

Walpole Cross Keys Primary School

Weekly Newsletter – 18th July 2025



Hello everyone,

On Monday Florence, Ivy, Taylor and Rosie attended the MITI Workshop at Springwood. Well done to everyone. We are very proud of you.

On Thursday some of our Class 3 children attended the WNAT Outdoor Summer Concert at Springwood. A lovely evening was had by all who attended.

Year 6 have had a great time at Hilltop this week.



Our leavers assembly will take place on Tuesday 22nd July 2025 at 11am. It will be an emotional one for all involved! We wish all our Year 6's the very best of luck in High school. You will all be amazing! Best wishes also go to Mrs Hendry for a happy retirement!



We also send our best wishes to Miss Calaby who will be getting married over the summer holidays. We hope you have a wonderful day.

Another year has gone by so quickly! Time flies when you are having fun (and learning lots along the way).



MENU CHANGE – On Tuesday 22nd July there will be change of menu. Instead of wedges it will be tomato pasta. Please be reminded that lunches need to be booked by midnight on a Saturday!

Clubs—ICS Football afterschool club can now be booked via this link <https://icscoaching.pembee.app/activity/68781e8a0038a2e8e8d4c8bc>



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.

Our last day will be Tuesday 22nd July and hope you are all looking forward to a fantastic Summer break? We look forward to welcoming our new reception children and everyone else on Wednesday 3rd September 2025 for a prompt registration at 8.45am.



Best Wishes

Ms J. Borley
(Executive Head Teacher)



***Please check page 2 for future diary dates.**

Weekending—18.07.2025

Stars:

Jesse (Class 1), Glenn (Class 2) & Daisy (Class 3)

Kindness:

Toby (Class 1), Sydney (Class 2) & Ella (Class 3)

Handwriting:

Emilé (Class 1), Hudson (Class 2) & Sno-Keanu (Class 3)

THANK YOU card winners:

Nova (Class 1), Lucas (Class 2) & Leo (Class 3)

Golden Broom: Class 2

Latin:

Isaac (Class 2)

Rosie C (Class 3)



Attendance

Class 1: 96%

Class 2: 91%

Class 3: 98%

**Congratulations to Class 3!
Whole school: 96%**



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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 21st July 2025	Whole School—Mad Science workshop. Dance Festival @ Springwood High School.
Tuesday 22nd July 2025 	Yr 6 Leavers Assembly— 11am . Parents/Carers invited. School breaks up at the usual time for the summer holiday.
Wednesday 3rd September 2025	School opens—Prompt registration at 8.45am. Change of menu for Wednesday 3rd September 2025 only:- Sausage Roll or Vegan Sausage Roll Crispy cubed potatoes and beans And Vanilla cake No jacket potatoes or salad. The kitchen are able to offer Potatoes wedges with beans and cheese. Sandwich options are all available. Please book by midnight on a Saturday. Thank you.

PE—Autumn Term 1

Wednesday's—Class 2 & Class 3 - ***Wear PE kits***

Hilltop



CLUBS

Clubs Overview Autumn 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	Yr Group	Cost
Mondays	LUNCHTIME READING CLUB with Mrs Roesner	8 th September to 20 th October 2025 12:30pm-12:50pm	All years	Free: No booking necessary
	LUNCHTIME TIMES TABLE CLUB with Mr Overton	8 th September to 20 th October 2025 12:30pm-12:50pm	All years	Free: No booking necessary
Tuesday	LUNCHTIME WALKING/STEP COUNTER CLUB with Mr Overton	9 th September to 21 st October 2025 12:30pm – 12:50pm	All years	Free: No booking necessary
Wednesdays	LUNCHTIME CLUB WITH with Joe - TBC	10 th September- 23 rd October 12:30pm-12:50pm	All years	Free: No booking necessary
	AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB with Joe – TBC (football boots & shin pads are optional)	10 th September- 21 st October 3:15pm-4:15pm	All years	Book & pay direct with ICS Coaching please click on the link to book https://icscoaching.pembee.app/activity/68781e8a0038a2e8e8d4c8bc
Thursdays	LUNCHTIME MINDFULNESS CLUB with Mrs Jones	11 th September- 22 nd October 12:30pm-12:50pm	Years 4, 5 & 6	Free: No booking necessary
Fridays	AFTER SCHOOL LEGO CLUB with	12 th September to 23 rd October 3.15pm – 4pm	KS1	Free: Booking via MCAS (On a first come first serve basis) Available to book on MCAS from W/C 01.09.25



