



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,

Another fantastic week has passed by, as the children continue to achieve a record number of merits for their behaviour and outstanding work. Well done to everyone!

Every term, we will focus on a different value during Collective Worship. This term we have been exploring the value of friendship which has promoted insightful discussion around what makes a good friend and how we can build and grow positive friendships with each other. The children have made some valuable contributions to these discussions and are living out this value from day to day.

Just a reminder that on Wednesday 25th September we will be holding a pastoral coffee morning and as part of this session we will be selling cakes to raise money for McMillan Cancer support. You are all welcome to join us on that morning.

On Thursday 26th September, we look forward to welcoming a SIAMS inspector in school, who will be visiting us to assess our spiritual and Christian Distinctiveness. We have much to celebrate on this front. We wish you a restful and relaxing 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](#)

Not so sweet!

We have seen an increase in the amount of sweets and lollipops being brought into school. Not only do the lollipops raise safety concerns when being eaten around school, the extra sugar is not helpful to pupils concentration and learning. As from Monday 23rd September, sweets and lollipops will be prohibited in school. Pupils have already been made aware of this. Please ensure that you reinforce this with your child so they do not waste money in the local shop on their journey to school.



Thank you.

Photo orders

Please note the deadline for ordering photos is 26th September 2024, for those both ordered through the portal and the pupils who have been given hard copies which have been sent out this week.

Thank you.





This week's winners!

Individual

-  Alexis Brough
-  Holly Young
-  Abdul Arif Yasmin

Tutor Group

- Year 5 NWR
- Year 6 KKH
- Year 7 EDU
- Year 8 FCL



Epraise



Unbeatable Uniform- A focus on 'Being our Best'

From Monday 23rd September, tutors will be conducting regular uniform checks to ensure that all pupils are wearing the correct uniform. A letter has been sent to all parents on Arbor with more information on this. Just a quick reminder of some of our uniform expectations:

- Footwear to be compliant with our uniform policy (logo trainers such as 'Nike Air Force' are not permitted)
- School skirts should be knee length and tailored.
- Jewellery should be limited to one small stud per ear and a wristwatch (no additional piercings including facial piercings are permitted).
- There is an expectation that make-up is not worn to school, this includes mascara and false eyelashes.
- Nail extensions/nail polish are also not permitted.

A link to our uniform policy is below:

[6fe4-Uniform Policy.pdf \(walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk\)](#)

Mrs G Mckenna
Pastoral Coordinator



Every School Day Counts



96%

Our overall attendance this academic year

Top 3 Tutors



RSh



Congratulations

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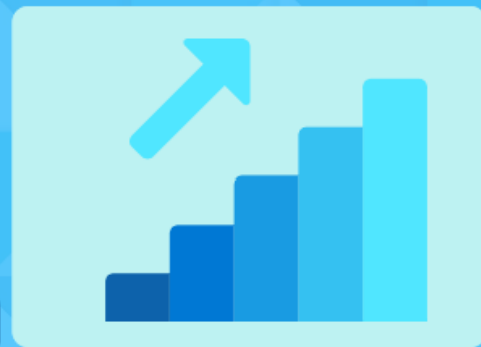


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Weekly Attendance

Year 5	98%
Year 6	99%
Year 7	96%
Year 8	93%
Whole School	96%



Year to date Attendance

Year 5	98%
Year 6	97%
Year 7	95%
Year 8	92%
Whole School	96%



'Congratulations to RSh for leading the way with a strong performance this week!'

'Well done to all those who have 100% attendance so far. Keep it up to ensure you receive your Attendance boosters!'



Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...





Walkwood

Church of England  Middle School

Appointment of Teaching Assistant Grade 2

Walkwood Church of England Middle School are looking to recruit a Grade 2 Teaching Assistant.

Remuneration: Scale 2 from £ 23,500 - £ 23,893 pro rata

6 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours per day, 3 days a week, 20 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours per week, term time only plus 3 Inset days

Walkwood Church of England Middle School are looking to recruit a Grade 2 Teaching Assistant. Do you have an enthusiasm and passion for supporting children with additional needs? Look no further.

We can offer you:

- A welcoming team committed to improving outcomes for all children
- Continued Professional Development opportunities to suit your needs
- 18.75 paid hours per week (8.45am-3.30pm, 3 days a week. Term time only)
- A professional and friendly environment.

We are looking for a teaching assistant who:

- Is patient and caring with an understanding of the best way to support pupils in and out of the classroom.
- Enjoys working in strong team environment and demonstrates the ability to establish good working relationships with pupils acting as a positive role model.
- Shows creativity and versatility, engaging the children in their learning by creating resources and using identified strategies which support their needs

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 least the 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 or a tour of the school prior and how to apply, please visit our website at www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk. The application deadline is **4th October 2024 at 9 am**. **Interviews will take place on 8th October 2024.**

Clubs and Activities



Autumn Term 1

	Lunchtime 12.15 – 1.00pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday		Multi-sports club (yr5+6) sign up only
Tuesday		Year 6 Football training (Invite only) Year 6 netball club sign up only 3.30pm-4.45pm KRE
Wednesday		All years girls football training. Sign up only. 3.30-4.45 LWO, PCO
Thursday		Year 7 football (Invite only for squad selected from trials) Y5 + 6 Dynamos cricket -sign up only Year 7 & 8 girls netball club. Sign up only. 3.30-4.45. KRE
Friday		



Looking ahead



2024—2025

Wednesday 25 September	Pastoral Coffee Morning 9am-9:55am
Monday 30 September	SATS information evening 6:00-7:00pm
Thursday 17 th October	Open Evening 6.00 – 7.30 pm
Friday 18 th October	Open Day 10.45 – 11.45am, 2 – 3 pm (by appt only)
Monday 21 st October	Tutor Parents Evening- all year groups 4:00-7:00pm
Monday 28 October- Friday 1 November	Half Term
Monday 18 th November	Year 5-7 Ski trip information evening 6:00-7:00pm
Monday 25 th November	Parents Maths KS2 Workshop 6:00 – 7:00pm
Monday 9 th December	Parents English KS2 Workshop 6.30 - 7.30 pm
Friday 20 December	End of Term
2025	
Monday 6 January	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 7 January	First day of the Spring Term
Saturday 1st Feb-Saturday 8th Feb	Year 5 - 7 Ski Trip, Obertauern, Austria
Monday 17 - Friday 21 February	Half Term
Friday 11 April	End of Term
Monday 28 April	First day of the Summer Term
Monday 26 – Friday 30 May	Half Term
Monday 2 June	Staff Development Day
Monday 30 June- Wednesday 2 July	Year 5 Brecon Beacons Trip, Tregoyd
Friday 18 July	End of Term