



The Insider

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Our Vision

In our inclusive community,
Each valued individual is taught self-belief
We are resilient and optimistic,
Caring for ourselves and our peers.
We are Children of God, with hope,
Awe and wonder in our hearts.

Our Bible verse: *Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*

Ephesians 4:32

Our Values: Respect Friendship Honesty Kindness

Our motto: Respect. Believe. Succeed

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share a positive week at Walkwood with much to celebrate and be proud of.

Over the past two weeks, our Heads of Department have visited classrooms across the school and have been incredibly impressed with the standard of work produced by our pupils. Pupils are taking great pride in their learning, and discussions with them have reflected high levels of engagement and enjoyment. Pupils are given opportunities to share their thoughts and ideas while respectfully listening to the views of others, even when they differ from their own. We are proud that our school continues to provide a calm and productive learning environment.

Thank you to all Year 6 and 8 parents who attended parents' evening; it was lovely for the staff to meet with you and discuss your child's progress. Working collaboratively with parents is essential to support pupils' learning, and if you were unable to attend, please do contact the school to arrange a meeting.

A reminder to parents: when dropping off children, please do not let your child out of the car at a crossing, as this is against the law and places children at risk. Our Community Support Officer continues to monitor traffic periodically at the start and end of the school day, to support the safety of all.

We also encourage all pupils to bring a refillable water bottle to school each day. Pupils can fill their bottles at appropriate times during the day to stay hydrated and to support their concentration and learning.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a positive, and engaging learning environment for all pupils.

Have a restful weekend,

Mrs Lowe

Key Information for Parents

For information about our school: www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk





Keeping children safe

The following information regards how we continue to ensure that pupils are cared for within our school:

[Early help](#)

[E-safety](#)

[Prevent](#)

[Child Protection](#)

[Attendance](#)

[Safeguarding summary](#)

[Safeguarding policy](#)



This week's winners!

Individual

Year 5 **Carter Fereday**
 Year 6 **Matilda Morton**
 Year 7 **Harris Bhatoa**
 Year 8 **Alexa Evident**

Top Tutor Group

Year 5 **LPH**
 Year 6 **AVE**
 Year 7 **PJE**
 Year 8 **EWO**

Epraise



British Values and news

In our Collective Worship this week, we took time to reflect on and discuss a current news story, considering its relevance to one of our key British Values: Individual Liberty.

We encourage you to take a moment to speak with your child about what was discussed and see if they can identify other examples of Individual Liberty in action in our everyday lives—both within school and beyond. It's a wonderful way to continue these important conversations at home and help deepen their understanding of the world around them.



Individual Liberty

The Barbie doll highlights how everyone deserves to be themselves and use the tools that make them feel comfortable. It is a reminder that our differences are what make us special.

TAKEHOME In the news this week

A key concept of the British Values agenda is to ensure that all children and young people are able to express their views and opinions. This can be done in many ways, including through the use of the 'TAKEHOME' card.

Things to talk about at home...

- Do you think it is important for everyone to be able to express their views and opinions?
- How do you think we can ensure that everyone's views and opinions are heard?
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- How do you think we can ensure that everyone's views and opinions are heard?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and help the spread of ideas



Every School Day Counts



94%

Our overall attendance this academic year

6PMI



Congratulations

6KKH

7EDU



Weekly Attendance

Year 5	94%
Year 6	94%
Year 7	93%
Year 8	94%
Whole School	94%



Year to date Attendance

Year 5	95%
Year 6	94%
Year 7	92%
Year 8	94%
Whole School	94%



Congratulations to 6PMI, with an attendance rate of 99.7%.

A wonderful achievement- Well done! We have a variety of rewards and incentives to encourage attendance in school. These include the attendance booster points, which are awarded every 2 weeks. We have also started a brand-new prize draw which occurs every 2 weeks- these are for most improved attenders and those who are 100%.



Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...





Walkwood

Church of England Middle School

SPORTS ROUNDUP

It's been another action-packed few weeks for Walkwood sport, with plenty to shout about across all year groups!

Year 8 Football continued their impressive County Cup run with a confident 2–0 victory over Blessed Edwards. The team are clearly hitting their stride and will be looking to keep the momentum going when they face Woodrush on Friday. Fingers crossed the winning streak lives to see another day...

We've also seen fantastic success from our KS2 Girls Football team, who recently lifted the EFL Pokémon County Football Tournament trophy. The girls went undefeated throughout the competition, showing real resilience and determination against some very tough opposition. In true dramatic fashion, they clinched the title on goal difference and now progress to the next round — no pressure, girls!

