



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: Truthfulness

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting week we have had! On Wednesday afternoon, the school was filled with excitement as Clinton Morrison, a former professional footballer and sports pundit, joined our assembly alongside the Central News team to celebrate the fantastic achievement of our Year 6 football team, as they prepare to play in the Cup Final at Wembley on 26th May. Their dedication and teamwork, alongside expert coaching and invaluable support and encouragement from staff and our families, has enabled them to achieve great success. Across the school, our pupils continue to work hard and those in year 6 are working incredibly well with SATs week rapidly approaching. As a school we are here to support them, to enable them to achieve their potential and feel proud of their achievements. To help support with SATs week, breakfast will be available for those year 6 pupils who would like to attend; a number of pupils have already signed up. Please contact school if your child would wish to join their friends for toast!

Have a lovely weekend!

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!



1 Jayden Hicks



2 Noah Hamilton-Smith



3 Matthew Potter



1 BKKH



2 MLDW



3 CMGR



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: **investigate**



Sport round-up

On Wednesday 1st May, the whole school was invited to a celebratory assembly to recognise the achievements of the year 6 team in reaching the EFL kids cup final at Wembley. As we now know, we are due to face a team from Southampton and the school we are facing had a similar event last week which involved ex Brighton player Glenn Murray.

Our celebratory assembly involved the EFL (English Football League), WBA coaches, Utilita (Competition sponsors), ITV Central (Date to be aired on TV will be provided to school soon) and other media as well. The EFL ambassador who came into school to speak to our pupils was Clinton Morrison (Ex Birmingham, Coventry & Republic of Ireland striker). Clinton was amazing in the assembly and spoke about his professional career in football, his path in life before football and about what school life meant to him.

The assembly ended with Clinton presenting a signed WBA shirt to the team and the team getting their hands on the EFL trophy. Hopefully, we will be picking up the trophy again on the 26th May when the pupils will walk up the main steps from the pitch to the Royal Box.

After the fantastic whole school assembly, the team then made their way to Redditch United to participate in a training session with the WBA coaches and Clinton Morrison. The pupils were then interviewed by several media outlets about the day and what it means to reach the final at Wembley before the Championship final.

A fantastic experience for the school and team and hopefully more success to come.

#Wembley24 #TeamWalkwood





Sport round-up





Every School Day Counts



94%

Our overall attendance this academic year

Top 3 Tutors



BPAL



Congratulations

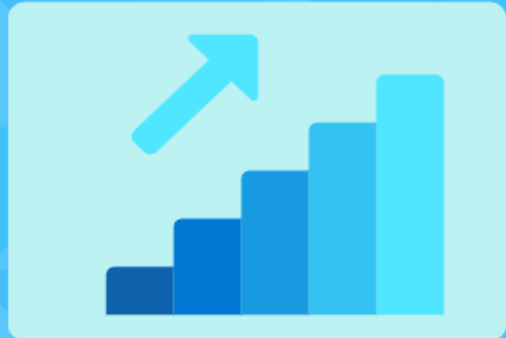
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Weekly Attendance

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



Year to date Attendance

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



'Congratulations to BPAL for leading the way with a 100% attendance for the week!'

'With the rewards for this half term well underway don't forget your boosters are on the way! keep your attendance up and reap the rewards!'



Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...





Walkwood
Church of England  Middle School

Appointment of Class Teacher (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 Class Teacher with a preference for Geography, although this is not essential.

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 Tuesday 14 May 2024**. Short-listed candidates will be contacted soon after this date. The interviews will take place on Monday 20 May 2024.

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 1



Monday	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	Year 5/6 boys/girls Kwik cricket 3.30-4.45pm Monday 15 th April – 13 th May Sign up only PMC/RDJ
Tuesday	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	Year 5 Gymnastics Club. Sign up only 3.30-4.45pm Tuesday 7 th May -21 st May KRE and gymnastics coach
Wednesday	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	Year 7/8 boys/ girls Kwik cricket 3.30-4.45pm Wednesday 24 th April – 15 th May Sign up only. RMA/KRE
Thursday	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI Choir, Music Room during 2 nd sitting (12.35pm- 1pm) GLA	
Friday	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/PWE	



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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