



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: Human rights

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week has flown by at Walkwood as the children continue to work extremely hard! With just five weeks left of this school year, we have many events to look forward to over the final weeks of the term.

Our Sports Day will be held on July 16th; this is set to be a day of great fun, teamwork and sporting challenges and achievements for both pupils and staff! More details will be shared in the coming weeks.

Our transition days will be held on 10th and 11th July, providing an opportunity for your child to prepare for the next stage in their educational journey. The aim of these days is to provide reassurance, experience their new year group and to answer any questions they may have to ensure a smooth transition. A letter will be sent out in due course explaining arrangements for September. We also have residential and day trips for every year group for the children to look forward to and enjoy!

Wishing you a restful 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](#)

Being on time for school



Being on time to school every day is important to settle your child into a good routine, establish life skills needed for high school and beyond and encourage the development of social skills with their friends on the playground in the morning.

Pupils who are late without good reason will be issued with a demerit on EPRAISE with persistent lateness resulting in making up these valuable minutes at breaktime or during lunchtime. A demerit for lateness will also mean that your child will miss out on our booster points added, which are crucial to end of term rewards.

All pupils were made aware of this during our virtual assembly earlier in the year, please take this opportunity to have a discussion at home with your child about the importance of punctuality to school and in later life.

As a reminder, pupils can access the playgrounds at 8:30am (no earlier) with an expectation that pupils be in school by 8:50am.

We appreciate your support in this and we look forward to seeing all pupils on the playground promptly Monday morning!

Mrs G Mckenna
Pastoral Coordinator

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: **rotate**



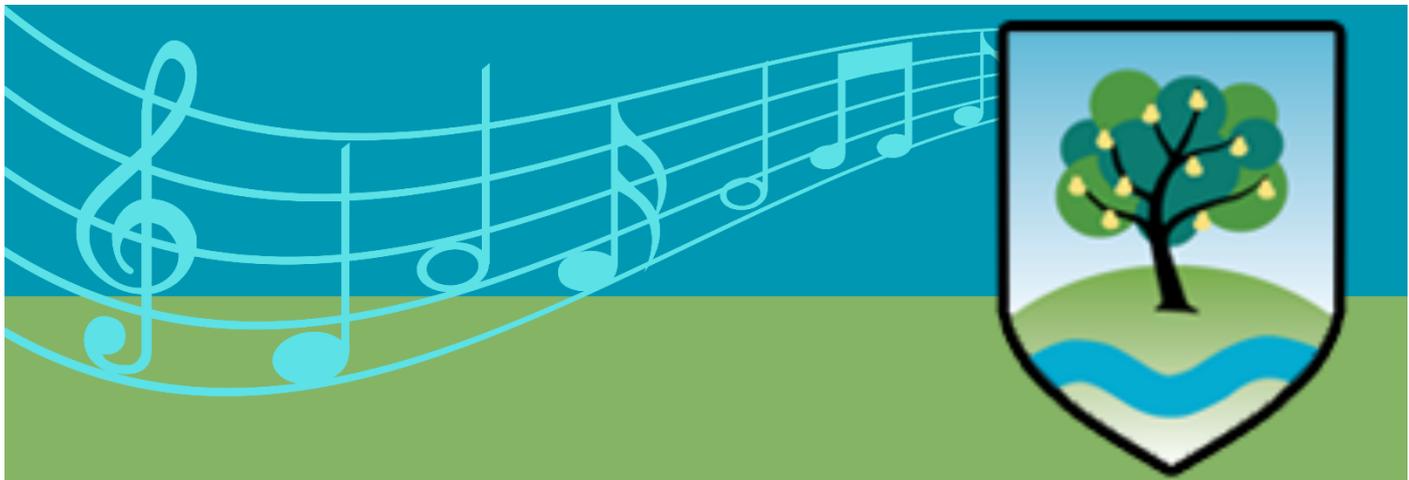
This week's winners!



-  Logan Hutt
-  Ibrahim Rehman
-  Jude Shale

-  MPMI
-  AJWA
-  CLWA





WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN AN INSTRUMENT?

Expression of Interest Form



WE ARE NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

"Parent's Guide to Instrument Lessons"

We offer tuition in a range of instruments provided by tutors from Severn Arts.



Use the QR codes for information and to express an interest.



Medical appointments



We recognise that appointments for hospital treatment that are assigned by an NHS hospital are usually unable to be changed. However, other medical or dental appointments should be arranged, where possible, out of school hours. Where this is not possible, it is expected that the pupil will only miss part of the day.

For instance, it is not appropriate that a pupil misses a whole day to attend the dentist for a regular appointment, and such instances may be seen as authorised for only part of the school day. Please provide adequate notice and confirmation of the appointment, with either a letter or an appointment card or screen shot of text reminder. Thank you.

We have a large amount of lost property.



Now the weather is warming up we are accumulating a lot of school sweatshirts and coats. **Please can we stress the importance of labelling all belongings.**

We endeavor to get items back to pupils, which is only possible when an item has their name on it.

We put out the water bottles and lunch boxes each Friday in the hope that it will be reclaimed. Any of these which are still in the box by the end of next week we shall have to dispose of due to running out of space. Any uniform or coats that remain unclaimed we shall keep for a short while before donating onwards.

Thank you.



Every School Day Counts



94%

Our overall attendance this academic year

Top 3 Tutors



ASII



Congratulations

MPMi

MLDw



Weekly Attendance

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



Year to date Attendance

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



'Congratulations to ASII for leading the way with a near perfect attendance!'

'Well done to the Malvern forms who are having a great term for attendance. - Keep up the good work!'



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)”

The Governors of this Church of England academy wish to appoint a Class Teacher with a preference for RE, 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 4th November 2024 unless you are able to begin sooner.

Closing date for applications is **9.00am on Wednesday 19 June 2024**. Short-listed candidates will be contacted soon after this date. The interviews will take place on Wednesday 26 June 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 2

	Lunchtime 12.15 – 1.00pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	KS2 tennis 10 th June to Monday 8 th July (not Monday 1 st July) PMC Sign up only
Tuesday	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	KS3 tennis 11 th June - July 2 nd KRE Sign up only KS2 Cricket club by Cricket coach from Chance to shine 11 th June - July 9 th PMC Sign up only Ukulele Club (GLA) 11 th June – 9 th July <i>Please note there will be no club on 2nd July.</i> Music Room 3.30pm- 4.15pm Sign up only.
Wednesday	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	
Thursday	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	KS3 Softball club, 20 th June, 4 th July only. CHU Sign up only
Friday	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/PWE	



Looking ahead



2023—2024

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