

Walpole Cross Keys Primary School

Weekly Newsletter – 4th July 2025



Hello everyone,

A very warm week!

Class 1 visited West Lynn for the Puppet Show on Tuesday and had a super time.

Thursday was our 'Move Up' Day and Year 6 went up to the High School for their transition day. We hope they all enjoyed the day and that they are now looking forward to starting at High School! in September!

Congratulations go to Lilley, Taylor, Rosie C & Rosie M on achieving their Level 2 Certificates for Bikeability.

Today we had an exciting day with our 'Apprentice Day'. The children spent time learning about different careers.

MENU CHANGE – On Tuesday 22nd July there will be change of menu. Instead of wedges it will be tomato pasta.

Staffing News – Sadly, Mrs Hendry will be leaving us at the end of this term as she is retiring. She has worked at the school for just over 36 years! We will all be very sad to see her go. We would like to thank her for everything she has done for the school. I'm sure many of you, like us have some wonderful memories of her from over the years and I'm sure you will all join us in wishing her the very best for her retirement. Enjoy a relaxing retirement!

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: 82%

Class 2: 93%

Class 3: 96%

Congratulations to Class 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 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
Tuesday 22nd July 2025	Yr 6 Leavers Assembly— 11am . Parents/Carers invited.
Wednesday 3rd September 2025	<p>School opens-Prompt registration at 8.45am.</p> <p>Change of menu for Wednesday 3rd September 2025 only:- Sausage Roll or Vegan Sausage Roll Crispy cubed potatoes and beans And Vanilla cake</p> <p>No jacket potatoes or salad. The kitchen are able to offer Potatoes wedges with beans and cheese.</p> <p>Sandwich options are all available.</p>

Puppet Show



MESSAGE FROM STRATFORDS REGARDING SCHOOL UNIFORM

Hello,

We are offering 10% discount to parents who place orders online Monday 7th July – Sunday 20th July 2025*

*Terms & Conditions Apply

- SCHOOL UNIFORM ONLY
 - MINIMUM SPEND £20 EXCLUDING DELIVERY
 - NOT IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANY OTHER OFFERS
- EXCLUDES COST OF HOME DELIVERY

Kind Regards,

Stratfords

T: 01553 772 043



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 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.



**family
hubs**

Parent or carer in West Norfolk?

Need advice or support this summer holidays?

Get in touch with your local family hubs team.

Call: **01553 669651**

Drop In: **Columbia Way, King's Lynn PE30 2LB**

Visit: **norfolk.gov.uk/familyhubs**

Advice and support with:

- health and wellbeing
- mental health
- parenting
- relationships
- activities and groups
- infant feeding
- money and work
- housing
- SEND
- support for dads
- substance misuse
- transition to adulthood

and so much more...

Advice and support for parents and carers of children and young people from conception to 19 (25 for young adults with SEND).



WNAT—COMMUNITY NEWS



**West Norfolk Academies Trust
COMMUNITY
MUSIC WEEK**

2025

Monday 14th - Thursday 17th July

**Springwood High School, King's
Lynn**

FREE ENTRY
(Retiring Collection each evening)



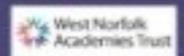
Monday 14th July	Tuesday 15th July	Wednesday 16th July	Thursday 17th July
Concert Bands and Orchestras	Rock and Pop Showcase	Pianists, Jazz and Small Ensembles	WNAT Vocal Celebration
<p style="text-align: center;">4.00pm Primary Instrumental Showcase</p> <p>Primary School students from across West Norfolk together as one large Instrumental Ensemble. Followed by performances from the Springwood and St. Clements' Transition Bands and Orchestras.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6.00pm Bands and Orchestras from Across West Norfolk</p> <p>Featuring the bands and orchestras from Springwood High School including the award-winning Concert Band with Special Community Guests.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kings Lynn Town Band West Norfolk Music Centre</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6.00pm Bands from Across West Norfolk</p> <p>Rock and Pop bands and Solo Artists from across the West Norfolk Academies Trust join with other local bands and performers.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6.00pm Small Ensembles and Jazz Night</p> <p>The Big Band and Small Ensembles from Springwood High School along with a selection of solo pianists plus Special Community Guests!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">West Norfolk Reeds!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6.00pm Choirs from across WNAT</p> <p>Featuring Choirs from across all the schools of the West Norfolk Academies Trust and our guests St. Martha's in a wonderful celebration of choral arrangements including many of your songs and ending with a finale of a combined choir of over 200 young people.</p>

Gates Open 20 minutes before each performance

Bring a Chair or a Blanket and enjoy some great Community Music



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COMMUNITY NEWS



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







U7-U12

2025/26 season

Football Taster Evening

Heacham
Monday 4th August
U7-U9 | 5pm-6:30pm
U10-U12 | 6:30pm-8pm

FREE



Click or scan here to book
communitysportsfoundation.org.uk




Norfolk City Community Sports Foundation, based City FC Centre East Street, 1011E, Bognor Regis, PO21 1JH

ALIVE



Summer Holiday Programme

23 July – 2 September

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



Scan to book

ALIVE is a proud member of the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk

alivewestnorfolk.co.uk

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



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

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about APPLE IPADS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple's iPad is by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. With their broad functionality, iPads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen overuse.

COSTLY TO REPAIR

Unlike some child-friendly tablets, the iPad is not built for rough handling. Its slim design and high cost mean that a drop or spill can result in a costly repair. If a child is using the device regularly, a sturdy case and screen protector are strongly recommended to help prevent accidental damage.

DATA PRIVACY

While Apple is known for strong privacy protections, a recent study found that many iOS apps aimed at children still share personal data. Over 40% of the tested apps sent at least one piece of user information to third parties, raising concerns about advertising and analytics being targeted at underage users.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The App Store and Safari browser provide almost unrestricted access to online material. Children may stumble upon age-inappropriate content, whether through apps, advertisements or online searches. Even recommended content algorithms can surface unsuitable material.

BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS

Siri – Apple's voice assistant – can potentially override restrictions, especially with the newer text-based commands introduced through Apple Intelligence. Without safeguards in place, children may inadvertently access inappropriate topics simply by asking a question, bypassing certain filters previously set by adults.

SCREEN ADDICTION

iPads can be highly immersive, and excessive screen time may affect a child's emotional and behavioural development. Signs of overuse might include mood swings, irritability, and difficulty focusing on non-digital activities.

REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT

Prolonged use of tablets has been linked with reduced memory, slower processing speeds and difficulties in concentrating. Research shows that children who spend excessive time gaming or consuming media on tablets may struggle with language development and executive functioning over time.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Family Sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their activity. You can approve purchases, control what content they can access, and set time limits – all done remotely from your own device. It's a simple but powerful way to maintain oversight.

FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES

Parental controls in iOS let you block explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads, and manage in-app purchase permissions. You can also filter websites automatically to prevent access to adult material and disable the installation of certain app types completely.

USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY

Tools like Downtime and App Limits can reduce device overuse. Downtime allows you to block access during key times – such as before bed or during homework – while App Limits sets daily time caps on specific games or apps. Alerts help children anticipate when their time is almost up.

PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING

Children can accidentally (or intentionally) make purchases within apps. Activating Ask to Buy under Family Sharing ensures you receive a notification to approve any app or in-app purchase. This stops surprise charges and allows you to discuss purchases together before they're made.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is a seasoned technology journalist with over a decade of experience. Formerly a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly now writes for publications including WIRED, Forbes, TechRadar, and Tes. With a deep understanding of online safety, she brings a valuable perspective to parenting in the digital age.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

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