



# 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 successful week at Walkwood, we reflect upon some of the highlights experienced by our pupils. On Wednesday, our Orchard pupils spent the day at Solihull College and University Centre, in the Animal Care Centre. What a wonderful day and experience they all had! They learnt a lot about animals and the courses available to students after they leave school at the age of 16+. It was an amazing and memorable experience for all involved and our pupils were an absolute credit to Walkwood – Well done!

Thank you to all our parents and carers who attended our Parents' Consultation evening this week. We fully appreciate your support and hope that you found the evening to be informative in enabling us to work together to support your child. Next week, we have our second Parents' Consultation evening for Years 6 and 8 on Wednesday 29th January 4 – 7pm.

We wish you all 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](#)

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## This week's winners!

### Individual

Year 5 **Martha Cooke**  
Year 6 **Alexis Brough**  
Year 7 **Sarizel Gupta**  
Year 8 **Holly Young**

### Top Tutor Group

Year 5 **NWR**  
Year 6 **AFA**  
Year 7 **BOB**  
Year 8 **FCL**



Parents, please be aware of the below parking restrictions outside school. We have noticed an increase in parents parking on the yellow zig zags/keep clear signs. They are in place to protect our children as they arrive and leave school site. Thank you.

**Yellow zigzag lines:** Do not park on or opposite yellow zigzag lines, which indicate areas where stopping is not permitted.

**Keep clear markings:** Do not park on school keep clear markings, which are often blue.

**Dropped kerbs and drives:** Do not park across dropped kerbs or drives.

**Footpaths:** Do not park on footpaths.

**Yellow lines:** Do not park on yellow lines, which can obstruct pedestrian sight lines.

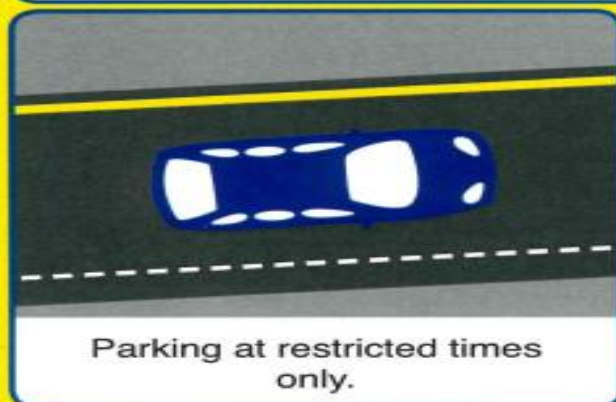
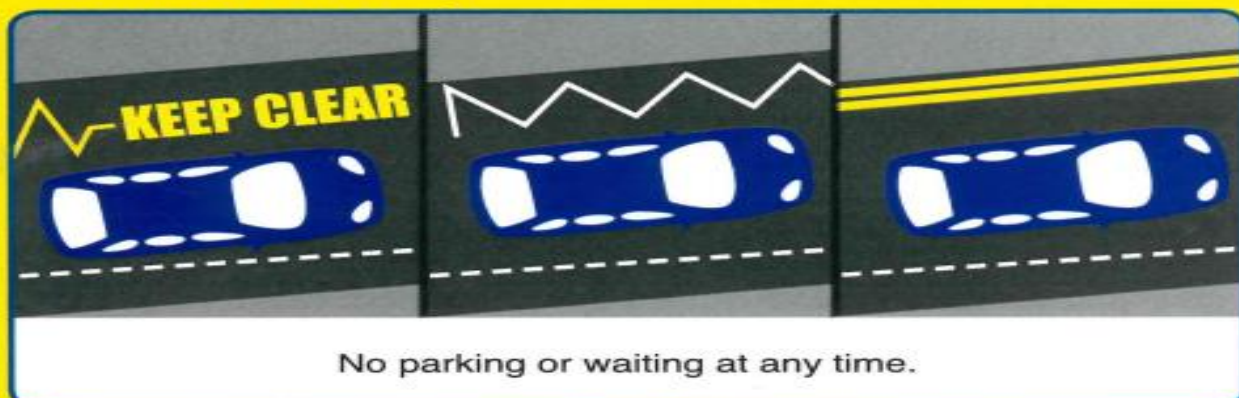
**Pedestrian crossings:** Do not park on pedestrian crossings.

Thankyou

Mrs G Mckenna  
Pastoral Coordinator

# 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.



# Every School Day Counts



## 94%

Our overall attendance this academic year

## Top 3 Tutors



### RSh



Congratulations

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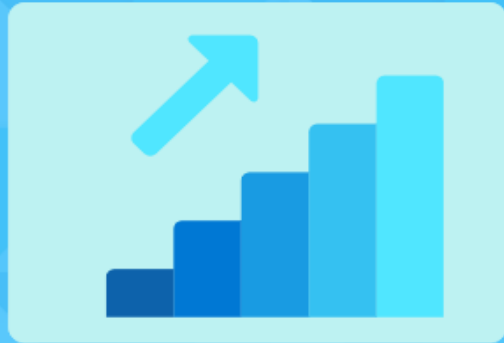


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## Weekly Attendance

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



## Year to date Attendance

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



Well done to RSh for leading the way this week!

Congratulations to everyone for your continuing efforts. Now let's see if we can do even better next week. Remember - every school day counts!



# Celebrating attendance

## Because attendance matters...



# Clubs and Activities



## Spring term 1

	Lunchtime 12.15 – 1.00pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
<b>Monday</b>	<p>Choir Year 5 and 7 12.50pm – 1.15pm during playground time GLA – Music Room</p> <p>Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only</p>	<p>KS2 fitness 13<sup>th</sup> January to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February (PMC)</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p>Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only</p>	<p>Arts Award Discover Club Year 5 Arbor Sign Up Only 3.30pm – 4.15pm GLA- Music Room</p> <p>KS3 Fitness 14<sup>th</sup> January to 28<sup>th</sup> January (KRE/LWO)</p> <p>Dungeons and dragons (FCL) Invite only</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p>Homework club Year 5 12:50pm – 1:15pm RSH</p> <p>Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only</p>	<p>Year 5 Craft club – Invite only (LTI)</p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p>Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only</p>	<p>KS2 glow in the dark dodgeball 16<sup>th</sup> January to 6<sup>th</sup> February (CHU/PMI)</p> <p>KS3 Science club (FCL) Sign up on Arbor</p> <p>Year 6&amp;7 Craft club – Invite only (LTI)</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p>Choir Year 6 and 8 1.15pm – 1.35pm during playground time GLA – Music Room</p> <p>Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only</p>	



# Looking ahead



<b>2025</b>	
Wednesday 29 January	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4:00 - 7:00 pm
Saturday 1 Feb-Saturday 8 Feb	Year 5 - 7 Ski Trip, Obertauern, Austria
Wednesday 5 February	Pastoral Coffee morning 9:00 – 9:55 am
Monday 17 - Friday 21 February	Half Term
Thursday 27 March	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4:00 – 7:00 pm
Wednesday 2 April	Pastoral Coffee Morning 9:00 – 9:55 am
Wednesday 2 April	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4:00 - 7:00 pm
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