level 2—Year 5 only.  <b>Deadline for ordering online Class photos with Lilacmoon.</b>
  	
Wednesday 2nd July 2025	Parent/Carer Workshop @ Clenchwarton Primary School @ 2pm. Parents/carers invited.
	
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. Parents/carers invited at 3.15pm for the Sky Arts showcase to see what the children have been learning. Details on Class Dojo.
Monday 7th July 2025	Active Kids Festival (Year 1 & Year 2) @ Lynnsport. Consent via MCAS.
Tuesday 8th July 2025	Year 5—Opportunity Day at St Clements High School. Consent via MCAS.
Wednesday 9th July 2025	Brilliant Club Graduation
Friday 11th July 2025	Class 3—Farm Trip—Payment and consent via MCAS.
Sunday 13th to Wednesday 16th July 2025	Year 6—Residential—Hilltop. Payment and consent via MCAS.
Monday 14th July 2025	MITI Workshop @ Springwood High School.
Thursday 17th July 2025	WNAT Outdoor Summer Concert @ Springwood High School —Class 3—Permission slip to be returned to the school office.
Monday 21st July 2025	Whole School—Mad Science workshop. Dance Festival @ Springwood High School—Class 3— Slip to be returned to the school office.
Tuesday 22nd July 2025	Yr 6 Leavers Assembly— <b>11am</b> . Parents/Carers invited. <b>School breaks up at the usual time for the summer holiday.</b>
Wednesday 3rd September 2025	<b>School opens—Prompt registration at 8.45am.</b>

# Little City



# Quadkids



# CLUBS

## Clubs Overview Summer 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	2nd June – 7th July 12.30pm - 12.50pm	All years	Free: No booking necessary
Tuesday	LUNCHTIME TIMES TABLE/READING CLUB with Mr Overton	3rd June – 8th July 12.30pm - 12.50pm	All years	Free: No booking necessary
Wednesdays	LUNCHTIME TIMES TABLE CLUB WITH Mr Overton	4th June – 9th July 12.30pm - 12.50pm	All years	Free: No booking necessary
Thursdays	LUNCHTIME TABLE TENNIS CLUB with Aaron	5th June – 17th July 12:30pm-12:50pm	Years 4, 5 & 6	Free: No booking necessary
	FOOTBALL CLUB with Aaron (football boots & shin pads are optional)	5th June to 17th July 2025 3:15pm-4:15pm	All years	£4.00 per session totalling to £28.00 for 7 weeks Book & pay direct with ICS Coaching by 1st June Please click on the link to book <a href="https://icscoaching.pembee.app/">https://icscoaching.pembee.app/</a>



### 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.



# Supporting Your Child's Anxiety



## A Parent/Carer Workshop

Clenchwarton Community Primary School  
02.07.2025  
2pm

Session duration: 60 minutes. Refreshments will be provided.

Join our engaging workshop for parents and caregivers to learn how to support your child manage their anxiety. In this session, we'll cover:

- Defining anxiety
- Reasons why we experience anxiety?
- Recognising signs and symptoms in your child
- How to respond and support your child
- The importance of self-care and managing your own anxiety
- Further resources



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# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about NINTENDO SWITCH 2

Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. While it builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games, it also adds powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and a USB-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT

18  
CENSORED

Despite Nintendo's reputation for family-friendly titles, mature games like *Cyberpunk 2077* and *Hitman* have been released onto the platform. With the Switch 2's improved performance, developers will be able to port even more mature-rated games. These may appeal to children due to their popularity, but they contain content that is highly unsuitable for young audiences.

### IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES

The Nintendo eShop enables purchases with just a few taps. If payment details are saved and PIN protection is disabled, children may unknowingly make costly purchases – including game add-ons, cosmetic items or entire new releases – without parental approval.

### UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES

While GameChat is one feature, Switch 2 also connects to the broader Nintendo Switch Online service. Many free-to-play titles like *Fortnite* or *Splatoon 4* allow voice or text chat with strangers unless chat settings are adjusted, meaning children could encounter inappropriate language or unwanted contact.

### GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION

GameChat enables live chatting with up to 12 people, even across different games, with optional video and screen-sharing. Though children under 16 are restricted to chatting only with approved friends, the sheer interactivity could raise privacy concerns or create pressure to remain online longer.

### CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS

The optional USB-C camera supports video calling and facial overlays in games; however, this also raises the risk of cyberbullying or the unwanted sharing of personal images. The camera can be disabled, removed or covered, and parental controls are essential to manage how and when it is used.

### POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

Nintendo's mascot, Mario – along with Pikachu, Donkey Kong and others – remains hugely appealing to younger audiences, especially after the success of the recent film, *'The Super Mario Bros. Movie'* (2023). These beloved icons are central to Nintendo's branding and often feature in merchandising, adverts and in-game promotions, creating strong emotional attachments in children and a sense of urgency to keep up with their peers.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Every Switch and Switch 2 game comes with a PEGI age rating. Before buying one, ensure the content matches your child's age. Use the Nintendo Parental Controls app to monitor gameplay, set screen-time limits and manage friend requests.

### REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS

Child profiles are restricted to chatting with approved friends only, but it's good practice to regularly check their friend list and communication settings. Use the Parental Controls app to switch off voice or video chat if necessary.

### REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Avoid accidental spending by unlinking credit cards from the device. Instead, consider adding funds via prepaid eShop cards or requiring a PIN for purchases. Some banking apps can also be set to approve transactions manually.

### ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Teach children how to block, report and capture any behaviour or content that makes them uncomfortable. The console's built-in tools allow them to create screenshots and video clips, which can aid in reporting any issues. Keeping an open dialogue helps children feel supported and safe.

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of *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 understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published on sites including *IGN*, *TechRadar*, and plenty more.



The National College

# COMMUNITY NEWS



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**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](mailto:jane.hamilton@west-norfolk.gov.uk)  
 We look forward to welcoming you!

*Dr Jonathan Clark, the archaeologist leading the project (left) and creative director Tim Fitzhugh pictured with the exposed floorboards. Photograph: Zephary Cobby/BLPS.*

**Play on - every story we will tell** #playonstgeorges

Partners: UK Government, Norfolk County Council, National Trust

**family hubs**

**Drop In for Young people, Parents and Carers**

Come along and meet Lex our Community Worker who will be ready to answer your questions/listen to worries about family life and share information about a wide range of activities, groups and organisations that can help.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June Kings Lynn Library 10:30am -12pm**  
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July ECFS South Lynn 9:00am – 11:00am**  
**Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> July Family Day Campingland Swaffham 11am – 2pm**  
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July Dersingham Library 10:30am – 12pm**  
**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July Kings Lynn Library 10:30am -12pm**

Should you wish to book an appointment with Lex for any other convenient time to have a chat please call the Family hub on 01553 669651 to arrange this. You can also talk to one of our advisors who will be happy to help by popping along to St Augustine's Centre anytime Mon-Fri between 9am and 4:30pm to see them face to face

You can find out more about our family hubs approach online, just scan the QR code

**Start for Life**

**ST. GEORGE'S GUILDHALL**

**Summer Holiday Family Fun Sessions**

Enjoy storytelling, games, crafts and drama this summer as we bring our swashbuckling activities to a venue near you!

**Inspired by Treasure Island**

**Tuesday 29th July 2025**  
South Lynn Community Centre

**Thursday 31st July 2025**  
Methwold Hall Complex

**Tuesday 5th August 2025**  
Gaywood Community Centre

**Thursday 7th August 2025**  
Downham Market Jubilee Community Centre

**Inspired by Robinson Crusoe**

**Tuesday 12th August 2025**  
Walpole Community Centre

**Thursday 14th August 2025**  
Hunstanton Community Centre

**Tuesday 19th August 2025**  
Dersingham Village Centre

**Thursday 21st August 2025**  
North Lynn Discovery Centre

11am – 12.15pm, Suitable for ages 4-11, £2 per child, accompanying adults free

Booking is essential via [www.stgeorgesguildhall.com](http://www.stgeorgesguildhall.com)

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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