



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: The Psalms

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, so many of our pupils have received a reward within an afternoon on either Thursday or Friday, relative to how many ePraise points have been earned across the half term. What a success! We are so proud of our pupils and the efforts which they put in daily to earn positive praise points, which quickly accumulate as the term progresses.

We would like to wish the year 6 football team every success as they embark upon their very exciting match to be played at Wembley this Sunday 26th May; good luck to you all! Thank you to the PE teachers who have made this possible for the footballers.

I would like to wish you all an enjoyable and restful half term. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 3rd June.

Mrs Lowe

Key Information for Parents

For information about our school: 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](#)

This week's winners!

	Jayden Hicks		BNWR
	Megan Smith		AFCL
	Scarlett Mander		MPBO

Epraise

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: **evaluate**

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 £2.80 per day, 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

Top 3 Tutors



MLDW



Congratulations

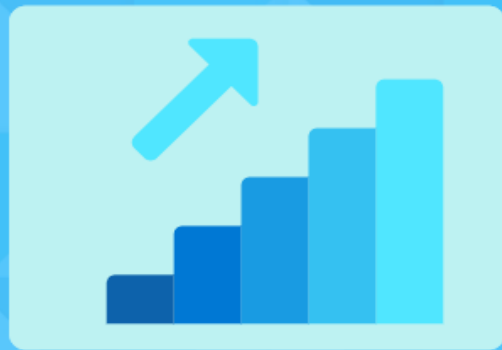
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Weekly Attendance

Year 5	95%
Year 6	98%
Year 7	94%
Year 8	93%
Whole School	95%



Year to date Attendance

Year 5	96%
Year 6	95%
Year 7	92%
Year 8	93%
Whole School	94%



'Congratulations to MLDW for leading the way this week!'

'Well done to CLW a who have been putting together a consistent run over the past few weeks finishing inside the top three - Will they be on top next week?'



BREAKING NEWS

Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...





Walkwood

Church of England  Middle School

Appointment of Teaching Assistants Grade 1

Remuneration: Scale 1 from £ 22,366 - £ 23,114 pro rata

6 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours per day, 8.45 am – 3.30 pm, 5 days a week, 33 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours per week, term time only plus the 5 Inset days

Walkwood Church of England Middle School are looking to recruit Teaching Assistants. 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
- 31.25 paid hours per week (8.45am-3.30pm, Monday – Friday. 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, first aid experience is also preferable. 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 (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 10th June 2024.



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Appointment of English Class Teacher to cover maternity leave (Teachers' Main 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 (2017) identified:

“Parents speak highly of the care which their children receive and are very supportive of the vertical tutor groups which develop a caring, family environment. Pastoral care extends to all members of the school community. Staff also talk about the school having a family feel which is welcoming to new members of staff and supportive of all.”

The Governors of this Church of England academy wish to appoint a temporary English Class Teacher on a 0.6 timetable to cover maternity leave.

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 works effectively as part of a team
- Excellent communication skills 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 1st September 2024 unless you are able to begin sooner.

Closing date for applications is **9.00am on Friday 7 June 2024**. Short-listed candidates will be contacted soon after this 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.



Looking ahead



2023—2024

Monday 27 - Friday 31 May	Half Term
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	End of Term

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	Half Term
Friday 20 December	End of Term
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
Friday 18 July	End of Term