



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,

What a fantastic week it has been for our pupils! I have been privileged to read some outstanding pieces of work across the curriculum, with pupils continuing to demonstrate excellent effort and commitment. Standards of presentation remain high and it is clear that students are engaging thoughtfully with the feedback provided to further their learning.

We are only three weeks into the term, and already over 400,000 Epraise points have been awarded. We are incredibly proud of all our pupils for their hard work and dedication.

A quick reminder that our Pastoral Coffee Morning will take place on Wednesday 24th September at 9:30am. Everyone is welcome to attend—please do come along if you have anything you would like to discuss with our pastoral team.

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, the Year 5 SEND parents' meeting had to be cancelled this week. We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience caused, and a new date will be shared with you shortly.

Finally, your views and feedback are incredibly important to us as we strive to provide the very best education and support for your child. A questionnaire will be sent to you in the near future, and we would greatly appreciate a few moments of your time to complete it.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Wishing you a lovely 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 Orla Phelan
Year 6 Jessica Davies
Year 7 Alexis Brough
Year 8 Corey Whitmore

Top Tutor Group

Year 5 JWA
Year 6 PMI
Year 7 PAL
Year 8 PBO



Epraise





Every School Day Counts



96%

Our overall
attendance this
academic year

Top 3 Tutors

RSh



Congratulations



EDu



JWa



Weekly Attendance

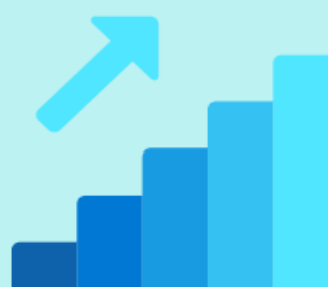
Year 5 **97%**

Year 6 **93%**

Year 7 **97%**

Year 8 **96%**

Whole School **96%**



Year to date Attendance

Year 5 **98%**

Year 6 **93%**

Year 7 **97%**

Year 8 **95%**

Whole School **96%**




Congratulations to RSh for leading the way this week with excellent attendance. A huge well done also to Year 8 for being the only year group to improve their attendance from the previous week: Years 5, 6 & 7 now need to follow their example. Remember, every school day counts so let's all aim for 100%!



Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...






Reading Matters

Our school library system, Oliver, was down for a few days last week. It is however now up and running again! This means that all pupils are able to borrow a book from the library, and **should visit the library as a priority if they have not yet done this.**

A reminder that our wonderful library is open **every day** before school (08.30-08.45); at break times (10.20-10.35) and at lunchtimes (12.55-13.15).



British Values and news

Every week in our Collective Worship, we explore a news story and consider how this links to one of our five British Values.



In our Collective Worship this week, we took time to reflect on and discuss a current news story, considering its relevance to one of our key British Values: Democracy.

We encourage you to take a moment to speak with your child about what was discussed and see if they can identify other examples of democracy in action in our everyday lives—both within school and beyond. It's a wonderful way to continue these important conversations at home and help deepen their understanding of the world around them.







Democracy

Learning how to vote helps young people see their views matter. When we respect their voices and give them the chance to take part, we help build a fairer future together.



School Facilities for Hire

Looking for the perfect space for your club, event, or community group?

Walkwood has a wide range of facilities available to hire at competitive rates including our Hall, movement area and playgrounds.



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Contact Us



Clothing Swap Shop

Scan the QR code to register your interest



Saturday 20th September



Willow Trees Community Centre



1:00pm - 4:00pm



Bring your donations: Clean, gently used clothing (men's, women's, children's), shoes, and bags are welcome.

Take home up to 20 items: To ensure everyone gets a chance to find something

Clubs and Activities



Autumn Term 1

	Before school 8.30-8.45	Breaktime 10.20- 10.35	Lunchtime 12.55-13.15	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Year 5 & 6 boys' football 3:30-4:45pm (AU Sports/ PMC) Sign-up only
Tuesday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Choir Year 5 and 7 12.55-1.15 (during playground time) Music Room Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	KS2 girls' netball 3:30-4:45pm (AU Sports/ KGR) Sign-up only KS3 girls' football (AU sports) Sign-up only
Wednesday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	KS2 girls' football (AU Sports/LWO) 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 /Seneca Help (FCL) Lab 1 12:55 –13:30 Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Year 7 & 8 boys' football 3:30-4:45pm (AU Sports/ PMI/PMC) Sign-up only KS3 girls' netball (AU Sports/KGR) Sign-up only
Friday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only Choir Year 6 and 8 1.15-1.35 (during playground time) Music Room Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	



Looking ahead



2025

Wednesday 24 September	Pastoral Coffee Morning 9:30 – 9:55 am
Monday 29 September	SATs Information Evening 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Monday 6 October	Tutor Parents' Evening 4:00 – 7:00pm
Monday 10 November	Parents' Maths and English Workshop 6:00 – 7:00pm
Friday 24 October	Staff Development Day
Monday 27 – Friday 31 October	Half Term
Friday 19 December	End of Term

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Monday 5 January	First Day of Spring Term
Wednesday 4 February	Yr6 & Yr8 Parents' Evening 4:00 – 7:00 pm
Thursday 12 February	Yr6 & yr8 Parents' Evening 4:00 – 7:00pm
Monday 16 – Friday 20 February	Half Term
Wednesday 11 March	Yr5 & Yr7 Parents' Evening 4:00 – 7:00pm
Thursday 19 March	Yr5 & Yr7 Parents' Evening 4:00 – 7:00pm
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