



# 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: St. Patrick**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy and productive week has come to an end and the children continue to impress us with their depth of knowledge and skills. This week, it was particularly lovely to see some amazing pieces of artwork. We certainly have some talented artists at Walkwood!

Just a reminder that World Book Day will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March where children will be able to come to school dressed as their favourite book character if they choose to, otherwise appropriate non-uniform would be acceptable.

We will also be supporting Comic Relief on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March where the children will have the opportunity to engage in a variety of activities and further their awareness of the work of this charity.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Lowe

## **Key Information for Parents**

For information about our school: [www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk](http://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:

**prove**

## Parking

We appreciate the additional road safety when the zig-zag lines are kept clear of parked cars at all times of the day. This is for the safety of our children as they cross the road, and for other car users as they enter and exit the school site. Thank you for your consideration in this.



Can I please ask parents to park courteously and not to block driveways of our neighbours.

Thank you.



## This weeks winners!

### Top Points Scorers

-  **Jude Shale**
-  **Nihaal Boparai**
-  **Daniel Simmons**

### Top Tutors

-  **BKKH**
-  **AJWA**
-  **MLDW**



WALKWOOD CHURCH OF ENGLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTS



# SHREK

THE MUSICAL JR.



**BOOK**

**ONLINE NOW**



**19TH - 21ST MARCH 2024**

BASED ON THE DREAMWORKS ANIMATION MOTION PICTURE

AND THE BOOK BY WILLIAM STEIG

BOOK AND LYRICS BY DAVID LINDSAY-ABAIRE

MUSIC BY JEANINE TESORI

ORIGINALLY PRODUCED ON BROADWAY BY DREAMWORKS THEATRICALS AND NEAL STREET PRODUCTION

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# Every School Day Counts



**94.2%**

Our overall attendance this academic year

## Top 3 Tutors



**ARCO**



Congratulations

**BAFA**



**AKMO**



## Weekly Attendance

Year 5	<b>96%</b>
Year 6	<b>95%</b>
Year 7	<b>95%</b>
Year 8	<b>92%</b>
Whole School	<b>94%</b>



## Year to date Attendance

Year 5	<b>96%</b>
Year 6	<b>95%</b>
Year 7	<b>93%</b>
Year 8	<b>93%</b>
Whole School	<b>94%</b>



'Congratulations to ARCO for leading the way!'

'Well done to all students in AKMO who have remained in the top three for multiple weeks, great effort by all.'



# Celebrating attendance

**Because attendance matters...**



**Where Next will be in school on Friday 8th March for children to purchase items for Mother's Day.**



**MOTHER'S DAY SALE**

*Price list*

PRIMROSES	£1
OSTESPERNUM	£4
SENETII	£4
POTTED BASKETS	FROM £5
AZELA	£8
ROSES	£10
KITCHEN HERB GARDENS	£5
OTHER GIFTS AND PLANTS	£5-£20

**Where Next is a charity working with adults with learning difficulties nurturing their potential. Last years sale raised just short of £1,000 everybody in Where Next were very grateful for your support.**

scan the code to learn more about Where Next

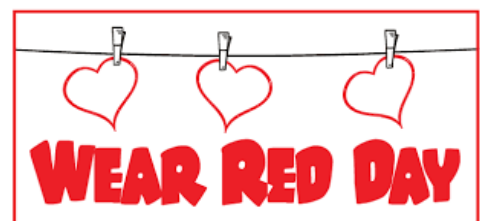



**COMIC  
RELIEF**

Since 1985, Comic relief has raised over £800 million to tackle poverty and social injustice across the UK, Africa, and some of the world's poorest countries.

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, pupils are invited to donate a £1 and wear something red for the day. A link will also be available via parent pay if donations would be preferred to be made online.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=14452>



## 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 from 8 April 2024 if able to start then or alternatively, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024.

Closing date for applications is **9.00am on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March**. Short-listed candidates will be contacted soon after this date.

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.

# Most Imaginative World Book Day Costume COMPETITION



## WHO WOULD LIKE TO WIN

- A book token of £6.00
- 5 Epraise points
- A goody bag

The library is looking for the most imaginative World Book Day Costumes

One pupil from each year will WIN the above prizes

**Who will you come as?**



# Clubs and Activities



## Spring Term 2

	Lunchtime 12.15 – 1.00pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
<b>Monday</b>	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	Multi sports club  Remaining dates - 4 <sup>th</sup> March, 11 <sup>th</sup> March KS2 – sign up only. 3.30-4.45 RDJ and PMC
<b>Tuesday</b>	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	School Production Rehearsals  Pupils to see Daily Notices (Parents to check emailed information which may differ to Arbor) (GLA/DDE/PAL/LHA) (3.45pm-5pm)  <b><u>Homework club (sign up only)</u></b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	<b><u>Homework club (sign up only)</u></b>  Year 7/8 squad training. Remaining dates - 6 <sup>th</sup> March. 3.30-4.45pm KRE  Year 5 netball club starting 13 <sup>th</sup> March 3.30-4.45pm Sign up only  Year 5 football training (selected by RMA) 6 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Thursday</b>	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	<b><u>Homework club (sign up only)</u></b>  School Production Rehearsals  Pupils to see Daily Notices (Parents to check emailed information which may differ to Arbor) (GLA/DDE/PAL/LHA) (3.45pm-5pm)  Year 6 girls netball club 29 <sup>th</sup> February, 7 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> March Sign up only 3.30-4.45pm KRE  CHU year 6 football team training (selected by CHU) 29 <sup>th</sup> February and 7 <sup>th</sup> March.
<b>Friday</b>	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/PWE	



# Looking ahead



## 2023—2024

Friday 22 March	End of Term
Monday 8 April	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 9 April	First day of the Summer Term
Thursday 11 April	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00 - 7.00pm
Wednesday 17 April	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00 - 7.00pm
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

Saturday 1st February—Saturday 8th February	Year 5—7 Ski Trip, Obertauern, Austria
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