



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 busy week has passed by with the pupils continuing to strive for excellence through their hard work. Well done to everyone!

Next week, we will begin to reflect on the meaning of advent as we begin to countdown to Christmas with excitement and eagerness. On Monday, we will be joining together in Collective Worship to mark the first day in advent and explore the Christmas story, from the point of view of Angel Gabriel.

With our Christian vision at the heart of our work, at this time of year we look to reach out to our local community to offer support and kindness. Our reverse Advent Calendar will begin and this year we are kindly asking for food donations for our local food bank. Please read this newsletter to find out more. We also offer the opportunity for children to create and write Christmas cards for residents at our local Care Home; a small gesture such as this can bring so much joy at this time of year.

In school, lots will take place too for everyone to be involved in. If you haven't already done so, please remember to book a Christmas lunch for your child if they would like to have one.

We wish you a restful and enjoyable 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](#)

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This week's winners!

Individual

Year 5 Martha Cooke
Year 6 Miley Moulder
Year 7 Evie Linford
Year 8 Holly Young



Top Tutor Group

Year 5 NWR
Year 6 RCO
Year 7 BCA
Year 8 FCL



Lost property

We currently have 25 unclaimed coats, without names, in Reception. Photos of these coats can be found on our Facebook page. Any unclaimed coats left at the end of term, will be given to charity. Please contact school if you believe any of them belong to your child.

Thank you.





Every School Day Counts



94%

Our overall attendance this academic year

Top 3 Tutors



NW_r



Congratulations

LW_a

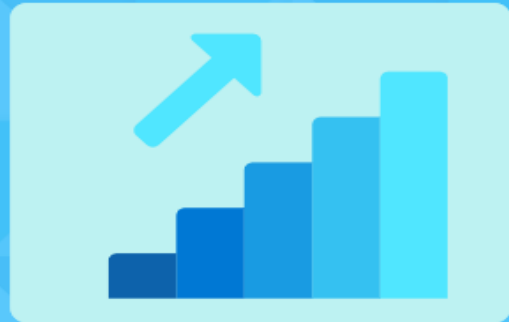


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Weekly Attendance

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



Year to date Attendance

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



'Congratulations to NW_r for their shining example!'

'Well done to Walkwood for another fantastic week of attendance! The figures continue to reflect your dedication and commitment. Keep going!'



Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...



PASTORAL COFFEE MORNING

Pop in for a cuppa and a chat with our Pastoral team to discuss any worries or concerns you may have regarding your child at school. We look forward to seeing you!

Our Wellbeing and Emotional Support Team and Starting Well Team will also be here for advice and guidance.

DATE & TIME

-  4th Decemeber 2024
-  9AM till 10AM
-  Please sign in @ reception



Walkwood
Middle School





Stonebridge Nursing Home Christmas Card Drop

This year, we want to spread the Christmas cheer and are asking our pupils and parents to write Christmas Cards, if they would like, for the residents of our local care home Stonebridge.

Names of the residents are below. Any Christmas Cards can be put into the sack in reception from 1st December onwards. . .



Margaret	Fred	Michael H		
Wendy	John W	Russell		
Ann	Jason	Tony		
Aisha	William	Paul G		
Linda	Paul R	Eric	Audrey	
	Michael Q	Martin		
Kim	Clive	Steven		
Rosemary	Peter B	Kevin C		
	Anne	Peter O		
	Charanjit	Dwayne		
	Stella	Jonathan		
	Susan	Geoff	Joan	Joe
Sam	Kevin M	Kalpana	Harry	
Sandra	John L	Carole	Neil	
	Mary	John J		
	Shirin	Mick		

WALKWOOD'S REVERSE ADVENT CHALLENGE 2024



1 5DDE 	2 5NWR 	3 5RSH 	4 5LTH 	5 5DSL 	6 5JWA 
7 6RCO 	8 6PMI 	9 6KKH 	10 6ZBI 	11 6AFA 	12 6AVE 
13 7PJE 	14 7BCA 	15 LWA/NHU 	16 7BOB 	17 7PAL 	18 7EDU 
19 8SIL 	20 8FCL 	21 8GLA 	22 8MGR 	23 8PBO 	24 8LWO 

TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL FOODBANK, WE WOULD LIKE OUR WALKWOOD COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN A REVERSE ADVENT CALENDER. WE HAVE NOMINATED MUCH NEEDED ITEMS TO EACH TUTOR GROUP WHICH CAN BE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL BETWEEN 9TH-13TH DECEMBER. PLEASE ONLY DONATE IF YOU CAN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Reverse advent Calendar challenge 2024- items can be brought into school between 9th and 13th December and placed into the meeting room.

