



# Clenchwarton Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter – 4th October 2024



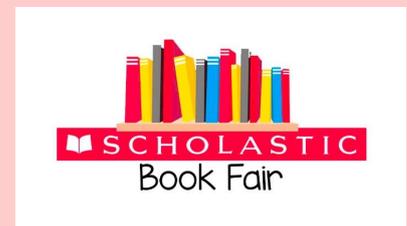
Hello Everyone,

After 38 years Mrs Bloodworth will be retiring at half term. Mrs Bloodworth will have taught all our children at some point throughout their time at school. She has also been a part of after school clubs, the PTA, school trips and residentials. We wish to Thank Mrs Bloodworth for her dedication, enthusiasm and commitment to school.

Mrs Golding our Year 2 Class teacher will be starting her maternity leave from October half term. We wish her well with her second child.

Mrs Williams will host a Read Write Inc Phonics meeting for Reception parents Tuesday 8th October at 3pm in the school hall.

The Book Fair will continue in the school hall after school today, Monday and Tuesday. Payment is by card via a QR code on display at the Fair.



Unfortunately the Wet beginning to the week saw Active Kids postponed and the football event cancelled. However yesterday the Hockey event took place and 6 children represented the school. The children demonstrated remarkable team work and sportsmanship throughout the tournament against other schools in the cluster. Great fun was had by all.

As always, we want to ensure that your experience at Clenchwarton Primary is a positive one and we will keep you informed of your child's progress or any other incidents which happen in school. If you have any concerns, in the first instance, please telephone or email the school office.

Best wishes

Ms J Borley  
(Executive Headteacher)

### Polite Reminder

**Please be reminded that Breakfast Club starts at 7:40am Children must not arrive before this time as staff are not on site.**

**Thank you.**

## Attendance

|            |        |         |        |
|------------|--------|---------|--------|
| Reception: | 90.33% | Year 4: | 97.33% |
| Year 1:    | 90.38% | Year 5: | 88.97% |
| Year 2:    | 92.96% | Year 6: | 98%    |
| Year 3:    | 90.69% |         |        |

***Congratulations to \*Year 6\****



[www.clenchwartonprimary.co.uk](http://www.clenchwartonprimary.co.uk)

Governors email address:

[r.wenn@westnorfolkacademiestrust.co.uk](mailto:r.wenn@westnorfolkacademiestrust.co.uk)



## P.T.A.

### Upcoming Events

Disco—Wednesday 16th October

Meeting—Monday 4th November

Bingo—Tuesday 19th November

Christmas Fair— Friday 6th December

Donations for Bingo Prizes would be gratefully received Thank you.

The PTA are looking for new members please come and join us.

If you have any queries, please speak to Miss Kelly Childerhouse (Chair). [clenchwartonpta@gmail.com](mailto:clenchwartonpta@gmail.com)



## Attendance & Pastoral

### Support

Gail Scott is our Attendance and Pastoral support officer for Clenchwarton Primary School. Mrs Scott can be contacted by emailing:-  
[g.scott@westnorfolkacademiestrust.co.uk](mailto:g.scott@westnorfolkacademiestrust.co.uk)



## Young Minds Hello Yellow Day

On Thursday 10th October, we will be participating in Young Minds' 'Hello Yellow' day to raise awareness for children's mental health and wellbeing. We are inviting all children and staff to come to school on Thursday dressed in the brightest shades of yellow they can find at home! The more yellow the better!

If you would like to donate to the cause, we would be very grateful if you donated via our [JustGiving.Com](https://www.justgiving.com) page, on the link below. Our goal as a school community is to raise £100 for the charity!

<https://trk.justgiving.com/f/a/2Pr6aN7I53OOz1wgZasKjw~/AAME8QA~/RgRo3BXGP0T7aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cu->

## Healthy Snacks

Pupils can bring in a healthy snack to eat at playtime. E.g. fruit, cereal bars (**no nuts**), raisins, vegetable sticks, etc.

Crisps and chocolate are not allowed as a snack but can be put in your child's lunch box for lunchtime. We are encouraging a healthy lifestyle!



## Lunchtime Co

Please see the school website for the menu. If your child has any dietary requirements that we are not aware of, please inform the school office. **All Bookings should be made via**



## ParentPay Lunches

**Please book school lunches via ParentPay before midnight on a Sunday.** Even if your child receives Free meals booking is still required. Thank you.



