



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,

As we reach the end of a half term, I would like to take this opportunity to recognise the amazing work of all our pupils. Every day, they amaze us with their achievements, as they continue to work hard and take pride in their work.

Well done to all our Year 6 pupils for their hard work, maturity and excellent attendance during SATs week. We are incredibly proud of the positive attitude and determination they demonstrated throughout.

Our Year 7 residential was also a huge success, with pupils having a fantastic time and representing the school brilliantly through their superb behaviour; they were a real credit to the school.

There has also been great excitement surrounding our new reading vending machine, and we are delighted that three pupils have already received prizes for their excellent reading efforts. Reading remains a vital skill that supports learning across all areas of the curriculum, helping pupils to develop confidence, knowledge and understanding in every subject. Let's keep up the great work!

On Thursday, we had some external visitors in school who were incredibly impressed with the warm welcome our pupils gave them, as well as their maturity, hard work and positive behaviour throughout the day.

We wish you a relaxing and enjoyable half term,

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 **Oliver Iduitua**
- Year 6 **Boaz Wu**
- Year 7 **Erin Ashford**
- Year 8 **Seth Palmer**

Top Tutor Group

- Year 5 **JWA**
- Year 6 **RCO**
- Year 7 **BKI**
- Year 8 **PBO**





Every School Day Counts



94%

Our overall attendance this academic year

6AVE



Congratulations

5NHU

6RCO



Weekly Attendance

Year 5	94%
Year 6	96%
Year 7	92%
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%

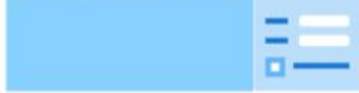


A huge congratulations to **6AVE**, who had an outstanding 100%! Well done also to all of you who have attended every day for the whole of this school year so far- 88 pupils. As you know, every school day counts!



Celebrating attendance
Because attendance matters...





Reading Matters

Congratulations to Alexa E in 8FCL for being awarded the very first Book Token! This has been redeemed for the first Golden Ticket: Brownie Baking with Mrs Johnson. Well done, Alexa!



Keep up the phenomenal reading, Walkwood! Numerous beautiful books and golden ticket prizes are still up for grabs! Who will be next?



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



WELLBEING AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT TEAMS

Parents online Workshop

Supporting your child with transitions

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

Online on Teams
on the
3rd June
at 4 pm

We are talking about:

Practical ideas to
support your child
plan for
and
cope with
transitions

On Teams
Meeting ID:
375 469 535 484 8
Passcode: 8mZ7Sm39





Walkwood

Church of England Middle School

Appointment of Teaching Assistant Grade 2

Remuneration: Scale 2 from £ 24,790 - £ 25,183 pro rata (further pay award April 2026)

8:30am -3:40pm (including 30 minutes lunch break)
33 hours 20 minutes per week, term time only plus 5 inset days

"The school's ethos and values are central to every aspect of school life at Walkwood Church of England Middle School. Relationships between pupils and teachers are strong. Pupils enjoy their learning. Pupils achieve well, including those with special educational needs and / or disabilities (SEND)"

SIAMS stated (2024):

Led by the vision, leaders are resolute in driving forward the work of the school. This ensures positive outcomes for pupils and adults.

Pastoral care is exceptional and extends from the school into the local community. As a result of this feeling of being treasured, lives are transformed.

There is a strong culture of togetherness, respect and trust between all members of the school community.

Walkwood Church of England Middle School are looking to recruit a Grade 2 Teaching Assistant with expertise in Autism as desirable.

We are looking for a teaching assistant who:

- Demonstrates the ability to provide efficient and effective support to pupils and staff through a fully inclusive approach
- Assesses and reports on pupils' development, progress and attainment
- Is able to provide effective pastoral care and understanding of all pupils
- Is proactive, flexible and works effectively as part of a team
- Has excellent communication skills with pupils and all stakeholders
- Is a reflective practitioner
- Has experience of working with pupils with Autism and SEND.
- Has experience working in an Autism Base or would like the opportunity to do so alongside working in mainstream setting.
- Is committed to their own professional development
- Is committed to promoting our Christian Ethos and values
- Has GCSE passes in Maths and English (4+)

We can offer:

- A committed and supportive leadership team
- Wonderful, motivated children
- A commitment to your future professional development
- Support from the whole community of our church school
- Support from The Spire Trust (currently in process of joining)

Previous experience is desirable for this role, although not essential. Experience of working with children with autism and other additional needs is desirable or at the least, a willingness to gain experience, together with GCSE passes in Maths and English (C/4+) or equivalent.

Walkwood Church of England Middle School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS check.

For full details of this position and how to apply, please visit our website at www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk. The application deadline is 5th June 2026 at 9 am. Interviews will take place shortly after the closing date. CV's will not be accepted and previous applicants need not apply.

Clubs and Activities



Summer 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 Club KS2 girls (AU Sports/ PMC) Sign up on ParentPay
Tuesday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Cricket Club Yr 5 & 6 girls and boys Yr 7 & 8 girls and boys (PMI & CHU) Sign up on Arbor Choir All year groups Music – GLA Sign up via Arbor
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	Rounders Club Yr 5 & 6 girls and boys Yr 7 & 8 girls and boys (KGR & LWO) Sign up on Arbor Homework Club All year groups (LTI) Sign up on Arbor
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	
Friday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	



Looking ahead



2026	
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
Tuesday 1 September	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 2 September	Staff Development Day
Thursday 3 September	First day of the Autumn Term for pupils
Friday 23 October	Staff Development Day
Monday 26 – Friday 30 October	Half Term
Friday 18 December	End of Term
2027	
Monday 4 January	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 5 January	First day of the Spring Term for pupils
Monday 15 – Friday 19 February	Half Term
Thursday 25 March	End of Term
Monday 12 April	First day of the Summer Term for pupils
Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June	Half Term
Friday 2 July	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 21 July	End of Term