Over in dodgeball, Walkwood made a strong impression at the KS2 District Tournament, with our two teams finishing an impressive second and third. Fast reactions, sharp throwing and a lot of dodging were very much on display.

The following week saw our KS3 Panathlon team take to the floor, where they placed third overall. The team showed excellent teamwork and enthusiasm across a range of skill-based activities, proving that cooperation really is key.

Finally, our Year 7 and Year 8 Indoor Athletics teams competed in the District Competition. Overall, we secured a fourth place, two fifth places and a sixth-place finish. While medals were just out of reach this time, there were plenty of positives to take away — and valuable lessons learned as we look to come back stronger next year.

The Wellbeing and Emotional Support Teams in school are offering online parent workshops this term to help support your child's mental health and wellbeing. Please see the details below- no booking required just log in.



Children and Adolescent
Mental Health Services
Herefordshire and Worcestershire

WELLBEING AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT TEAMS

Parents online Workshop

**Helping your child
cope with the stress
of exams and tests.**

Run by the NHS's
Wellbeing and
Emotional
Support in schools
team. (WEST)

**On the 26th of March,
Online, on Teams:
From 12pm to 1pm**

Who is it for:
Parents who want to
learn more about

Tips on how to
support your child.

How to plan for
exams and manage
the associated stress
and anxiety.

Join on Teams
Meeting ID:
351 821 756 529 4
Passcode: dk92dc7j



www.camhs.hacw.nhs.uk/west



Provided by Herefordshire and Worcestershire
Health and Care NHS Trust

WELLBEING AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT TEAMS

Parents online Workshop

**Building resilience
in your child.**

**Run by the NHS's
Wellbeing and
Emotional
Support in schools
team. (WEST)**

**On the 2nd of June,
Online, on Teams:**

**From:
1pm to 2pm**

Who is it for:

**Parent who want to
learn more about**

**How stress affects
children and young
people**

**How you can support
your child to build
resilience and
improve their
wellbeing.**

Join on Teams

Meeting ID:

391 708 672 432 8

Passcode: T7wQ9ip7



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Parent webinars on county lines and criminal exploitation (Iverson Trust)

The Iverson Trust (formerly Pace) is a national charity working to keep children safe from exploitation by supporting parents, disrupting exploiters, and working in partnership with police and family services. Their work is grounded in a trauma-informed, family-centred approach.

During March 2026, the Iverson Trust is delivering a series of live webinars for parents and carers focused on county lines and criminal exploitation. The sessions help parents understand how exploitation happens, how children are groomed, what warning signs to look out for, and where to access advice and support. Each webinar includes local context, time for questions, and input from a parent with lived experience.

More information and booking details are available at:

<https://iversontrust.org.uk/webinars/>



AUSPORTED FUN & ACTIVE MULTISPORTS
HOLIDAY CLUB
Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

NEW Day clubs for Gymnastics, Cricket, Football & Netball

Early bird booking discounts

Sibling discounts

**EVERY SCHOOL HOLIDAY
AGES 5 TO 13**

9.00AM - 3.30PM
DODGEBALL / FOOTBALL / CRICKET / CAPTURE THE FLAG /
GOLF / TENNIS / HOCKEY / NON STOP FUN

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR COACHING PROGRAMMES & SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLUBS VISIT AUSPORTED.COM



AU MULTI SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUB

Early bird, sibling & multiple day discounts

St Augustine's High School, Redditch
Ages 5 to 13
9:00 am - 3:30pm

Early drop-off option from 8.30am **Late pick up** options available

  **AU SPORTS** Sports Coaching  **Booking - ausported.com**

HOLIDAY CLUB

February Half Term

<u>Monday 16 Feb</u> Multi Sports	<u>Thursday 19 Feb</u> Multi Sports & Gymnastics
<u>Tuesday 17 Feb</u> Multi Sports & Netball	<u>Friday 20 Feb</u> Multi Sports
<u>Wednesday 18 Feb</u> Multi Sports & Football	