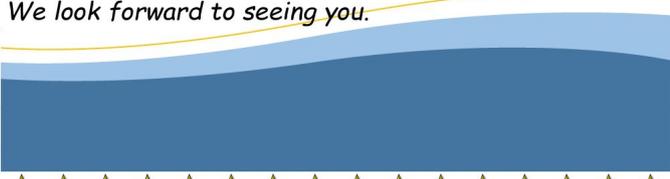


**Clenchwarton Primary School**  
**Open Afternoon for**  
**2025/2026 Reception Intake**  
**26th November & 5th December 2024 -**  
**3.30pm - 4.15pm**

*Come and visit us at Clenchwarton Primary. We understand making your child's school choice can be difficult but we can all work together and learn together to make it the best possible experience of all.*

*Visit our website at [www.clenchwartonprimary.co.uk](http://www.clenchwartonprimary.co.uk)*

*We look forward to seeing you.*



# Year 4 Trip—West Stow





### Diary Dates



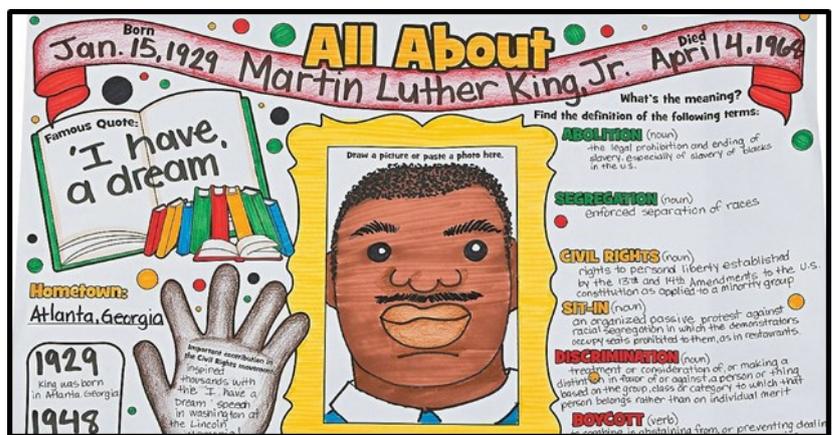
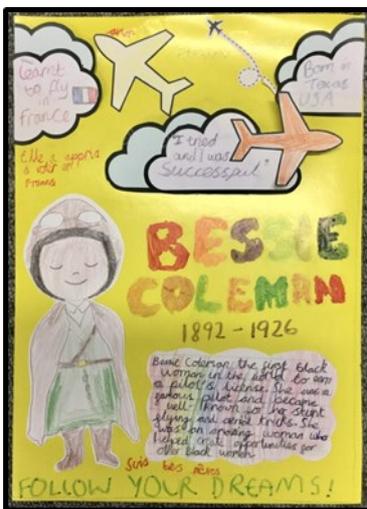
**\*Please be aware that dates are for guidance only and are subject to change.**

Please note that the West Norfolk Academies Trust school calendar for 2024/2025 can be located from the school's website. School holiday dates are slightly different to NCC.

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Tuesday 8th October</b>          | Read Write Inc Phonics meeting for Reception parents at 3pm  |
| <b>Wednesday 9th October</b>        | Lynn News—Reception Class Photo  |
| <b>Thursday 10th October</b>        | Hello Yellow Day—Wear Yellow   |
| <b>Wednesday 16th October 2024</b>  | SEND Drop In— 2:30pm<br>PTA—School Disco<br>KS 1 4:45-5:45pm<br>KS 2 6-7pm   |
| <b>Monday 21st October 2024</b>     | Year 4 Class Assembly at 2:45pm —Parents of Year 4 Invited<br>Active Kids (Rescheduled from 30th Sep) - Selected Year 2 Pupils                     |
| <b>Tuesday 22nd October 2024</b>    | Year 1 Class Assembly at 2:45pm—Parents of Year 1 Invited<br>Hilltop Parents Presentation for Year 6—5pm in the School Hall                        |
| <b>Wednesday 23rd October 2024</b>  | Cross Country Event—St Clements—Selected Pupils<br>Used Uniform Sale<br>Year 2 Class Assembly at 2:45pm —Parents of Year 2 Invited                 |
| <b>Thursday 24th October 2024</b>   | Break up for Half Term<br>Reception Class Assembly at 2:45pm —Parents of Reception Invited<br>Menu Change—Fish Fingers or Veggie Nuggets and Chips |
| <b>Monday 4th November 2024</b>     | Return to School<br>Y6 National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)<br>PTA Meeting 6-7pm  |
| <b>Wednesday 6th November 2024</b>  | Individual School Photos   |
| <b>Tuesday 19th November 2024</b>   | PTA Bingo 6-8pm<br>Year 3 Class Assembly at 2:45pm—Parents of Year 3 Invited   |
| <b>Monday 25th November 2024</b>    | PTA Cake Sale for Leavers Hoodies  |
| <b>Tuesday 26th November 2024</b>   | Open Afternoon for Reception Intake 3:30-4:15pm<br>Rock Steady Concert 10am—Participating children only<br>PTA Cake Sale for Leavers Hoodies       |
| <b>Wednesday 27th November 2024</b> | Used Uniform Sale  |
| <b>Thursday 28th November 2024</b>  | NHS Flu vaccination programme. More details to follow.   |
| <b>Friday 6th December 2024</b>     | PTA Christmas Fair 3:30-5:30pm   |
| <b>Thursday 5th December 2024</b>   | Open Afternoon for Reception Intake 3:30-4:15pm  |
| <b>Thursday 12th December 2024</b>  | NHS Flu vaccination programme —Follow up session (if applicable). More details to follow.  |
| <b>Wednesday 18th December 2024</b> | Used Uniform Sale  |
| <b>Friday 20th December 2024</b>    | Last Day of Term   |



