



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

Our value this half term is respect

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we draw to the end of a beautiful, sun-filled week, we can reflect on the many achievements of our pupils. With a plethora of points earned across the school, it is clear that our pupils are continuing to work incredibly hard and taking pride in their work.

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day. We had some fantastic book characters arriving at school, including staff, and a fun day was had by all! Last week, the book fair was also a great success, and we wish to thank you for your support. As a school, one of our key priority areas is promoting the importance of reading and inspiring a love of reading with our pupils across the curriculum.

We will be supporting Comic relief day on the 21st March. This will be a non-uniform day and if you wish to donate a £1, this would be gratefully received, although it is not compulsory to wear non-uniform.

We wish you an enjoyable and 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](#)

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This week's winners!

Individual

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



Top Tutor Group

- Year 5 **RSH**
- Year 6 **AVE**
- Year 7 **EDU**
- Year 8 **FCL**





Every School Day Counts



94%
Our overall attendance this academic year

Top 3 Tutors



EDu
Congratulations

RSh

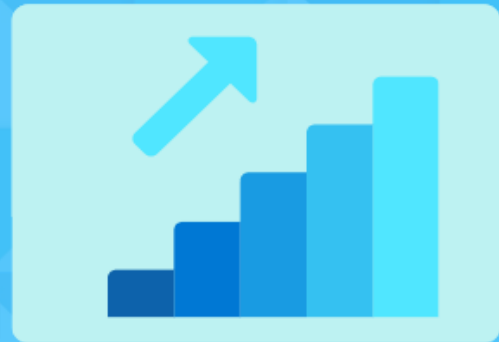


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Weekly Attendance

Year 5	95%
Year 6	96%
Year 7	93%
Year 8	89%
Whole School	93%



Year to date Attendance

Year 5	95%
Year 6	94%
Year 7	93%
Year 8	92%
Whole School	94%



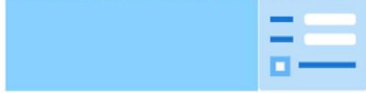
Well done to EDu for 100% attendance once again!
Congratulations to everyone, but to Year 6 in particular, whose attendance has climbed from 94% to 96%! Keep it up: every school day counts!



Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...





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

Reading Matters

Thank you so much to all of you who dressed up for World Book Day to celebrate our love of literature, both contemporary and classic! Pupils from all year groups made a huge effort with this and we were delighted with the creativity which took place with costumes.

This week during our Monday worship, Mrs Johnson spoke to the school about the importance of daily reading and about our school reading motto: Reading for empowerment. Several children from across the school recommended their favourite book and all pupils were reminded of the importance of daily reading for 20 minutes, outside of school time.

Why should I read?



- Research shows that reading fiction is associated with higher levels of **empathy** and **improved relationships** with others.
- Reading silently for just 6 minutes slows down the heart rate and **eases tension** in the muscles, **reducing stress** levels to a point lower than when the stress set in.



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.



**Super
1's**



**WORCESTERSHIRE
CRICKET FOUNDATION**

SUPER 1'S CRICKET SESSIONS

**FREE SEND SOFTBALL CRICKET SESSIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
AGED 8+ YEARS, NO EXPERIENCE OR EQUIPMENT REQUIRED!**

WHAT TO EXPECT

**SEND SOFTBALL CRICKET SESSIONS, NO EQUIPMENT
OR EXPERIENCE NEEDED**

DAY | TIME

**WEDNESDAYS
5:30PM - 6:30PM**

AGE

AGES 8 +

VENUE

REDDITCH

**HOW COLLEGE
PEAKMAN STREET, B98 8DW**

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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 12.50pm – 1.15pm 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 12.50pm – 1.15pm Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Year 7/8 Netball team players only - KRE 11 th March, 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 12.50pm – 1.15pm 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 12.50pm – 1.15pm Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Year 5/6 boys and girls dodgeball 13 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)
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	



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