



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,

I hope you have all had a lovely half-term week. How wonderful the weather was! We have very much enjoyed hearing all about the sunny adventures of our children, as they returned to school for the final half term of the academic year. Pupils have shown this week a fantastic, positive outlook to learning and we continue to be hugely proud of all of them!

In May, we welcomed author and advisor to the Educational Endowment Foundation, Marc Rowland, to the school, alongside some headteachers from other local middle schools. As part of this day, our guests visited lessons, observed break and lunchtimes, and spoke with our students. Marc and the rest of the team were highly impressed with the manners and learning behaviours of all our children and saw much excellent teaching and learning in practice. We are so proud of our whole school community.

We wonder if your half term week may have included some decluttering! If so, you might have a few spare children's books in good condition needing a new home. Please feel free to send them in with your child, as we are always grateful for these donations for classroom bookshelves. Please send any to Mrs Johnson; points will be awarded for any kind donations!

This half term is always a busy one, so please keep an eye on details of events coming up, both in future copies of The Insider and social media, too!

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](#)


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This week's winners!

Individual	Top Tutor Group
Year 5 Harry Hancock	Year 5 NWR
Year 6 Boaz Wu	Year 6 AVE
Year 7 Oliver Healy-Bonner	Year 7 PJE
Year 8 Jacob Trevitt	Year 8 LWO





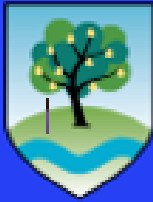
Lunch Money

Please can we ask that **all** ParentPay accounts are settled regularly. Once the outstanding balance is cleared, please ensure the account remains in credit, this is **particularly important for our year 8 pupils as they will be leaving us soon.**

You are able to set up regular weekly payments via ParentPay, as well as email alerts to remind you when the balance is getting low. Can we also remind you that the FSM allowance is to be used at lunchtime only. For any accounts that are constantly in debt we may be asking you to provide a packed lunch from home.

If you have any queries, please contact the finance office.

Thank you.



Every School Day Counts



94%

Our overall attendance this academic year

6AVE



Congratulations

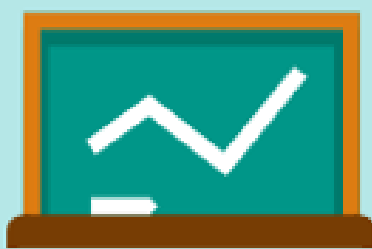
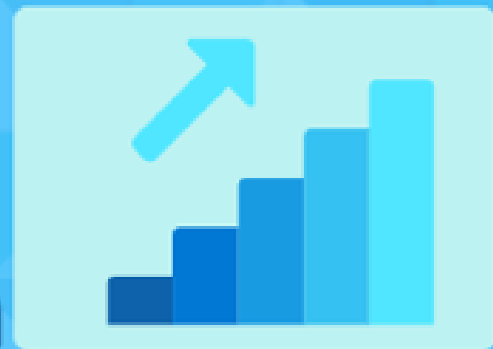
6RCO

8MGR



Weekly Attendance

Year 5	93%
Year 6	95%
Year 7	90%
Year 8	93%
Whole School	93%



Year to date Attendance

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



Welcome back and congratulations to **6AVE**, who have had an outstanding 2 weeks of attendance (98.3%). Well done also to all of you who have attended every day for the whole of the last half term. We will continue to celebrate excellent attendance and encourage improved attendance as we reach the end of another successful academic year.



Celebrating attendance
Because attendance matters...





WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

— CAPTURING MEMORIES TOGETHER —



BE PHOTO READY

while staying true to
our uniform expectations.

UNIFORM NEEDS TO BE EXCEPTIONAL



Clean, pressed
and worn
with pride



Ties correct
and neat



Smart shoes
and tidy
appearance



School logo
visible and worn
correctly

MAKE UP AND JEWELLERY RULES APPLY



No noticeable
make up



No jewellery
(including
earrings)



No smart
watches

Let's make it a day to remember!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



Walkwood

Church of England  Middle School

Appointment of a Class Teacher; primarily the teaching of English (Teachers' Main Scale or Upper Scale)

Ofsted stated (2023):

“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.

We are looking for a teacher who is:

- An outstanding classroom practitioner.
- Able to establish and maintain high expectations, challenge and support for all pupils through a fully inclusive approach.
- Able to share the vision for and deliver a curriculum that links content, skills and values, building on prior knowledge.
- Responsive and proactive, to enable sustained high standards of learning and teaching for their pupils.
- Able to provide effective pastoral care and understanding of all pupils.
- Flexible and able to work effectively as part of a team.
- An excellent communicator with pupils and all stakeholders.
- A reflective practitioner.
- Committed to their own professional development.
- Committed to promoting our Christian Ethos and values.

The post holder will be responsible for planning, delivering and assessing high quality lessons which engage and inspire all learners across KS2 and KS3. The successful candidate will demonstrate consistently high standards of teaching and excellent classroom management.

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 Academy Trust (currently transitioning)

The post is available from 1 September 2026 or as soon as the candidate is available after that date.

Closing date for applications is **Monday 22nd June 2026**. Short-listed candidates will be contacted soon after this date. Interviews will take place shortly after the closing date.

Walkwood Church of England Middle School is committed to the protection and safety of children and young people. An enhanced DBS check and full references will be expected from the successful candidate.

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	
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