



# 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 another week has passed by, we reflect on some of the wonderful achievements of our pupils at Walkwood.

On Tuesday, our Year 6 football team achieved success in their tournament where they scored 10 fantastic goals whilst not conceding any. Well done for your great team work!

On Wednesday morning, our year 6 pupils and school choir visited The Bridge Church to join in our Harvest Service. During the service, the children shared readings, read poems and sung Harvest Hymns led by our school choir. Thank you to Father Glenn for enabling the opportunity for Year 6 pupils to hold this special service in Church. Well done to all our pupils for their engagement, enthusiasm and respectful behaviour both within the service and on the way to and from the Church. Thank you to all of our families for such generous donations of food items and toiletries, all of which will be donated to Redditch Food Bank.

Have a restful and enjoyable 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](#)

## Cake sale success

Thank you to all those who made a cake, bought a cake or helped Miss Reeves for Macmillan Cancer Support. We raised a grand total of £309.27 and the sale ran for an extra day as a result of how many cakes people made!



## This week's winners!

### Individual

- Year 5 Emily McArdle
- Year 6 Jude Shale
- Year 7 Jordan Winter
- Year 8 Taylor Dyson

### Tutor Group

- Year 5 JWA
- Year 6 AFA
- Year 7 BCA
- Year 8 FCL





# Every School Day Counts



## 95%

Our overall attendance this academic year

## Top 3 Tutors



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



Congratulations

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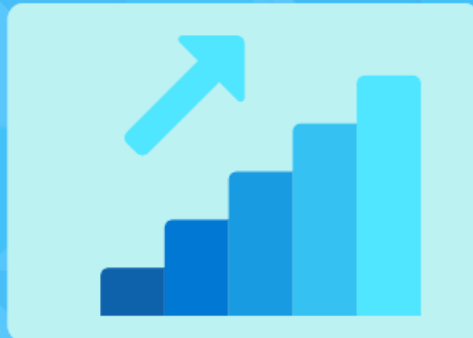


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## Weekly Attendance

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



'Congratulations to NW<sub>r</sub> for leading the way this week with a 100% attendance!'

'Well done to all those who have 100% attendance so far. Keep it up to ensure you receive your Attendance boosters and get into that prize draw!'



# Celebrating attendance

## Because attendance matters...





Poppies will be available for pupils to purchase in school from Monday 14th October. Please bring your donations to school to keep in your pocket as our Year 8 pupils will be going around classes lesson 1 to sell them every day.

**Netball, Benchball and Football College matches**

The PE department run college matches twice a year, where pupils participate in a sporting activity against the other colleges in the school. Points are awarded to teams and these then go towards the college sports total at the end of the year.

College matches take place during lesson time where a whole year group will come down to PE at once. This may mean your child has two PE lessons that week and so will need to bring their kit in on two days.

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Lesson 6 and 7	Year 6
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Lesson 2 and 3	year 7
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Lesson 6 and 7	year 5
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Lesson 2 and 3	year 8

Please can you make sure pupils have correct PE kit for the following days. It is also recommended that boys have boots and shin pads where possible.

Thanks,  
PE Department

## College Cross Country Runs

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of both the PE Curriculum and intra-school competition, your child will be taking part in a College Cross-Country Run during their normal timetabled PE lessons during the days of Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

Not only do the children gain points for their college in taking part but it helps us to identify pupils that will be invited to compete in the Redditch Schools District cross country after half term.

Date	Lesson	Classes
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	2 & 3	6E
	6 & 7	6C
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	6 & 7	8C

Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	2 & 3	5DDE, 5LTH, 5NWR
	6 & 7	7C
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	2 & 3	5RSH, 5DSL, 5JWA
	6 & 7	7E
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	2 & 3	8E

We can't predict what the weather will be like next so we ask that your child could bring the following to their next timetabled PE lesson:

- Walkwood PE kit.
- A towel.
- A carrier bag to put dirty shoes in.
- Football boots to run in. (Optional but recommended)
- An old T-shirt/Top to run to avoid white PE tops getting stained.

If your child suffers from asthma, please ensure they have their inhaler with them clearly labelled.

Every pupil is expected to take part but if your child is unwell and unable to take part, please provide us with a letter excusing them. However, they must still come with PE kit as they will take part in an officiating role down on the field.

Faithfully

Miss K Reeves

Curriculum Leader of PE

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

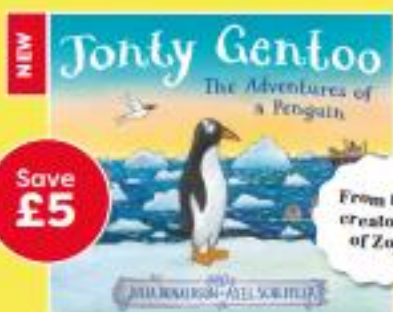
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Date: Monday 4th November - Friday 8th November 2024

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 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	Multi-sports club (yr5+6) sign up only
<b>Tuesday</b>		Year 6 Football training (Invite only) Year 6 netball club sign up only 3.30pm-4.45pm KRE
<b>Wednesday</b>		All year's girls football training. Sign up only. 3.30-4.45 LWO, PCO
<b>Thursday</b>		Year 7 football (Invite only for squad selected from trials)  Y5 + 6 Dynamos cricket -sign up only  Year 7 & 8 girls netball club. Sign up only. 3.30-4.45. KRE
<b>Friday</b>	Choir Year 6 and 8 1.15pm – 1.35pm during playground time GLA	



# Looking ahead



## 2024—2025

Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Evening 6.00 – 7.30 pm
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Day 10.45 – 11.45am, 2 – 3 pm (by appt only)
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Tutor Parents' Evening- all year groups 4:00-7:00pm
Monday 28 October- Friday 1 November	<b>Half Term</b>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5-7 Ski trip information evening 6:00-7:00pm
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' Maths KS2 Workshop 6:00 – 7:00pm
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> 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
Saturday 1st Feb-Saturday 8th Feb	<b>Year 5 - 7 Ski Trip, Obertauern, Austria</b>
Monday 17 - Friday 21 February	<b>Half Term</b>
Friday 11 April	<b>End of Term</b>
Monday 28 April	First day of the Summer Term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> 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>