



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,

I hope you all had a restful Easter break!

With the sun continuing to shine, the children have had a fantastic start to the summer term, earning many Epraise points and producing some amazing work!

As SATs week approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our year 6 pupils on how hard they have worked and their mature approach. We have witnessed some fantastic achievements. We also fully appreciate that this can be a stressful time and the staff at Walkwood prioritise ensuring our pupils feel relaxed, safe and confident. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school, where we will work with you to support your child.

On 8th May, we will be celebrating VE and the children are invited to attend school in non-uniform, wearing an item of white, red or blue clothing or all three colours, if they wish. We kindly ask for a voluntary donation of £1 to wear non-uniform, with proceeds going to school funds. The Friends of Walkwood are also arranging for a cake sale to be held at breaktime, where children can buy a cake if they wish to. Further details are included within this newsletter and on our school Facebook page. We look forward to a great day being had by all.

We wish you a restful bank holiday weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 6th May.

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](#)

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[Child Protection](#)

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[Safeguarding policy](#)

This week's winners!



Individual

Year 5 **Martha Cooke**
Year 6 **Luca Drumm**
Year 7 **Connor Postans**
Year 8 **Kyle Hill**



Top Tutor Group

Year 5 **NWR**
Year 6 **AVE**
Year 7 **BCA**
Year 8 **SIL**



VE Day

At Walkwood, we are excited to be celebrating the 80th anniversary of VE day on Thursday 8th May.

To mark this special occasion, we would like to invite the pupils to come to school dressed in red, white and blue but this is optional. Friends of Walkwood are asking for a donation of £1 to raise money for the school.

During break time, we will be selling cakes in the hall, so the pupils are invited to bring in money if they wish to make a purchase. Prices starting from 50p.

Donations of cakes, biscuits and baked goods will be greatly appreciated and can be brought into school Thursday morning and placed on the stage.

Thank you in advance for your support,

Friends of Walkwood



Every School Day Counts



94%

Our overall attendance this academic year

Top 3 Tutors



ZBi



Congratulations

AVe



DDE



Weekly Attendance

Year 5	94%
Year 6	95%
Year 7	93%
Year 8	91%
Whole School	94%



Year to date Attendance

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



Well done to ZBi for leading the way before Easter!

Congratulations to everyone, but to Years 5 and 6 in particular, who have both improved their attendance from the previous week. Great work! Remember - every school day counts, so let's make this our best term!



Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...



Poet Pupil

🎉 Huge congratulations to Daniel (Year 8) for being selected for the Worcestershire Young Poet Laureate Final 2025! 🌟 Your hard work and passion for poetry have truly paid off, and we couldn't be more proud of you! 🙌 ✨

Best of luck as you head into the final, hosted by Severn Arts – we know you'll shine! 🌿 📖
#WorcestershireYoungPoetLaureate #PoetryInMotion #ProudMoment #SevernArts

Congratulations!

**DANIEL (YEAR 8) HAS BEEN
SELECTED AS A FINALIST FOR THE
WORCESTERSHIRE YOUNG POET
LAUREATE COMPETITION!**


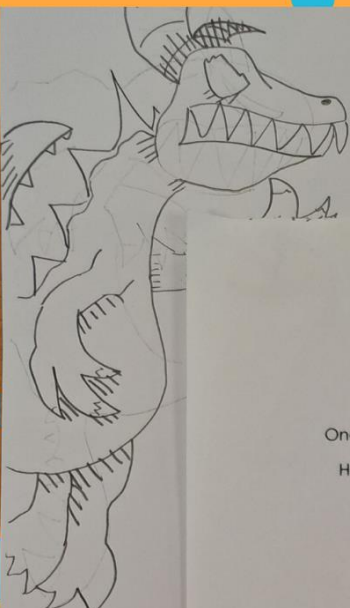
A number of Walkwood students entered
the poetry competition held by Severn
Arts a few weeks ago.

We are proud that Daniel's poem
"Courage of Ray" has been shortlisted for
the final at the end of April.

We are very proud of Daniel's
achievement and of all those who
entered.

THEME: COURAGE

Severn
Arts



THE COURAGE OF RAY

Once upon a time in a land far away, lived a rather shy boy and his name was Ray.
He lived in castle with the King and Queen, yet being a prince his courage went
unseen.

One fateful day, disaster came....

A fierce dragon stormed in with its breath of flame.

It invaded the castle, destroying its walls.

The knights got scared and fled away down the halls.

The castle's fate was looking grim.

So Ray knew all was down to him.

He had to be fearless and use all of his might.

But could he actually do it, would he win the fight?

With bravery and courage he grabbed the King's sword.

He confronted the dragon that wickedly roared.

He raised his blade and took a brave stance

Then charged at the dragon, as he only had one chance!

The dragon clawed at Ray, spitting its fiery breath.

Ray knew any mistakes would mean certain death.

Yet he persevered on, courage growing ever stronger.

He stabbed the dragon in its heart, and it lived no longer!