 **AU SPORTS**
Sports Coaching

Tuesday 3.30pm-4.45pm GLA, PAL, LHO	Thursday 3.30pm-4.45pm GLA, PAL, LTI
<u>Tuesday 6th January</u> <i>Scene 1 and 2 (p.1-17)</i> Rafiki, Mufasa, Zazu, Sarabi, Sarafina, Scar, Lion Pride, Pridelands Tribe, Hyena Clan.	<u>Thursday 8th January</u> <i>Scene 3, 4 and 5 (p.18-38)</i> Mufasa, Young Simba, Zazu, Scar, Rafiki, Young Nala, Sarabi, Sarafina, Zazu, Pridelands Tribe, Lion Pride, Hyena Clan.
<u>Tuesday 13th January</u> <i>Scene 6 (p.38-51)</i> Scar, Shenzi, Banzai, Ed, Young Simba, Young Nala, Mufasa, Hyena Clan.	<u>Thursday 15th January</u> <i>Scene 7 and 8 (p.52-70)</i> Mufasa, Zazu, Young Nala, Young Simba, Rafiki, Scar, Banzai, Shenzi, Ed, Pridelands Tribe, Lion Pride, Hyena Clan.
<u>Tuesday 20th January</u> <i>Scene 9 and 10 (p.70-87)</i> Young Simba, Adult Simba, Adult Nala, Timon, Pumbaa, Zazu, Scar, Banzai, Shenzi, Ed.	<u>Thursday 22nd January</u> <i>Scene 11 and 12 (p.87-115)</i> Adult Nala, Rafiki, Lion Pride, Timon, Pumbaa, Adult Simba, Adult Nala.
<u>Tuesday 27th January</u> <i>Scene 13 and Finale (p.116-127)</i> All cast required.	<u>Thursday 29th January</u> <i>Scene 1, 2, 3 and 4 (p.1-25)</i> All cast required.
<u>Tuesday 3rd February</u> <i>Scene 5 6, 7 (p.26-59)</i> All cast required.	<u>Thursday 3rd February</u> <i>Scene 8, 9, 10 (p.59-87)</i> All cast required.
<i>Ticket Sales will open on Monday 9th February.</i>	
<u>Tuesday 10th February</u> <i>Scene 11, 12, 13 and Finale (p.87-127)</i> All cast required.	<u>Thursday 12th February</u> No rehearsal due to Parent's Evening.
HALF TERM	
<u>Tuesday 24th February</u> Act 1 Scenes 1-8 All cast required.	<u>Thursday 26th February</u> Act 2 Scenes 9-13 All cast required.
<u>Tuesday 3rd March</u> Act 1 Scenes 1-8 All cast required.	<u>Thursday 5th March</u> Act 2 Scenes 9-13 All cast required.
<u>Tuesday 10th March</u> Act 1 Scenes 1-8 All cast required.	<u>Thursday 12th March</u> Act 2 Scenes 9-13 All cast required.
<u>Tuesday 17th March</u> All cast required.	<u>Thursday 19th March</u> No rehearsal due to Parent's Evening.
<u>Dress Rehearsals</u> Arrangements are currently being made for our dress rehearsals. Please be aware that it <i>may</i> be necessary to hold a dress rehearsal on either Saturday 21 st March or Sunday 22 nd March. This will be confirmed as soon as possible.	
<u>Performance Dates</u> Tuesday 24 th March Wednesday 25 th March Thursday 26 th March	

Clubs and Activities



Spring Term 2

	Before school 8.30-8.45	Breaktime 10.20- 10.35	Lunchtime 12.55-13.15	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Netball Trials Year 5 & 6 girls Sign up required – KGR & PMC
Tuesday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Choir - Year 5 and 7 12:55-13:15 (during playground time) Music Room. GLA Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	The Lion King Junior Rehearsals Students to attend according to rehearsal plan. Year 6 SATs revision club- invite only LCu & RCo Tag rugby Year 7 & 8 boys & girls Sign up required – LWO & PMC
Wednesday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Netball Trials Year 7 & 8 girls Sign up required – KGR & PMC
Thursday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Tag rugby Year 5 & 6 girls & boys Sign up required – LWO The Lion King Junior Rehearsals Students to attend according to rehearsal plan.
Friday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Choir - Year 6 and 8 13:15-13:35 (during playground time) Music Room. GLA Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	



Looking ahead



2026	
Thursday 12 February	Yr6 & yr8 Parents' Evening 4:00 – 7:00pm
Monday 16 – Friday 20 February	Half Term
Wednesday 11 March	Yr5 & Yr7 Parents' Evening 4:00 – 7:00pm
Thursday 19 March	Yr5 & Yr7 Parents' Evening 4:00 – 7:00pm
Friday 27 March	End of Term
Monday 13 April	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 4 May	Bank Holiday
Monday 18 th – Wednesday 20 th May	Yr7 Trip - The Ultimate Adventure Centre
Monday 25 – Friday 29 May	Half Term
Monday 1 June	Staff Development Day
Sunday 28 th June – Wednesday 1 st July	Yr5 Devon residential Trip
Friday 17 July	End of Term