



# 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 approach the final days of term, pupils and staff are busy with continuing their learning, as well as preparing for festivities. As you know, Christmas lunches are planned for Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December (for years 5 and 7) and for Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December (for years 6 and 8). Further information can be found on page 5.

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December, we will hold a Christmas service in school for all pupils and Father Glenn will join us for this. There will also be a Christmas carol service at The Bridge Church on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December; members of our choir and orchestra will attend, as well as pupils who have volunteered to read aloud Bible passages and prayers.

We would like to invite pupils and staff to come to school on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December wearing non-uniform, with Christmas jumpers. We request a voluntary donation of £1 to be donated to Redditch Food Bank, along with our very generous offerings of food and toiletry items through the Reverse Advent Calendar. Please note that Christmas jumpers do not need to be purchased specially for this; a festive addition of some tinsel to pupils' non-uniform is more than acceptable. The wearing of non-uniform and/or Christmas jumpers is not compulsory and school uniform can be worn if your child would prefer.

I wish you all a restful weekend,  
Mrs Lowe

## Key Information for Parents

For information about our school: [www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk](http://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](#)
- [Attendance](#)
- [Safeguarding summary](#)
- [Safeguarding policy](#)

## This week's winners!



Individual		Top Tutor Group	
Year 5	Martha Cooke	Year 5	NWR
Year 6	Sophia Iduitua	Year 6	AVE
Year 7	Zayn Khan	Year 7	LWA
Year 8	Maisie-Leigh Green	Year 8	FCL



# 9 WEEK PARENTING COURSE UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD

Have you ever heard the phrase 'the terrible teens' and thought this exactly what we are experiencing with our teenager?

Bringing parents and carers of teens together, to meet other families in similar situations and develop your knowledge through peer support. This relaxed group is designed to help explain what happens to the brain as our children hit adolescence and understand the changes in behaviour. These workshops explore what you can do to help your teenager and will

focus on the following topics:

- Understanding brain development
- Behavioural difficulties
- Parenting styles
- Exploring feelings
- Ways to relax
- Attachment
- Relationships

Suitable families with teens aged 11-19 years old, these groups runs over a 10 week period.

If you would like to find out more about these groups, or to book onto our next available workshop please contact your local Family Hub on 01905 520 032 or speak to your child's pastoral manager.

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MONDAY 3RD  
FEB - 31ST  
MARCH  
FAMILY HUB  
5PM - 7PM



# Every School Day Counts



## 94%

Our overall attendance this academic year

## Top 3 Tutors



### RSh



Congratulations

### LWa

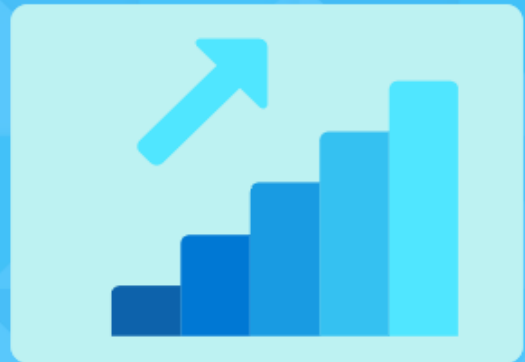


### ZBi



## Weekly Attendance

Year 5	94%
Year 6	93%
Year 7	93%
Year 8	90%
Whole School	93%



## Year to date Attendance

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



'Congratulations to **RSh** for leading the way!'

'Great work, everyone. Your attendance really does matter so keep it up. Only another couple of weeks until Christmas, but still time to boost those figures !'



# Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...



## Christmas Lunch 2024

Christmas lunches this year will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

### Christmas Lunch 2024

#### Menu



Roast Turkey

Sage and Onion Stuffing

Pigs in Blankets

Roast Potatoes

Sprouts, Carrots and Peas

Gravy

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Roast Quorn (Vegetarian Option)

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Ice Cream

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Flavoured Drink



# 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.

Reverse advent Calendar challenge 2024- items can be brought into school between 9<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 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

# Clubs and Activities



## Autumn Term 2

	Lunchtime 12.15 – 1.00pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
<b>Monday</b>	Choir Year 5 and 7 12.50pm – 1.15pm during playground time GLA	<b>KS2 dodgeball PMC</b> Sign up only. Start 11 <sup>th</sup> November – <u>last session 9<sup>th</sup> December</u>
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>KS2 Boogie bounce. KRE</b> Sign up only. PE kit required and pupils can wear gymnastics socks with grip or trainers. Start 12 <sup>th</sup> November – <u>last session 10<sup>th</sup> December</u>  <b>Dungeons and Dragons FCL</b> Invite Only this term Start 19 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Wednesday</b>	Homework club Year 5 12:50pm – 1:15pm RSH	
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>KS2 Dance club. KRE/Adeena</b> Sign up only. Start 14 <sup>th</sup> November – <u>last session 12<sup>th</sup> December</u>  <b>KS3 Boogie bounce. KRE</b> Sign up only. PE kit required and pupils can wear gymnastics socks with grip or trainers. Start 14 <sup>th</sup> November – <u>last session 12<sup>th</sup> December</u>  <b>KS2 Science Club (Lab 1) FCL</b> Sign up on Arbor
<b>Friday</b>	Choir Year 6 and 8 1.15pm – 1.35pm during playground time GLA	



# Looking ahead



## 2024—2025

Monday 9 December	Parents' English KS2 Workshop 6.00 - 7.00 pm
Friday 20 December	<b>End of Term</b>
<b>2025</b>	
Monday 6 January	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 7 January	First day of the Spring Term
Thursday 23 January	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4:00 - 7:00 pm
Wednesday 29 January	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4:00 - 7:00 pm
Saturday 1 Feb-Saturday 8 Feb	<b>Year 5 - 7 Ski Trip, Obertauern, Austria</b>
Wednesday 5 February	Pastoral Coffee morning 9:00 – 9:55 am
Monday 17 - Friday 21 February	<b>Half Term</b>
Thursday 27 March	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4:00 – 7:00 pm
Wednesday 2 April	Pastoral Coffee Morning 9:00 – 9:55 am
Wednesday 2 April	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4:00 - 7:00 pm
Friday 11 April	<b>End of Term</b>
Monday 28 April	First day of the Summer Term
Monday 19 – Wednesday 21 May	<b>Year 7 Kingswood Residential</b>
Monday 26 – Friday 30 May	<b>Half Term</b>
Monday 2 June	Staff Development Day
Sunday 29 June- Wednesday 2 July	<b>Year 5 Barton Hall, Devon</b>
Friday 18 July	<b>End of Term</b>