



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: Pentecost

Dear Parents and Carers,

Throughout the week, the leadership team have had the privilege to reward some outstanding pieces of work; SLT Awards have been dutifully added and those pupils encouraged to keep up the excellent work. Well done, everyone!

I wish our year 6 pupils every success as they prepare for their SATs tests next week. They have worked incredibly hard, and we know they will shine!

As the weather warms up, please remember that children need to bring to school a named, refillable water bottle. Sunhats are permitted at break and lunchtimes, and also sunscreen can be brought into school for pupils to apply themselves.

Have a lovely, relaxing weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

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](#)

Water bottles

As the weather gets warmer, please could you ensure your child is provided with a **named, refillable** water bottle. We have a selection of unnamed lost bottles by reception if your child may have misplaced one. We do have water dispensers around school that pupils can use to refill their water bottles.



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: **recount**



This week's winners!

Epraise

- 1 Oliver Healy-Bonner
- 2 Lissy Carroll
- 3 Thomas Spencer

- 1 BKKH
- 2 AJWA
- 3 MDSL

The banner features a school crest, a school building, a trophy, a camera, a beaker, a pencil, an apple, a cartoon teacher, and a laptop with a checkmark.



Lunch Money

Please can we ask that all ParentPay accounts are settled regularly. Once the outstanding balance is cleared, please ensure the account remains in credit, this is particularly important for our year 8 pupils as they will be leaving us soon.

If you have any queries, please contact the finance office.

Thank you.





Every School Day Counts



94%

Our overall attendance this academic year

Top 3 Tutors



ASIL



Congratulations

MLDW

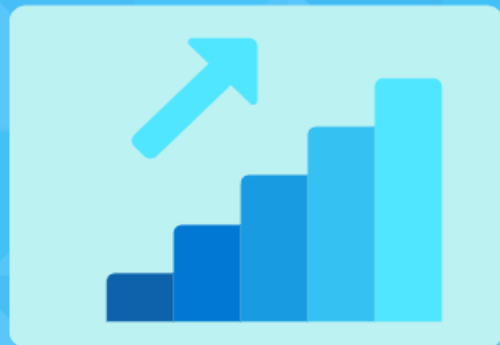


MPMI



Weekly Attendance

Year 5	95%
Year 6	93%
Year 7	92%
Year 8	91%
Whole School	93%



Year to date Attendance

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



'Congratulations to ASIL for leading the way with another strong performance!'

'With the rewards for this half term well underway don't forget your boosters are on the way! keep your attendance up and reap the rewards!'



Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...



SATs week PE

During SATs week all classes from 5,7,8 will have an opportunity to do a PE lesson on the field during a particular morning slot.

Pupils are allowed, on this day, to come into school in their Walkwood PE kit:

- Walkwood PE polo shirt
- Walkwood PE shorts
- Navy or black tracksuit bottoms
- Blue school or white sports socks
- Walkwood PE fleece

Pupils are not permitted to wear hoodies or leggings, but pupils may bring in a coat and can borrow a Walkwood Fleece if they do not have one (please see uniform policy if unsure- [School Uniform - Walkwood Church of England Middle School](#))

Pupils will need to bring a drink and medication with them. Suncream is advised in the hot weather.

Class days are as follows:

Monday 13th May – 7C2, 7C3, 8E3

Tuesday 14th May– 8C3, 7E1, 7E3, 7E2, 5E1

Wednesday 15th May- 8E1, 5C2, 5C1, 8E2, 5E2

Thursday 16th May- 7C1, 5C3, 5E3, 8C2, 8C1



SATs week

Firstly, we would like to say how proud we are of the effort being made by our Year 6 children as they prepare for SATs and we would like to thank you for the support that you are giving at home.

The timetable for SATs week is as follows:

Monday 13th May: English Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 1 and Paper 2

Tuesday 14th May: English Reading.

Wednesday 15th May: Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) and Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)

Thursday 16th May: Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

You will note that there is no Writing test as the assessment for writing is based on the teacher's judgment of children's writing across the year.

It is vital that children attend school daily during SATs week. Should children arrive late or miss days, in accordance with the rules they will be isolated from their peers, until they have completed their papers. This is to avoid prior exposure to the content of the test papers. Please contact reception in the usual way should your child not be well enough to attend school; a member of staff will then contact you by phone.

To enable the children to come into school and feel relaxed, we are offering breakfast club to year 6 each morning from 8:30-8:45 am in the movement area. The children will be able to come into school and enjoy toast and juice with their peers. There will be no cost for this to parents but the closing date for signing up for this was Friday 3rd May, to allow us time to purchase the required amount of food.

It is vitally important that pupils have a good night's sleep and arrive at school on time each day. In order to further support your child with their assessments we ask that you ensure they have the following equipment: pens (no rub-out pens or gel pens are allowed), pencils, ruler and a protractor. Please help them to be organised by checking their equipment the night before. No smart watches are to be worn in tests so please ensure your child is not wearing one.

If you have any queries regarding SATs week then please do not hesitate to contact your child's maths or English teacher.

Finally, we just want to wish the pupils luck. Whatever your child's results, we know that they have tried their hardest and that we have incredibly talented, kind, passionate and resilient pupils who we are all extremely proud of.





Walkwood

Church of England  Middle School

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 1st September 2024 unless you are able to begin sooner.

Closing date for applications is **9.00am on Tuesday 14 May 2024**. Short-listed candidates will be contacted soon after this date. The interviews will take place on Monday 20 May 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.



Walkwood
Church of England  Middle School

Appointment of English Class Teacher to cover maternity leave (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 temporary English Class Teacher on a 0.6 timetable to cover maternity leave.

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.
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- Support from the whole community of our church school
- Support from The Spire Academy Trust (currently transitioning)

The post is available 1st September 2024 unless you are able to begin sooner.

Closing date for applications is 9.00am on Friday 17 May 2024. Short-listed candidates will be contacted soon after this date. The interviews will take place week beginning Monday 20 May 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.

Raffle

If you or a company you work for are able to donate a prize, please get in touch office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk. Thank you.”

CAN YOU DONATE

**RAFFLE
PRIZES**

FOR FRIENDS OF
WALKWOOD?



FRIENDS OF WALKWOOD ARE
ORGANISING A RAFFLE TO TAKE PLACE
ON TUESDAY 2ND JULY AT OUR SUMMER
CONCERTS.
THIS WILL BEGIN OUR FUNDRAISING FOR
THE BENEFIT OF OUR STUDENTS.

Clubs and Activities



Summer Term 1

	Lunchtime 12.15 – 1.00pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	Year 5/6 boys/girls Kwik cricket 3.30-4.45pm Monday 15 th April – 13 th May Sign up only PMC/RDJ
Tuesday	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	Year 5 Gymnastics Club. Sign up only 3.30-4.45pm Tuesday 7 th May -21 st May KRE and gymnastics coach
Wednesday	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	Year 7/8 boys/ girls Kwik cricket 3.30-4.45pm Wednesday 24 th April – 15 th May Sign up only. RMA/KRE
Thursday	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI Choir, Music Room during 2 nd sitting (12.35pm- 1pm) GLA	
Friday	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/PWE	



Looking ahead



2023—2024

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

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