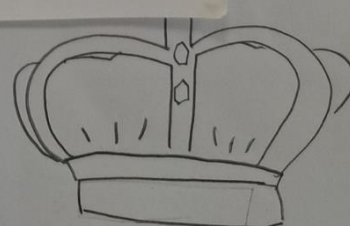
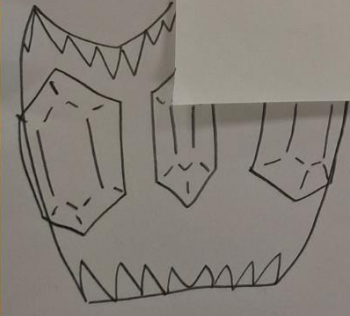
The Kingdom was saved, its residents overcome with joy.

Young, shy Ray had become a big courageous boy.

The moral of the story is never say no.

You can do anything so give it a go.

Daniel Jones
8GUA



SATs week 2025

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 your child.

The timetable for SATs week is as follows:

Monday 12th May: English Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 1 and Paper 2

Tuesday 13th May: English Reading.

Wednesday 14th May: Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) and Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)

Thursday 15th May: Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

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 in order 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. Someone from school will then contact you by phone.

To enable the children to come into school and feel relaxed we are offering breakfast club 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 9am on Monday 28th April 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 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 pupil's good 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 that we are extremely proud of.





Walkwood CofE Middle School Uniform



10% OFF EVERYTHING IN JULY



V Neck Sweat from £14.95



Tie – Royal, Green, Red, Gold £6.50



PE Polo £15.95



PE Shorts £12.95



PE Socks From £6.95



¼ Zip PE Top £25.00



Trousers From £7.00



Skirts From £10.25



Twinpack Shirts/Blouses
From £14.50



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BAGS AND ACCESSORIES

ONLINE ORDERING AT

<https://orchardschoolwear.co.uk/shop/parent/school/122/products>

OR SCAN THE QR CODE AT THE TOP LEFT OF THIS PAGE

COLLECTION IN STORE IS AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE

Friends of Walkwood

Hello,

We are looking for volunteers to be involved in some fundraising events during the summer term. Proposed events are:

- end of year disco
- paint and sip night for parents
- ice pop event in the summer
- class photos to sell
- colour run

We really would appreciate any support. Equally if you have any ideas for an event you think could raise money, please get in touch. You can contact us via the what's app group or email school.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HwnFTfuKUeL6ZdLBeYXhME>

Thanks in advance,

Friends of Walkwood



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WhatsApp group



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WEST Competition!



Can you help us?

We are introducing Care Opinion for our service, this will enable children, young people and their families/carers to provide feedback on their experience accessing mental health support teams in schools.

To promote Care Opinion we would like your help to design an image that could showcase this new service on a leaflet. Get out your best pens, paint and pencils and show us your awesome artwork! The theme is your thoughts/idea's on healthy mental health and wellbeing and what this means to you.

Be as creative as you like!

The winning designs will feature on the WEST Care Opinion leaflets and the winning designs will win a **PRIZE!!!**

Primary/Middle category: Pupil prize **£25 Book token** and **£100 book token** for your school!

Secondary category: Pupil prize **£25 book token** and **£100 book token** for your school!

The design can be completed on A4 white paper. Please ask your school for some if you don't have any at home.

Closing date: **FRIDAY 23RD MAY 2025.....**

Please hand your entry into your school with your Name, Year Group and school written clearly on the back. These can be handed to your school's Mental Health Lead and your schools allocated practitioner will collect for the closing date.

Care Opinion is a way to share your experience. Your story can make a difference.....

We want to know what is working well and what we can improve on within our Mental Health in Schools service, WEST.

Please leave feedback via:
Freephone: 0800 122 31 35
Online at: careopinion.org.uk or by scanning this QR code



We can't wait to see your designs!



**Herefordshire and Worcestershire
Health and Care**
NHS Trust



All Stars Cricket provides a fantastic first experience for all children aged between 5-8 years old. They will have 8 weeks of jam-packed fun, activity and skills!

Dynamos Cricket provides a perfect introduction to Cricket for all 8-11 year olds! Dynamos is all about fun and provides children with a more social offer, focusing on the skills to play the game.

Find your nearest All Stars & Dynamos programme using the link below!



<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/Search>



Clubs and Activities



Summer term 1

	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 12.50-13.15 Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	
Tuesday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only 12.50-13.15 Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Learn to Play Dungeons and Dragons (continued) FCL Until 13 th May
Wednesday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only 12.50-13.15 Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	
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 12.50-13.15 Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	
Friday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Choir Year 6 and 8 1.15pm – 1.35pm during playground time GLA – Music Room Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only 12.50-13.15 Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	



Looking ahead



2025	
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
Thursday 17 July	Year 8 Drayton Manor
Friday 18 July	End of Term
Monday 1 September	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 2 September	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 3 September	First Day of Autumn Term
Friday 24 October	Staff Development Day
Monday 27 – Friday 31 October	Half Term
Friday 19 December	End of Term
2026	
Monday 5 January	First Day of Spring Term
Monday 16 – Friday 20 February	Half Term
Friday 27 March	End of Term
Monday 13 April	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 25 – Friday 29 May	Half Term
Monday 1 June	Staff Development Day
Friday 17 July	End of Term