



# The Insider

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## Our Fruits of Faith:

Friendliness, Forgiveness, Aspiration, Achievement, Inquisitiveness, Inclusiveness, Tolerance, Thankfulness,  
Honesty, Honour

**The assembly theme next week will be: Elizabeth Fry**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of our parents and carers who attended the Parents' Evening this week which was well attended; we thank you for your continued support.

We continue to be impressed by the number of pupils who are recommended to the Senior Leadership Team for an SLT Award (worth 4 or 5 Epraise points). Teachers make this recommendation to SLT when a piece of work in lesson time has shown exceptional effort and/or progress within the learning task, and pupils are then sent to SLT to present the work to them. We have seen some fantastic History, Science and French work this week, to name just a few of the subjects being celebrated. Keep up the wonderful learning, Walkwood!

Our pupils continue to look very smart and take great pride in their appearance. May we remind you that if skirts are now being worn, that they need to be knee-length please. We have had some conversations this week about ensuring these are of appropriate length. Thank you for your support with this.

Mrs Lowe

## Key Information for Parents

For information about our school: [www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk](http://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk)

A summary of how our school works can be found in: [handbook for parents and carers](#)





# 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](#)

## Knowing our curriculum

For information about the curriculum for each year group, please select:

[Year 5](#)

[Year 6](#)

[Year 7](#)

[Year 8](#)

For information about specific curriculum subjects, you will find the calendars here:

[Art and Technology](#) [Computing](#) [Drama](#) [English](#) [French](#) [Mathematics](#)

[Music](#) [Physical Education](#) [Science](#) [Spiritual & Social Education](#) [Careers](#)

## Word of the Week

Each week, there is a word displayed below. If the pupils have a go at the tasks linked here: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/WordoftheWeektask>, which are connected to the weekly word, they will earn a point from their tutor. Once per fortnight the tutor will go through the previous two weeks' words and pupils will work collaboratively exploring their meanings, features and usage.

This week's word is:

# command



## This week's winners!

-  Grace Robinson
-  Lilly Jeynes
-  Sam Pulling

-  BKKH
-  BNWR
-  AJWA





# Sport round-up

## Year 8 netball tournament

Last week, the Year 8 netball team travelled to Church Hill Middle school for their district tournament. Within our group, the first match was against Church Hill and after a few nerves to start, the girls found their flow and won 4-1. They then went on to play Ipsley and with some great defending and shooting winning 9-0. Our final game in the group, was against Woodfield winning 4-0 and, as a result, finishing top of the group. In the semi- finals the girls played Woodrush, this was a very close game, both teams putting on the pressure but we came away with a 2-1 win. Heading into the finals the girls came up against St Bede's, who we met in the final in year 7. All tournament the girls showed great support for one another and fought for everything. They came away with the silver medal and I am so proud of what they have achieved this year.



## Year 5 football

Our Year 5 football season has been a journey filled with excitement and growth. Across three tournaments, our team has consistently delivered strong performances, showcasing our skills and determination on the field. While we came close to clinching the district championship, we fell just short, but did go onto win our latest tournament at Redditch which was a fantastic experience.



Despite the outcome, we take pride in our achievements this season. Each match has taught us valuable lessons and provided opportunities for improvement.

As we reflect on the season, we recognise areas where we can strengthen and areas where we've excelled. This experience will serve as motivation as we prepare for the challenges of the next season. With dedication and hard work, we're confident that we'll come back even stronger.



Thank you to everyone who has been a part of our journey this season. We're excited to continue working together towards our goals and achieving even greater success in the future.



# JOIN THE PTA

We are forming a brand new Walkwood Church of England Middle School PTA! We are just getting started and would love people to come along to our first meeting to find out more.

## What does it involve?

Our aim is to raise funds to support a range of projects across the school and improve the learning experience for Walkwood students.



An introductory meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th April at 6pm in the Main Hall.

Scan the QR code to express your interest in joining our PTA.





