



# 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,

This week, we received our SIAMs report following the inspection held on 26<sup>th</sup> September. We are delighted with the outcome of the inspection and here are some of the key points celebrated within our report:

'Walkwood is grounded in inclusivity, with a deeply embedded Christian vision rooted in biblical principles. The vision is modelled and upheld by strong leadership.'

'Led by the vision, leaders are resolute in driving forward the work of the school. This ensures positive outcomes for pupils and adults.'

'Students receive exceptional pastoral care...As a result, students thrive and are empowered to reach their full potential.'

*SIAMs Inspection 26.9.24*

A full report has been sent out to all our parents and carers and a copy is also available on our school website.

On Thursday, we held our Open Evening which was a great success! Thank you to all our pupils who helped during the evening and to our parents of Friends of Walkwood, who supplied refreshments.

Next Thursday and Friday, we will be celebrating pupils who have achieved Bronze, Silver and Gold awards this half term. Since September, we have seen a record number of merits earned, which is fantastic!

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October, we will be holding a non-uniform day. If you are able to donate a £1 for our PTA funds, that would be appreciated. Any money raised from this day will go towards funding further resources and events to benefit all our children. 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)





# 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

- Year 5 Harry Budd
- Year 6 Kyle Morris
- Year 7 Josh Philips
- Year 8 Ava Turner

### Tutor Group

- Year 5 NWR
- Year 6 RCO
- Year 7 PAL
- Year 8 GLA



### Autumn Safeguarding @ Walkwood

Here are some tips for staying safe while trick-or-treating:

[Go to this Sway](#)



### Gymnastic Socks

After October half term, pupils will rotate around different activities including gymnastics.

We have been advised, by a gymnastics coach, that pupils may choose to wear white gymnastics grip socks if they would prefer not to wear their bare feet.

[White Grip Socks](#) | [White Gymnastics Socks](#) | [British Gymnastics Official Shop \(british-gymnastics.org\)](#)

### British Gymnastics White Grip Socks

Our white grip socks are perfect for gymnasts on trampoline to execute moves safely and reduce the chance of injury.

[store.british-gymnastics.org](http://store.british-gymnastics.org)





# Every School Day Counts



## 95%

Our overall attendance this academic year

## Top 3 Tutors



### RSh



Congratulations

### NW<sub>r</sub>

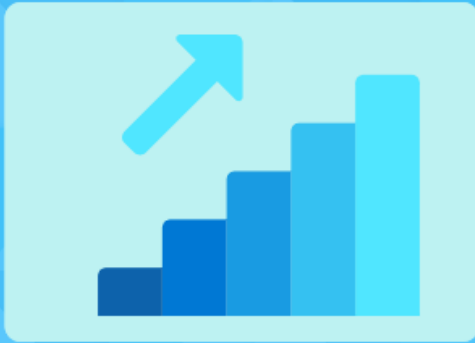


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## Weekly Attendance

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| Year 5       | <b>97%</b> |
| Year 6       | <b>95%</b> |
| Year 7       | <b>94%</b> |
| Year 8       | <b>93%</b> |
| Whole School | <b>95%</b> |



## Year to date Attendance

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| Year 5       | <b>97%</b> |
| Year 6       | <b>95%</b> |
| Year 7       | <b>94%</b> |
| Year 8       | <b>93%</b> |
| Whole School | <b>95%</b> |



'Congratulations to RSh for leading the way this week - A top performance!

'Well done to Walkwood for sitting above the National average for their attendance in the first term - a great effort, lets keep this up!'



# Celebrating attendance

## Because attendance matters...





FREE books for your school when you buy at the Book Fair!

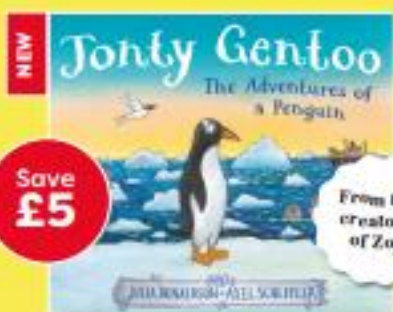
SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

A pop-up book-store with hundreds of books from just £2.99

# COME to the BOOK FAIR



£12.99 ~~£9.99~~



£12.99 ~~£7.99~~



£6.99 ~~£2.99~~



£8.99



£7.99



£7.99



A work of staggering importance.



Date: Monday 4th November - Friday 8th November 2024

WHERE: In the Library

BREAK AND LUNCHTIMES

Card machine payments will now be taken for the book fair, as well as cash and payments online

Scan the QR code to pay online!



# Clubs and Activities



## Autumn Term 1

|                  | Lunchtime<br>12.15 – 1.00pm   | After School<br>3:30pm – 4:45pm |
|------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | Choir<br>Year 5 and 7<br>12.50pm – 1.15pm during playground time<br>GLA | No PE clubs this week           |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   |   |                                 |
| <b>Wednesday</b> |   |                                 |
| <b>Thursday</b>  |   |                                 |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Choir<br>Year 6 and 8<br>1.15pm – 1.35pm during playground time<br>GLA  |                                 |



# Looking ahead



**2024—2025**

|                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Monday 21 October                    | Tutor Parents Evening- all year groups 4:00 - 7:00pm |
| Monday 28 October- Friday 1 November | <b>Half Term</b>                                     |
| Monday 18 November                   | Year 5-7 Ski trip information evening 6:00 - 7:00pm  |
| 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 6.30 - 7.30 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 - 7:00pm                |
| Wednesday 29 January                 | Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4:00 - 7:00pm                |
| Saturday 1 Feb-Saturday 8 Feb        | <b>Year 5 - 7 Ski Trip, Obertauern, Austria</b>      |
| Monday 3 February                    | Pastoral Coffee Morning 9:00 – 9:55                  |
| Monday 17 - Friday 21 February       | <b>Half Term</b>                                     |
| 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                      | <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                                |
| Monday 30 June- Wednesday 2 July     | <b>Year 5 Brecon Beacons Trip, Tregoyd</b>           |
| Friday 18 July                       | <b>End of Term</b>                                   |