



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,

How lovely it has been to see the sunshine this week!

Our pupils have impressed us with their awareness of our school values over the past few days. Our current value for the half-term is respect and our children have demonstrated this in numerous ways; this has been seen for example through the respect shown towards their peers' and religious beliefs, including the celebration of Eid, as well as through children holding the door open for staff, as part of their natural courtesy and good manners. Please keep this up, Walkwood!

This week we have celebrated more sporting success with our Year 5 netball team winning a gold medal in the district tournament on Wednesday. Well done - what a fantastic achievement!

Just a reminder that next week Year 7 will be visiting The Bridge Church for our Easter service, as well as there being a whole school worship for all our pupils to reflect upon the Easter story.

Also, in our final week of term, children achieving Bronze, Silver and Gold awards will be enjoying a well-deserved rewards afternoon at the end of the week.

We wish you all a restful 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](#)

[Attendance](#)

[Safeguarding summary](#)

[Safeguarding policy](#)



This week's winners!

Individual

Year 5 Martha Cooke

Year 6 Alexis Brough

Year 7 Alice Machado-Edwards

Year 8 Kyle Hill



Top Tutor Group

Year 5 LTH

Year 6 AFA

Year 7 PJE

Year 8 PBO



Absences and appointments

Please could parents/carers ensure they contact the school by 9:30am if your child is absent. This can be by phone, email, website or via the Arbor app. School must be contacted **every day** of your child's absence. Please also state the reason for your child's absence, if you state 'unwell' we will contact you to confirm the details of their illness.

If you should need to take your child out of school for an appointment during school time, you **must** provide proof of the appointment. This can be sent by email to the school office. If no proof is received, we will contact you to ask you to provide proof.

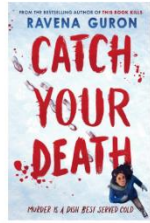
Thank you.



Reading Matters

Over the past few weeks, we have been sharing some recommended reads with you for years 5-7. This week, we have a list of reads for year 8. How many of these have you already read?

Year 8 books - a recommended reading list for 12 year olds



Sport round-up

Walkwood winners



Congratulations to the year 5 netball team who won gold in the district tournament on Wednesday.

The girls showed great team worker skills and supported each other on the court, which was fantastic to see. Well done!



STUDENTS FROM WALKWOOD TRAINED TO TACKLE BULLYING BY THE DIANA AWARD

On 24/02/25, 11 pupils took part in a one-day anti-bullying training session run by The Diana Award at Lode Heath Secondary School in Solihull. Young people, aged 11-18, worked together and acquired vital skills to enable them to change the attitudes and behaviours of bullying in their school by building their skills and confidence to address different situations, both off and online.

The Diana Award's free Anti-Bullying Ambassador Programme, which is available to schools across the UK, sees facilitators working with students and other young people to change the attitude surrounding bullying both across the UK and beyond. The Programme has a strong peer-to-peer focus, with facilitators giving young people the skills and confidence to become Anti-Bullying Ambassadors to tackle bullying in their schools long after the training has finished. The Diana Award's anti-bullying work is recognised as world-class thanks to this sustainable approach.

The training looked at bullying in different situations including face-to-face and online. At the end of the day, pupils made an action plan of how to approach bullying issues that may arise in their schools and committed to their roles as Anti-Bullying Ambassadors



Continued...

STUDENTS FROM WALKWOOD TRAINED TO TACKLE BULLYING

Current work being done towards their Community Badge:

Our Walkwood Anti Bullying Ambassadors are currently working hard towards their Community badge, creating brochures and leaflets about how to recognise signs of bullying. These are for parents and pupils to receive in school and through The Insider. Watch this space! We are hoping that there will be an opportunity before the summer to go on a local radio station and promote the Anti Bullying Ambassadors at Walkwood and the work they are doing within the school.

Social Media:

@DianaAward, @AntiBullyingPro

fb.com/thedianaaward, fb.com/antibullyingpro

OUR RECYCLING MISSION!


What's Changing in Schools?

- From March 2025, all schools in England must separate waste into:
-  **Recyclable Waste** (Paper, plastics, metals)
-  **Food Waste** (Leftover food and scraps)
-  **General Waste** (Non-recyclables)
- This is part of a UK-wide effort to reduce waste and improve recycling

RECYCLING

Recyclable Waste Bin – Paper, plastics, tins, cardboard 

FOOD WASTE

Food Waste Bin – Fruit peels, leftover food, tea bags 

GENERAL WASTE

General Waste Bin – Crisp packets, dirty tissues, broken stationery 



Every School Day Counts



94%

Our overall attendance this academic year

Top 3 Tutors



EDu



Congratulations

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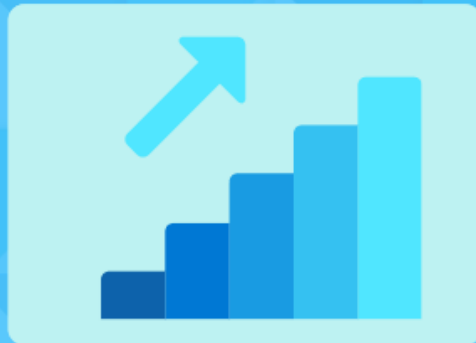


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Weekly Attendance

Year 5	93%
Year 6	95%
Year 7	95%
Year 8	92%
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 EDu for leading the way last week!

Congratulations to everyone, but to Year 6 in particular, who were the only year-group to increase their attendance! A shining example to the rest of us!



Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...





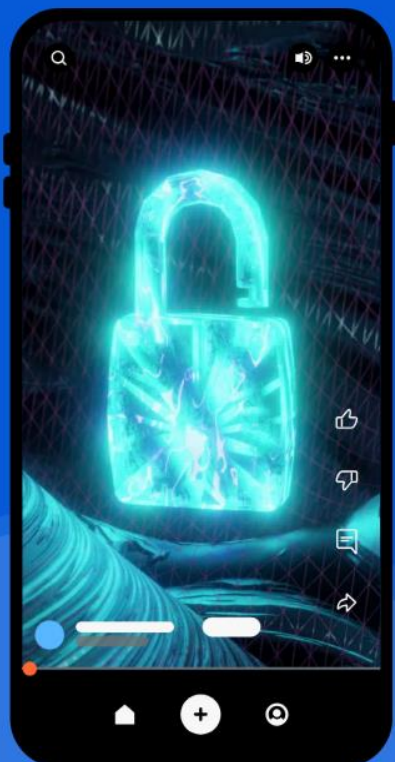
Attention Year 8 Parents!

We understand that moving on to a new school can feel overwhelming for some pupils, so we're offering extra transition workshops in the summer term! These sessions will be facilitated by our WEST (Wellbeing and Emotional Support Team) after school to help ease any worries and support students on their journey. If you'd like to book a place for your child or need more information, please contact the school and speak to your Head of Year or Pastoral Manager.

Let's make this transition as smooth as possible! 🌟

#SupportingOurStudents #SmoothTransitions
#WellbeingMatters

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Go to Settings to activate Windows.



Online Safety Training
Opportunity for
Parents/Carers in
association with The
Spires Learning Trust and
Brightcore Consultancy at
5pm via Zoom on 10th
April 2025
Please check your emails
for more information.



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

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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 12.30-13.15 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 2.30-13.15 Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Dungeons and dragons Learn to Play (FCL)
Wednesday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only 2.30-13.15 Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	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 2.30-13.15 Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	
Friday	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 Library is closed	



Looking ahead



2025	
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
Thursday 17 July	Year 8 Drayton Manor
Friday 18 July	End of Term