



# 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 reach the end of another busy half term, we take this opportunity to reflect on the many highlights and accomplishments of our students at Walkwood. Our pupils receiving a bronze, silver or gold award were recognised for their achievements through the rewards activities that were on offer this week and we had a record number of pupils achieving each of these milestones, which was fantastic to see. From prize draws and hot chocolate, to playing football or watching a film, great fun was had by all!

This year, World Book Day is to be held on Thursday March 6<sup>th</sup>. Pupils and staff alike are invited to dress up as their favourite book character on this day, to celebrate our love of books. This is entirely optional, and pupils can also choose to come in non-uniform if they prefer, without the aspect of dressing up. For pupils who wish to dress up or to come to school in non-uniform, we will ask pupils to either donate £1 towards new books for our library and/or to bring in an age-appropriate book from home, in good condition, to donate to the bookshelf in their tutor room. Pupils can opt to come to school uniform if they wish.

From our pupils and staff returning from their skiing adventures, we have really enjoyed hearing all about their wonderful experiences in Austria. No doubt memories for life were made for many! Pupil behaviour was exemplary, and we are very proud of them all.

Thank you for your continued support and we wish you an enjoyable and restful half term. We will welcome our pupils back to school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

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 Jess Jobson
- Year 6 Scarlett Mander
- Year 7 Paisley Kendrick
- Year 8 Shania Mander



### Top Tutor Group

- Year 5 NWR
- Year 6 KKH
- Year 7 PJE
- Year 8 FCL



## Reading Matters



**"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."**

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# Every School Day Counts



**94%**  
Our overall attendance this academic year

## Top 3 Tutors



**SII**

Congratulations

**ZBi**

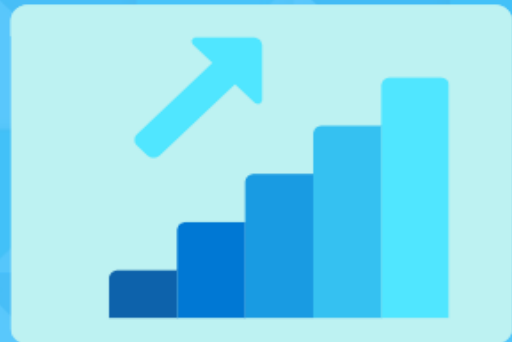


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## Weekly Attendance

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



## Year to date Attendance

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



Congratulations to SII for all their efforts last week!  
Well done to everyone but to Year 8 in particular, whose attendance jumped from 91% to 93% last week! Keep it up: every school day counts!



# Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...



## Walkwood School BOOK FAIR

When: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Where: The library

Payment: CASH – online \Scan the code below

We now take card payment within the school, i.e. Go Henry

Lots of Books to choose from, and as little as £1.00

**SCHOLASTIC** **TRAVELLING BOOKS**

**FREE BOOKS FOR YOUR SCHOOL WHEN YOU BUY AT THE BOOK FAIR!**

**COME TO THE BOOK FAIR**

**A POP-UP BOOK-STORE WITH HUNDREDS OF BOOKS FROM JUST £2.99**

**My Bum is SO CHEEKY!**  
ONLY £2.99  
Dawn McMillan  
Illustrated by Ross Kinnaird  
£6.99 **£2.99**

**GEORGE and the MINI DRAGON**  
NEW  
From CBeebies presenter George Webster  
Illustrated by TIM BUDGEN  
£6.99

**FINDING BEAR**  
NEW  
HANNAH GOLD  
£7.99

**DORK diaries Sister Showdown!**  
NEW  
Hardback only £7.99  
£12.99 **£7.99**

**BEASTIE BROS**  
NEW  
A LAUGH OUT LOUD new illustrated series  
£6.99

**DOG MAN BIG JIM BEGINS**  
NEW  
Hardback only £9.99  
IN CINEMAS FEBRUARY 2025  
£12.99 **£9.99**

**Date:** MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY - THURSDAY 27TH  
IN THE LIBRARY

**Scan the QR code to pay online!**

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Please note that pupils can pay by card via a card reader machine in the library, cash or parents/carers can pay online via [www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay)



# 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
<b>Monday</b>	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	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only	Year 8 Netball trials – Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb (KRE)  Dungeons and dragons (FCL) Invite only
<b>Wednesday</b>	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	Year 7 Netball trials - Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb (KRE)  Year 5 Craft club – Invite only (LTI)
<b>Thursday</b>	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only	Year 6 Netball trials - Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb (KRE)  KS3 Science club (FCL) Sign up on Arbor  Year 6&7 Craft club – Invite only (LTI)
<b>Friday</b>	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is closed	Choir Year 6 and 8 1.15pm – 1.35pm during playground time GLA – Music Room  Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only	



# Looking ahead



<b>2025</b>	
Monday 17 - Friday 21 February	<b>Half Term</b>
Thursday 27 March	<b>Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4:00 – 7:00 pm</b>
Wednesday 2 April	<b>Pastoral Coffee Morning 9:00 – 9:55 am</b>
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Friday 11 April	<b>End of Term</b>
Monday 28 April	<b>First day of the Summer Term</b>
Monday 19 – Wednesday 21 May	<b>Year 7 Kingswood Residential</b>
Wednesday 21 May	<b>Pastoral Coffee morning 9:00 – 9:55am</b>
Monday 26 – Friday 30 May	<b>Half Term</b>
Monday 2 June	<b>Staff Development Day</b>
Sunday 29 June- Wednesday 2 July	<b>Year 5 Barton Hall, Devon</b>
Wednesday 2 July	<b>Pastoral Coffee morning 9:00 – 9:55am</b>
Friday 18 July	<b>End of Term</b>