# Every School Day Counts



## 94%

Our overall attendance this academic year

## Top 3 Tutors



### ALWO



Congratulations

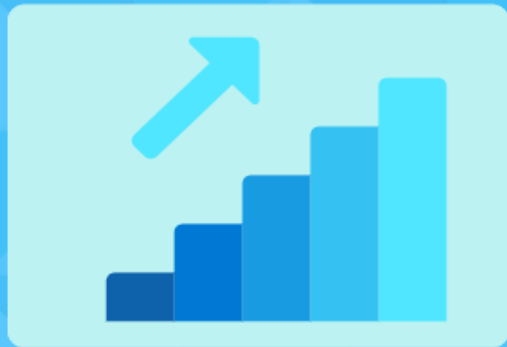
### MRSH

### MDSL



## Weekly Attendance

|              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| Year 5       | 94% |
| Year 6       | 93% |
| Year 7       | 90% |
| Year 8       | 93% |
| Whole School | 92% |



## Year to date Attendance

|              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| Year 5       | 96% |
| Year 6       | 95% |
| Year 7       | 90% |
| Year 8       | 91% |
| Whole School | 94% |



'Congratulations to ALWO for leading the way!'

'Walkwood are still soaring above the National average well done to all!'



# Celebrating attendance

## Because attendance matters...



# Clubs and Activities



## Summer Term 1

|                  | Lunchtime<br>12.15 – 1.00pm   | After School<br>3:30pm – 4:45pm  |
|------------------|---|--|
| <b>Monday</b>    | Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI  | Year 5/6 boys/girls Kwik cricket<br>3.30-4.45pm<br>Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April – 13 <sup>th</sup> May<br>Sign up only<br>PMC/RDJ   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI  | Year 6 Gymnastics club.<br>Sign up only<br>3.30-4.45pm<br>Tuesday April 16 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> April<br><br>Year 5 Gymnastics Club.<br>Sign up only<br>3.30-4.45pm<br>Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May -21 <sup>st</sup> May<br>KRE and gymnastics coach |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI  | Year 7/8 boys/ girls Kwik cricket<br>3.30-4.45pm<br>Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April – 15 <sup>th</sup> May<br>Sign up only.<br>RMA/KRE  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI<br><br>Choir, Music Room during 2 <sup>nd</sup> sitting (12.35pm-1pm)<br>GLA |  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/PWE  |  |

### 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**.

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

Thank you.





# Looking ahead



## 2023—2024

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Monday 27 - Friday 31 May                | <b>Half Term</b>                                    |
| Friday 28th June - Monday 1st July       | Year 7 Outward Bound, Osmington Bay Weymouth        |
| Wednesday 3rd July - Friday 5th July     | Year 5 Outward Bound, Brecon Beacons                |
| Wednesday 3rd July and Thursday 4th July | Year 6 Outdoor Activity Centre, Blackwell Adventure |
| Friday 19 July                           | <b>End of Term</b>                                  |

## 2024—2025

|                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Monday 2 September                   | Staff Development Day                           |
| Tuesday 3 September                  | Staff Development Day                           |
| Wednesday 4 September                | First day of the Autumn Term                    |
| Monday 28 October- Friday 1 November | <b>Half Term</b>                                |
| Friday 20 December                   | <b>End of Term</b>                              |
| Monday 6 January                     | Staff Development Day                           |
| Tuesday 7 January                    | First day of the Spring Term                    |
| Saturday 1st Feb-Saturday 8th Feb    | <b>Year 5 - 7 Ski Trip, Obertauern, Austria</b> |
| Monday 17 - Friday 21 February       | <b>Half Term</b>                                |
| Friday 11 April                      | <b>End of Term</b>                              |
| Monday 28 April                      | First day of the Summer Term                    |
| Monday 26 – Friday 30 May            | <b>Half Term</b>                                |
| Monday 2 June                        | Staff Development Day                           |
| Friday 18 July                       | <b>End of Term</b>                              |