5DDE tinned fruit	5NWR tinned tomatoes	5RSH tinned fish	5LTH soup	5DSL tinned meat	5JWA tinned vegetables
6RCO shampoo	6PMI deodrants	6KKH soaps	6ZBI showel gels	6AFA toothpaste	6AVE conditioner
7PJE chocolates	7BCA sweets	7LWA/ NHU biscuits	7BOB crackers	7PAL crisps	7EDU snacks
8SIL pasta	8FCL rice	8GLA cereals	8MGR noodles	8PBO peas	8LWO beans

Christmas Lunch 2024

Christmas lunches this year will be held on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th December 2024. If your child wishes to have a Christmas lunch, the cost will be £4.00, to be paid via Parentpay.

Years 5 and 7 will have their Christmas lunches on Tuesday 10th December, while Years 6 and 8 Christmas lunches the following day.

There will be no other catering available on these days, so pupils who do not wish to have a Christmas lunch will need to bring in a packed meal from home. Those who take free school lunches will be provided with their meal. (A Christmas meal on their allocated day and a packed lunch on the other day).

Please note that when paying by Parentpay, the Christmas lunch option will be listed as a separate item so that we can identify the number of meals required. Please select the Christmas lunch item (log in to Parentpay, then go into 'pay for other items') and ensure that you make your payment by 8th December 2024.

Please note, **no tuck** will be available on Tuesday 10th or Wednesday 11th December.



Christmas Lunch 2024

Menu

Roast Turkey

Sage and Onion Stuffing

Pigs in Blankets

Roast Potatoes

Sprouts, Carrots and Peas

Gravy

Roast Quorn (Vegetarian Option)

Ice Cream

Flavoured Drink



Clubs and Activities



Autumn Term 2

	Lunchtime 12.15 – 1.00pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	Choir Year 5 and 7 12.50pm – 1.15pm during playground time GLA	KS2 dodgeball PMC Sign up only. Start 11 th November – last session 9 th December
Tuesday		KS2 Boogie bounce. KRE Sign up only. PE kit required and pupils can wear gymnastics socks with grip or trainers. Start 12 th November – last session 10 th December Dungeons and Dragons FCL Invite Only this term Start 19 th November
Wednesday	Homework club Year 5 12:50pm – 1:15pm RSH	
Thursday		KS2 Dance club. KRE/Adeena Sign up only. Start 14 th November – last session 12 th December KS3 Boogie bounce. KRE Sign up only. PE kit required and pupils can wear gymnastics socks with grip or trainers. Start 14 th November – last session 12 th December KS2 Science Club (Lab 1) FCL Sign up on Arbor
Friday	Choir Year 6 and 8 1.15pm – 1.35pm during playground time GLA	



Looking ahead



2024—2025

Wednesday 4 December	Pastoral Coffee Morning 9:00 – 9:55 am
Monday 9 December	Parents' English KS2 Workshop 6.00 - 7.00 pm
Friday 20 December	End of Term
2025	
Monday 6 January	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 7 January	First day of the Spring Term
Thursday 23 January	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4:00 - 7:00 pm
Wednesday 29 January	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4:00 - 7:00 pm
Saturday 1 Feb-Saturday 8 Feb	Year 5 - 7 Ski Trip, Obertauern, Austria
Monday 3 February	Pastoral Coffee Morning 9:00 – 9:55 am
Wednesday 5 February	Pastoral Coffee morning 9:00 – 9:55 am
Monday 17 - Friday 21 February	Half Term
Thursday 27 March	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4:00 – 7:00 pm
Monday 31 March	Pastoral Coffee Morning 9:00 – 9:55 am
Wednesday 2 April	Pastoral Coffee Morning 9:00 – 9:55 am
Wednesday 2 April	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4:00 - 7:00 pm
Friday 11 April	End of Term
Monday 28 April	First day of the Summer Term
Monday 19 – Wednesday 21 May	Year 7 Kingswood Residential
Monday 26 – Friday 30 May	Half Term
Monday 2 June	Staff Development Day
Sunday 29 June- Wednesday 2 July	Year 5 Barton Hall, Devon
Friday 18 July	End of Term