



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

As we reach the end of what has been a snowy and frosty week, the children continue to achieve success in all aspects of school life. Some amazing progress has been made across the curriculum, and we are proud of the achievements of our pupils.

This week saw the launch of the Christmas card competition and we have already seen many examples of outstanding artwork and carefully crafted poetry! For those who wish to take part, it is not too late to share your artistic and literary skills with our school community. Please get involved if you wish!

As we rapidly approach the festive season, there will be many other events for our children to participate in, including our school Carol service, Christmas jumper day, reverse advent calendar and Christmas lunch to name a few. Please look out for further communications in the weeks ahead.

A reminder also that on Monday 25th November, there is a Parents KS2 maths workshop in school from 6-7pm. All year 5 and 6 parents and carers are welcome.

We wish you a restful 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](#)

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This week's winners!



Individual

- Year 5 **Martha Cooke**
- Year 6 **Sophia Iduitua**
- Year 7 **Evie Linford**
- Year 8 **Nomsa Mazivanhanga**



Top Tutor Group

- Year 5 **DSL**
- Year 6 **AVE**
- Year 7 **PAL**
- Year 8 **FCL**





Every School Day Counts



94%

Our overall attendance this academic year

Top 3 Tutors



DDe



Congratulations

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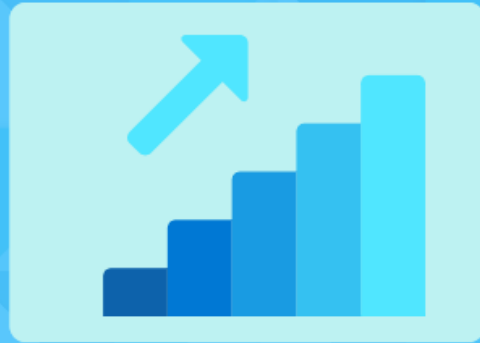


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Weekly Attendance

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



Year to date Attendance

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



'Congratulations to DDe for leading the way!'

'Well done to Walkwood for an excellent week of attendance! the figures are looking good, well done everyone.'



Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...





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.

Walkwood 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 3.30 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 Club FCI Invite only Starts 19 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 3:30 – 4:35 pm
Friday	Choir Year 6 and 8 1.15pm – 1.35pm during playground time GLA	



Looking ahead



2024—2025

Monday 25 November	Parents' Maths KS2 Workshop 6:00 - 7:00pm
Monday 2 December	Pastoral Coffee Morning 9:00 - 9:55am
Wednesday 4 December	Pastoral Coffee Morning 9:00 - 9:55am
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 - 7:00pm
Wednesday 29 January	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4:00 - 7:00pm
Saturday 1 Feb-Saturday 8 Feb	Year 5 - 7 Ski Trip, Obertauern, Austria
Monday 3 February	Pastoral Coffee Morning 9:00 - 9:55
Monday 17 - Friday 21 February	Half Term
Thursday 27 March	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4:00 - 7:00
Wednesday 2 April	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4:00 - 7:00
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