



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,

Over the past week our pupils have continued to work hard in all aspects of the curriculum, and we wish to congratulate them on their achievements.

Comic relief - On Friday 21st March, there will be a non-school uniform day in support of Comic Relief; a charity which celebrates its 40th Anniversary this year. If you wish to donate a £1, this would be gratefully received. Non-uniform is not compulsory, and pupils may choose to wear uniform, if they wish.

Easter service - Looking ahead, on Tuesday 8th April, our year 7 pupils will be leading our Easter Service at the Bridge Church with Father Glenn. We very much look forward to the opportunity to lead and be involved in this special service.

Online Safety – At Walkwood, online safety is of paramount importance to us and in our ever-changing digital world, we wish to work alongside our parents and carers to enable us to keep our children safe online. We are excited to offer a parent online safety course, with a specific focus on social media. This will be delivered on Thursday 10th April at 17:00 virtually and will cover: understanding risk; the changing landscape and the effects on mental health and wellbeing. Further information and a Teams link will be shared with you all in due course.

We wish you a restful and enjoyable weekend!

Mrs Lowe

Key Information for Parents

For information about our school: 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](#)

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This week's winners!



Epraise

Individual

- Year 5 **Martha Cooke**
- Year 6 **Sophia Iduitua**
- Year 7 **Omar Ibrahim**
- Year 8 **Kyle Hill**



Top Tutor Group

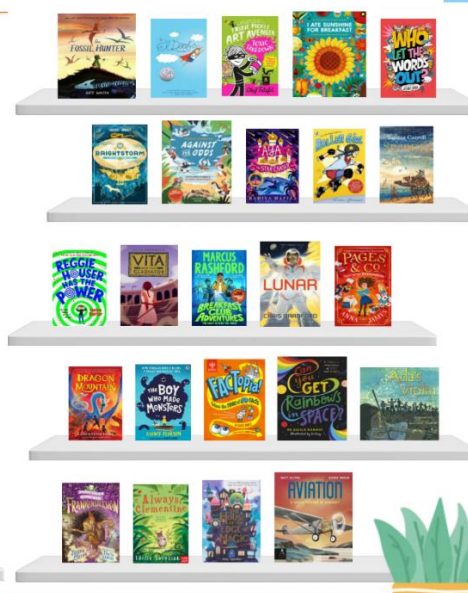
- Year 5 **NWR**
- Year 6 **AFA**
- Year 7 **BCA**
- Year 8 **FCL**



Reading Matters



For the next few weeks, we will be sharing some recommended reads with you for each year group. This week, we are starting with year 5. Watch this space for more recommended book titles next week!





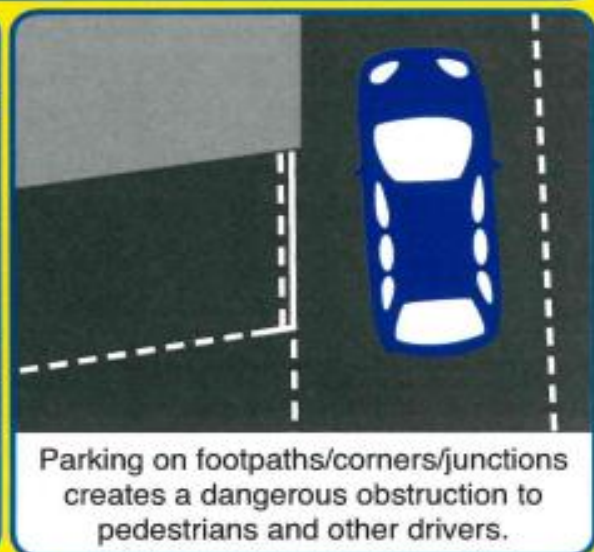
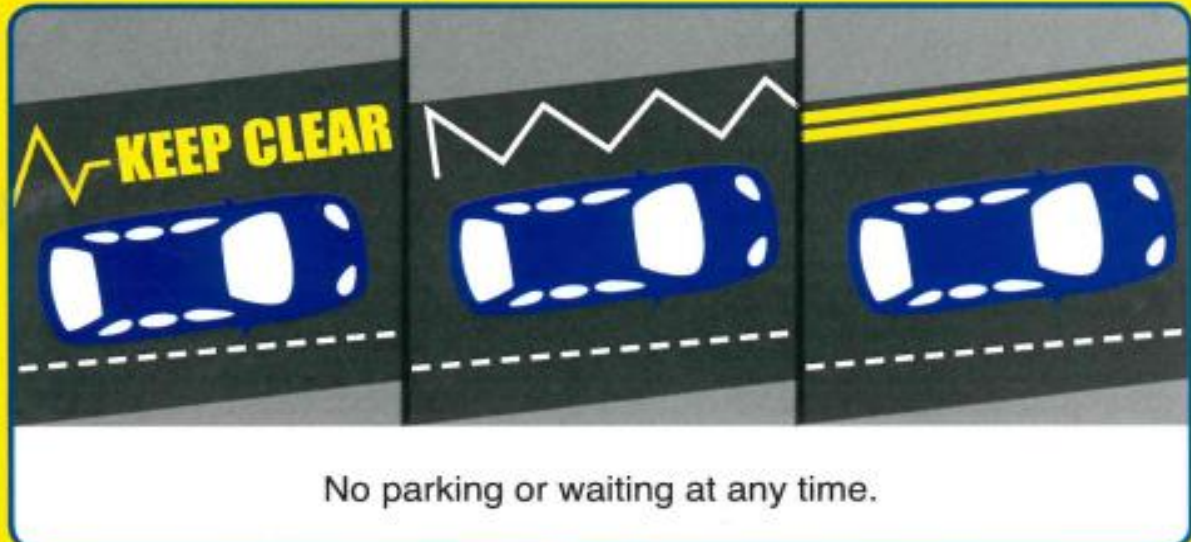
On Friday 21st March, we would like to raise money for Comic Relief.

