



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 Ten Commandments

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our last half term and I hope you all enjoyed a restful and enjoyable half term. It is pleasing to see that the pupils have returned to school with a positive attitude and are continuing to work hard in their lessons. This week, I have had the privilege of seeing some amazing pieces of work. Well done to you all!

During the half term, our Year 6 football team travelled down to Wembley to play in the Utilita Championship final and I am extremely proud to announce that they won! What a wonderful achievement and a proud moment for Walkwood.

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](#)

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:

plot



This week's winners!

- 1 Ashton Hotchkiss
- 2 Alexis Brough
- 3 Charlie Howes

- 1 MPMI
- 2 AJWA
- 3 CLWA





Sport round-up

Walkwood Wembley Winners!

"We're the famous Walkwood Middle and we're champions at Wembley." Was being sung loudly at the full-time whistle as our Year 6 football team had been crowned National Champions for the EFL Utilita kids' cup.

On Sunday 26th May, the Year 6 team met outside the Novatel hotel on Wembley way to walk to the famous Wembley stadium. Upon entering the stadium, the team were treated to a behind the scenes tour and a meet and greet session with ex pros and famous Youtubers. The team seemed more interested in the Youtubers, whilst Mr Hunt and Mr Wootton were happy to see some of their idols from the England team of early 2000's. After the pre match interviews, the team were able to soak in the atmosphere and admire the stadium from a pitch side perspective. Once the tour had finished, the team was led to its changing room and to get prepared for the final.

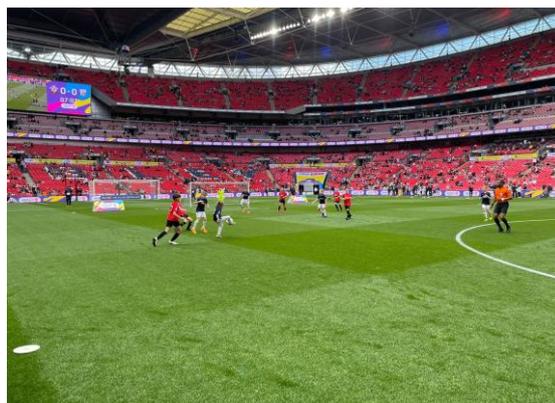
The final was an amazing experience with over 20,000 fans watching the game, prior to the Leeds v Southampton play off final. The first half was goalless with Walkwood being in control of the game but being unable to make the breakthrough and score. However, the second half was proved to be very different, with Jacob and George both scoring to give Walkwood a 2-0 win and be crowned EFL Kid Cups Champions.

Once the final whistle had gone and the celebrations on the pitch had ended, the team were whisked off the pitch to conduct some more interviews and finally to make their way up the stairs of Wembley to the Royal box to celebrate the achievement.

As a school we could not be prouder of the fantastic achievements of the team, and we are very thankful for the support offered by the parents in supporting the team through all the various rounds to make it to Wembley.

We now have one last fixture this year, the Worcestershire County Cup final on the 8th July.

Wembley 24 – Champions. [Mr C Hunt](#)





Every School Day Counts



94%

Our overall attendance this academic year

Top 3 Tutors



CMGr



Congratulations

MPBo



BNWr



Weekly Attendance

Year 5	92%
Year 6	93%
Year 7	87%
Year 8	88%
Whole School	89%



Year to date Attendance

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



'Congratulations to CMGR for leading the way with 100% attendance - amazing!

'Well done to BNWr who have been the masters of consistency over recent weeks - great effort!'



Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...



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 13 th June, 20 th June, 4 th July only. CHU Sign up only
Friday	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/PWE	



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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 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.



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