# Black History Month Homework Challenge



## Black History month competition

To celebrate Black History Month, we are inviting all children to design a piece of work that celebrates a famous or significant individual in Black History. This could be a poster, a picture or anything else creative. Every year group is welcome to take part.

A winner from KS1 and a winner from KS2 for each school will be chosen by the school council and will receive a **£10 Amazon voucher**.

Please can you include your **name, year group and school** and be presented as neatly as possible.

**Entries should be submitted by 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about IN-GAME CHAT

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Video games are continuing to grow in popularity – including, of course, among children and young people – and the emergence of gaming communities has been accelerated by the inclusion of chat functionality across many different titles. While in-game chat isn't inherently a bad thing, it can create some concerns about online safety and the people that children might be interacting with.

### DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHAT

There are a number of ways that gamers commonly chat with one another online. As the name would suggest, in-game chat happens within the game itself. There's also party chat, a group voice conversation that console users can have with anyone on the same platform. This tends to be more commonly used by players who already know each other. Finally, many gamers – especially on PC – will chat via a third-party app such as Discord.

### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Whether it's text- or voice-based, in-game chat is frequently open to all players to use. Many games default to making it an opt-in function, but some don't, meaning a child could start seeing messages within the game from people they're playing with, regardless of whether they know those individuals or not. While most strangers won't necessarily have ill intent, there are some who may behave inappropriately when chatting to a child – intentionally or otherwise.

### DANGER OF GROOMING

It's been reported that some young gamers have encountered older players online who pretend to be a lower age to manipulate children, sending gifts in exchange for chatting and sending photos. Just as on any messaging platform, it's good to advise young people to avoid speaking to strangers, emphasise that they shouldn't accept gifts from anyone online that they don't know.

### BULLYING AND ABUSE

While some in-game chat can turn toxic because of how a match plays out, others turn that way because of people who engage in trolling – in essence, behaving in an offensive and abusive way simply to cause pain or get a rise out of whoever they're talking to. These trolls often lean on racial slurs, anti-LGBT sentiment and other hateful rhetoric; they normally feel most confident preying on younger, more impressionable gamers.

### POTENTIAL FOR PRIVATE CHAT

If a player would like a re-match with a stranger after meeting them in the game, they can send a friend request, or use the party chat together in the future. For the most part, this is harmless – but it might lead to messages being exchanged in private. This could then escalate to the sharing of private information, and potentially attempts to manipulate or scam younger players.

### COMPETITIVE ATMOSPHERE

Certain games are very competitive, and players can sometimes get upset if they feel a teammate is underperforming, an opponent was unfair, or they're just a bad loser. This can lead to unpleasant messages that stray away from playful 'trash talk' and wander into the territory of bullying. Some players have been known to get incredibly abusive in situations like this, and the impact of this on a young gamer's emotional wellbeing could be severe.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### LOCK-DOWN IN-GAME CHAT

In-game chat can often be disabled in the game's settings. This allows children to play without risk of contact from strangers – but it will need to be done in each individual game. Text chat appears in the corner of the screen in many titles, so it's normally easy to take a quick glance and see what's being said. With voice chat, explain to children what behaviour is inappropriate, so they can spot the dangers themselves.

### REPORT POTENTIAL OFFENDERS

Most games offer a robust means of reporting other players, so you can flag an account as potentially harmful. This normally leads to the account not being matched with yours in the future and, if that person's conduct breaks any of the game's rules, they may be banned from playing entirely. This is done within the game itself, so each title has a slightly different process, but these tend to be designed for simplicity.

