



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,

We were relieved to see a return to more normal temperatures this week, and the sun has continued to shine for the most part, for which we are thankful.

We have had another positive week at Walkwood, with our current half term's value of kindness being witnessed daily. For example, this week children have helped their peers following a knee scrape on the playground and assisted in showing new pupils around our school with kindness and respect. In addition, our School Improvement Advisor, Neil Mills, visited the school on Wednesday and pupils greeted him with friendliness and compassion.

On Wednesday, we held our annual Awards Ceremony, whereby many students received prizes for their hard work across the curriculum. A huge well done to all of the prize winners! We are extremely proud of you all. Please note that our Y8 Leavers' Service date has been amended to Wednesday 16th July, at 11 o'clock, in school. Correspondence has been emailed to year 8 parents and carers this week.

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend,

Mrs C 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](#)



Lunch Money

Please can we ask that all ParentPay accounts are settled regularly. Once the outstanding balance is cleared, please ensure the account remains in credit, this is **particularly important for our year 8 pupils as they will be leaving us soon.**

You are able to set up regular weekly payments via ParentPay, as well as email alerts to remind you when the balance is getting low. Can we also remind you that the FSM allowance is £2.80 per day, to be used at lunchtime only. For any accounts that are constantly in debt we may be asking you to provide a packed lunch from home.

If you have any queries, please contact the finance office.

Thank you.

This week's winners!



Individual

Year 5 Martha Cooke
Year 6 Skye McDonald
Year 7 Alexa Evident
Year 8 Maisie-Leigh Green



Top Tutor Group

Year 5 NWR
Year 6 AFA
Year 7 PJE
Year 8 PBO





Every School Day Counts



94%

Our overall
attendance this
academic year

Top 3 Tutors



DDe



Congratulations

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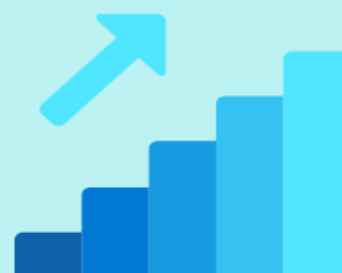


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Weekly Attendance

Year 5	95%
Year 6	92%
Year 7	91%
Year 8	89%
Whole School	92%



Year to date Attendance

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



Well done to **DDe** for the highest attendance of the week and for setting a great example to the rest of us! And congratulations to everyone else but particularly to **Year 5**, whose attendance has increased from 91% to 95% this week. It's not long now until the end of term but there's still time to make a difference, Years 7 and 8!



Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...



Polite Reminder – Safe and Respectful Conduct at Drop-off and Pick-up Times

We would like to remind all parents and carers of the importance of maintaining a calm, respectful, and safety-conscious environment around the school—particularly during the busy drop-off and pick-up periods.

Recently, there was an incident near the school gates which involved inappropriate language and aggressive behaviour in front of children and other families. We understand that these times of day can be stressful, and parking can be limited, but it's vital that we all do our part to keep the area safe and welcoming for our school community.

We kindly ask all drivers to:

- Park safely and considerately in the surrounding area
- Drive with patience and care at all times
- Model respectful behaviour in front of our children and each other

Let's work together to ensure that the school environment remains positive, safe, and supportive for everyone.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

🎵 Instrument Lesson Applications Now Open for September! 🎵

We are delighted to announce that applications for **instrument lessons starting this September** are now open!

This year, we are proud to be partnering with **Pro Music Tuition**, who provide high-quality music tuition across the West Midlands. They will be offering lessons in:

- 🎤 Vocals
- 🥁 Drum Kit
- 🎻 Violin
- 🎷 Woodwind
- 🎹 Piano

In addition, our **specialist Guitar teacher, Mr Nicholson**, will continue to offer expert tuition in all styles of guitar playing.

There has **never been a better time to learn a musical instrument!** Lessons are open to **all students** – whether you're a complete beginner or continuing your musical journey. With both **group and individual tuition** available, there's something to suit everyone.

📄 For application forms and more information, visit our website:

🔗 walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Music

or simply **scan the QR code**.

INSTRUMENT LESSONS

APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER NOW OPEN!



VOCALS, DRUM KIT, VIOLIN,
WOODWIND AND PIANO
WITH PRO MUSIC TUITION

ALL STYLES OF GUITAR
WITH MR NICHOLSON



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WORCS.SCH.UK/MUSIC](https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/music)





Walkwood

Church of England  Middle School

Appointment of Teaching Assistant Grade 2

Remuneration: Scale 2 from £ 24,790 - £ 25,183 pro rata
8:45am -3:30pm
33 ³/₄ hours per week, term time only plus 5 Inset days

“The school’s ethos and values are central to every aspect of school life at Walkwood Church of England Middle School. Relationships between pupils and teachers are strong. Pupils enjoy their learning. Pupils achieve well, including those with special educational needs and / or disabilities (SEND)”

SIAMS stated (2024):

Led by the vision, leaders are resolute in driving forward the work of the school. This ensures positive outcomes for pupils and adults.

Pastoral care is exceptional and extends from the school into the local community. As a result of this feeling of being treasured, lives are transformed.

There is a strong culture of togetherness, respect and trust between all members of the school community.

Walkwood Church of England Middle School are looking to recruit a Grade 2 Teaching Assistant.

We are looking for a teaching assistant who:

- Demonstrates the ability to provide efficient and effective support to pupils and staff through a fully inclusive approach
- Assesses and reports on pupils’ development, progress and attainment
- Is able to provide effective pastoral care and understanding of all pupils
- Is proactive, flexible and works effectively as part of a team
- Has excellent communication skills with pupils and all stakeholders
- Is a reflective practitioner
- Is committed to their own professional development
- Is committed to promoting our Christian Ethos and values
- Has GCSE passes in Maths and English (4+)

We can offer:

- A committed and supportive leadership team
- Wonderful, motivated children
- A commitment to your future professional development
- Support from the whole community of our church school
- Support from The Spire Trust (currently in process of joining)

Previous experience is desirable for this role, although not essential. Experience of working with children with autism and other additional needs is desirable or at the least, a willingness to gain experience, together with GCSE passes in Maths and English (C/4+) or equivalent.

Walkwood Church of England Middle School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS check.

For full details of this position and how to apply, please visit our website at www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk. The application deadline is **7th July 2025 at 9 am**. Interviews will take place during that week.

Clubs and Activities



Summer 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	12.50 -13.15 library is open - read, quiz or exchange books	KS2 Cricket (PMC) until 30 th June (sign up only)
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	KS2 Tennis (KRE/PMC) until 1 st July (sign up only) bl
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	KS3 Cricket (RMA/ LPH) until 2 nd July (sign up only)
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	KS3 Softball (CHU) until 3 rd July (sign up only) KS2 rounders (LWO) until 3 rd July (sign up only)
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	
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 4 May	Bank Holiday
Monday 25 – Friday 29 May	Half Term
Monday 1 June	Staff Development Day
Friday 17 July	End of Term