Term Dates 2025-2026 – Primary Schools

September 2025							October 2025							November 2025							December 2025						
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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 1 September, Tuesday 2 September, Monday 5 January, Monday 13 April as whole training days.
 Monday 20 July 2026 is disaggregated.



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).



Please Come Along To The Following Drop-In Sessions For Support, Information and Guidance:

DATE	TIME	SESSION TITLE
1 st August	12:30 – 16:30	Relocation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (REDI) Team
6 th August	11:30 – 15:00	Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)
7 th August	09:30 – 11:30	Family Hub Information Session
8 th August	12:30 – 16:30	Relocation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (REDI) Team
13 th August	09:30 – 11:30	BOOST – Skills Partnership Team
13 th August	11:30 – 15:00	Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)
20 th August	09:30 – 11:30	BOOST – Skills Partnership Team
20 th August	11:30 – 15:00	Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)
22 nd August	12:30 – 16:30	Relocation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (REDI) Team
27 th August	09:30 – 11:30	BOOST – Skills Partnership Team
29 th August	12:30 – 16:30	Relocation, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (REDI) Team



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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.

Tues 5th Aug Outwell village hall with Early Childhood and Family Service. 0-5 FREE Stay and Play 10am - 12pm and 12:30pm – 2:30pm

Weds 13th August Dersingham Library 10am - 12pm

Fri 15th Aug Discovery Centre Family Fun Day 10am – 12pm

Mon 18th August Kings Lynn Library 10am – 12pm

Wed 27th Aug Walpole Community Centre with Early Childhood and Family Service. 0-5 FREE Stay and Play 10am – 12pm and 12:30pm – 2:30pm

Thurs 28th August Downham Methodist Church, school worries pop up 12:30pm – 2:30pm

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



COMMUNITY NEWS

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

ALIVE is a partnership of King's Lynn & West Norfolk

alivewestnorfolk.co.uk



Scan to book

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

Special Events

All Special Events must be booked online here: tinyurl.com/gaywoodevents

Making a Nature Journal: Monday 28th July 1.30pm – 2.30pm
Join us for a free session to make your own nature Journal. Suitable for children aged 9-11.

Lee Connelly's Mini Garden Festival: Wednesday 30th July 10am – 3pm
Join Lee Connelly, known by fans of Blue Peter and Radio 1 as the Skinny Jean Gardener, for a mini garden festival. A fully interactive gardening event designed to engage families and children with hands-on activities. Build a bug hotel, sow seeds, and much more. Plus, all children will be given a free gardening kit to take home! Suitable for children 5+ and their families.

Little Green Fingers Craft & Storytime: Monday 4th August 1.30pm – 2.30pm
Bring your budding gardeners to our free session exploring seeds, planting and growing. Listen to stories about gardening and growing to inspire the smallest of nature lovers. Make a cross head and take away your own growing kit. Suitable for children 5-8. Children will need to be supervised by an adult. This is a messy activity. It is recommended to wear old clothes.

Big Bird Craft & Storytime: Monday 11th August 1.30pm – 2.30pm
Join us to make your own apple bird feeder to take home. Find out about our feathered friends, make your own bird art, and listen to bird stories. Suitable for children aged 4-8. Children will need to be supervised by an adult. This is a messy activity. It is recommended to wear old clothes.

Secret Garden Lego Club: Monday 18th August 1pm – 3pm
Join us for a garden and nature-themed Lego Club. Suitable for children 5-8. Children will need to be supervised by an adult.

What's on at Gaywood Library

July - August 2025

Monday

Scrabble Club: 10.30am – 12pm
Come along and enjoy a game of Scrabble! No need to book, refreshments provided, donations welcome.