### CONSIDER OTHER CHAT OPTIONS

If a child wants to play with people they know, consider using party chat or a third-party service like Discord. This allows everyone involved to chat on a private server and even enjoy each other's company while playing different games. It's also far more secure, as anyone looking to join will need to request and be granted access – normally by whoever is hosting the chat.

### COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Make sure children understand the differences between being competitive and being abusive. Talk about what constitutes unusual or inappropriate behaviour from strangers online. Be clear that if anything ever concerns or worries them, they should tell a trusted adult as soon as possible. Empower children to identify the risks of in-game chat for themselves and reassure them they won't get in trouble for seeking help if anything goes wrong.

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Editor in Chief of OGREcon and has been working in the games media industry for five years. He's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his work has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at [nationalcollege.com/guides/in-game-chat](https://nationalcollege.com/guides/in-game-chat)

# Events

Clenchwarton  
Primary  
PTA  
Christmas Fayre

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER  
DOORS OPEN AT 3.30pm

Fun Christmas games, raffles,  
tombola, craft and Christmas  
stalls!

CLENCHWARTON PTA  
INVITE YOU TO OUR

# BINGO NIGHT

Tuesday 19th November

DOORS OPEN 6PM

EYES DOWN AT 7PM

A FUN EVENING WITH FRIENDS AND  
FAMILY

CLENCHWARTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## SEND DROP IN

16TH OCTOBER 2024 - 2.30PM

COFFEE AND CAKE  
PROVIDED!  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!  
COME ALONG AND MEET  
THE TEAM!

DO YOU WANT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HOW WE SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH SEND NEEDS? COME ALONG AND MEET OUR TRUST SEND TEAM! REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY TEAM AND THE EARLY HELP COMMUNITY WORKERS TEAM WILL ALSO BE THERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

West Norfolk Academies Trust

Yr6 Open Day

Due to high demand more school tours are available between Monday 7th and Friday 11th October.

To book your tour call the school office on:  
01553 828648

‘This is a good school’ Ofsted 2023

# Alice in Pumpkinland

Starring  
Dame Kitty Litter

## CALLING ALL ADVENTURERS

Inviting all pupils, parents,  
staff and friends of  
**Clenchwarton  
Primary School**  
Come and join us for some  
Halloween Pantomime fun  
**SPOOKTACULAR Show**  
for ALL the family



### DARE YOU JOIN US?

# Halloween PHANTOMIME

Written and Directed by John Giller

[www.kingslynncornexchange.co.uk](http://www.kingslynncornexchange.co.uk) BOX OFFICE 01553 764864  
Friday 25th and Saturday 26th October 2024

# ALIVE



# GIRLS FOOTBALL

— “ —  
IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY  
WHERE THE GIRLS CAN  
TRAIN TOGETHER  
— ” —

Free  
Sessions!



Mondays 4:30pm-5:30pm (7-12 year olds)  
Mondays 6:30pm-7:30pm (13-16 year olds)

ALIVE



# BALL MASTERS

Free Sessions!



Saturdays 11am-12pm (5-7 year olds) Alive Lynnsport  
Wednesdays 5pm-6pm (5-10 year olds) Alive Lynnsport  
Wednesdays 6pm-7pm (11-12 year olds) Alive Lynnsport  
Fridays 4:30-5:30pm (5-12 year olds) Alive Downham

— “ —  
IT'S FUN, ENGAGING  
& DEVELOPS EARLY  
BALL SKILLS.  
— ” —

CLENCHWARTON COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION TRUST  
INVITE YOU TO

# HALLOWEEN *Family Disco*



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FRIDAY  
NOVEMBER 2024  
6PM - 8PM



CLENCHWARTON MEMORIAL HALL

GAMES • FUN • FANCY DRESS  
BEST PUMPKIN & COSTUME COMPETITION

CHILDREN £5 (PER CHILD)\*  
ADULTS £2.50 (PER ADULT)

REFRESHMENTS  
AVAILABLE



TRYBOOKING.COM/UK/DWHB



\*ALL CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 11 MUST BE  
ACCOMPANIED BY A PAYING ADULT

CLENCHWARTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION TRUST  
PRESENTS



# BINGO NIGHT

MONDAY 21ST OCTOBER

CLENCHWARTON  
MEMORIAL HALL

DOORS OPEN 6.30 PM  
EYES DOWN 7.00 PM

Games • Fun • Fab Prizes

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