You are invited to wear non- school uniform and make a voluntary contribution on ParentPay of £1.

All clothing must be appropriate for school - no crop tops or short gymnasium-style shorts. Sensible shoes to be worn. Usual school rules for jewellery and make-up apply as a usual school day, except for optional red noses!

Think before you park!

Illegal and irresponsible parking can put lives in danger.
Remember the following:



If you choose to ignore this advice you may be prosecuted.
The safety of pedestrians is far more important than finding a close spot to leave your car. Always think before you park.



www.westmercia.police.uk

Parking

Please could parents/carers be mindful where they park when dropping and collecting your children. The crossing and zig-zags are there for pedestrians' safety so please always keep these areas clear. Could parents/carers also be considerate to residents and not park in front of or across their driveways.

Thank you.



Every School Day Counts



94%

Our overall attendance this academic year

Top 3 Tutors



NWr



Congratulations

LWa

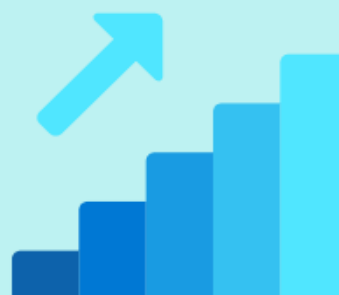


RSh



Weekly Attendance

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



Year to date Attendance

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



Well done to NWr for 100% attendance last week!

Congratulations to everyone, but to Year 8 in particular, whose attendance climbed from 89% to 92% last week! Let's keep it moving in that direction!



Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...



Poetry Competition

YOUNG POET LAUREATE 2025

Could you be Worcestershire's next
Poet Laureate?

Write a poem on theme of Courage.
The style of your poem is up to you!

THEME: COURAGE

The competition is open to everyone!

You could win the opportunity to have
your poem published and to work with
a professional poet.

Give your entry to Mrs Laishley by
Friday 21st March.

Severn
Arts

Is your child a budding poet? We are offering the opportunity to enter the Young Poet Laureate competition hosted by Severn Arts. This year's theme is courage, and poems can be written in any style. Students can win the opportunity to have their poem published and to work with a professional poet as well as being crowned Worcestershire's Young Poet Laureate 2025! The deadline for entries is Friday 21st March and the competition is open to all year groups. Please hand all entries in to Mrs Laishley

Clubs and Activities



Spring term 2

	Before school 8.30-8.45	Breaktime 10.15- 10.30	Lunchtime 12.15 – 1.00pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Choir Year 5 and 7 12.50pm – 1.15pm during playground time GLA – Music Room Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Year 5/6 boys Recreational futsal 10 th March - March 31 st - if you are part of the year 6 school football team you are unable to apply this time.
Tuesday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Year 7/8 Netball team players only - KRE 18 th March Dungeons and dragons Learn to Play (FCL)
Wednesday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Homework club Year 5 12:50pm – 1:15pm RSH Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Year 7/8 boys recreational futsal and football 5 th March - 2nd April. None school football team players only. Year 5 Craft club – Invite only (LTI)
Thursday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only Homework club (Computer Room) 12:50 – 1:30pm – FCL Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Year 5/6 boys and girls dodgeball 13 th , 20 th March & 3 rd April Year 5/6 netball team players only. 6 th March, Non on the 13 th , 20 th March. 27 th March last session - KS2 Science Club Year 6&7 Craft club – Invite only (LTI)



Looking ahead



2025	
Thursday 27 March	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4:00 – 7:00 pm
Wednesday 2 April	Pastoral Coffee Morning 9:00 – 9:55 am
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Friday 11 April	End of Term
Monday 28 April	First day of the Summer Term
Monday 19 – Wednesday 21 May	Year 7 Kingswood Residential
Wednesday 21 May	Pastoral Coffee morning 9:00 – 9:55am
Monday 26 – Friday 30 May	Half Term
Monday 2 June	Staff Development Day
Sunday 29 June- Wednesday 2 July	Year 5 Barton Hall, Devon
Wednesday 2 July	Pastoral Coffee morning 9:00 – 9:55am
Friday 18 July	End of Term