IT Help & Jobseeker Support: 10am – 11.45am
For those who need some one-to-one help with their computer questions or looking for a job. Two 45-minute slots are available to book by calling 01553 768498 or talk to a member of staff in branch.

Tuesday

Bounce & Rhyme: 9.40am – 10am
Come and join us for a sing along! No booking required, suitable for parents and carers with pre-school children.

Stay & Play: 10am – 11am
After Bounce & Rhyme, stay to play with toys and have a chat.



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Questions? Contact: ccs.volunteers@nhs.net




To apply, scan the QR Code



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COMMUNITY NEWS



SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUBS ARE HERE!



Looking for an active, creative, and safe way to keep your child happy and engaged this summer?

🎉 Join ICS Coaching for our **Summer Holiday Activity Programme** – now running across multiple venues in **West Norfolk!**

From football to arts & crafts, cooking, STEM challenges, circus skills, and more – every day is packed with variety and fun! 🎨

🌐 Activities include:

- Football, Dodgeball, Basketball & Handball
- Arts & Crafts*
- Den-Building & Circus Skills*
- Cooking* & STEM Projects*

📌 *Activities vary by day and venue – check timetable for details

📌 *Please note: Gaywood Primary & Tilney 3G = Football Only

👤 Who can attend?

Children aged 5–11 – all skill levels welcome!

Our trained team creates a fun, safe and inclusive environment for every child.

📍 Summer Venues & Booking Links:

- **King's Lynn (Gaywood Primary School):**
<https://icscoaching.pembee.app/activity/6853c7e3c7b97546bc320891>
- **Dereham (Dereham Junior):**
<https://icscoaching.pembee.app/activity/6853cc608b075b458b0668b9>
- **Dereham (Neatherd):**
<https://icscoaching.pembee.app/activity/6853c8c7c7b97546bc320a9e>
- **Dereham (Northgate):**
<https://icscoaching.pembee.app/activity/6853ca12d982a8792dfc1d2f>
- **Ashill (Ashill Primary School):**
☎ Contact Tim directly to book: 07734 543829
- **Swaffham (Hammond, Swaffham Leisure Centre):**
<https://icscoaching.pembee.app/activity/68529e925ba2a72f819a2b51>

- **Tilney 3G (Eagles 3G Astro turf):**
📅 Booking link available from 7th July – final dates being confirmed!

👉 Browse all venues & book here:

<https://icscoaching.pembee.app/?filters={%22663a16b2978bf17ae904a4d4%22:%22Summer%22}>

👤 What your child will need:

- Weather-appropriate clothes & active footwear
- Sun hat, sun cream & a refillable water bottle
- Lunch (free for BNHF-eligible children; available to pre-order for paid places)

🇬🇧 Big Norfolk Holiday Fun (BNHF):

Eligible children can access up to 16 FREE sessions this summer!

Not sure if you're eligible? Check here

Paid spaces also available – everyone is welcome!

📱 Give your child a summer full of movement, learning, creativity, and fun with ICS Coaching.

📄 Book now: <https://icscoaching.pembee.app>

✉ officeicscoaching@gmail.com

🌐 www.icscoaching.co.uk

Let the summer fun begin! 🎉🌈👤

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

1 STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.



2 LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS

When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.



3 STOP AND THINK

Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what lurks below could cause serious injuries.



4 CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Tragedies strike when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly; instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed.



5 INFLATABLE SAFETY

Although inflatables may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in more controlled and supervised environments.



6 SUPERVISION IS KEY

For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.



7 DON'T GO TOO FAR

When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Share advice with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, swim parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily.



8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED

For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathrooms tidy after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, returning lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of baths, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.



9 FLOAT AND CALL 999

If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112 immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.



10 TEACH WATER SAFETY

Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. Use RLSS UK's accredited programme, 'Water Smart Schools', which offers free lesson plans and resources on how to be safe on, near and around water by following the Water Safety Code.



Meet Our Expert

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water, safely. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.



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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