



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 a busy week, our pupils continue to work incredibly hard, taking pride and care in their work and continuing to achieve many awards!

Thank you to our parents and carers who attended our Parent Consultation evenings. It was very well-attended and we thank you for your continued support.

Last week, a group of PhD students from the University of Birmingham held a workshop for some Year 7 and 8 pupils, exploring the wonders of topology. Our visitors explained that, in simple terms, topology is the study of shapes and spaces and how they can be stretched or deformed without tearing. The children were challenged to build a bridge using only a single cardboard box, with the rule that they could only remove material, not add any. This activity encouraged creativity and teamwork, leading to some excellent designs. The visitors were very impressed with the students' curiosity and exemplary behaviour throughout the workshop.

On Saturday, some of our pupils will be jetting off to Obertauern, Austria, for a fun packed week of skiing. We wish them well on their trip and look forward to hearing all about their amazing experiences upon their return.

We wish you all 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](#)

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[Child Protection](#)

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This week's winners!

Individual

Year 5 **Martha Cooke**
Year 6 **Alexis Brough**
Year 7 **Sarizel Gupta**
Year 8 **Thomas Dobson**



Top Tutor Group

Year 5 **NWR**
Year 6 **KKH**
Year 7 **PAL**
Year 8 **FCL**



Road Safety

It has been brought to the schools' attention, that some pupils are putting themselves and road users in danger. Please ensure your child is 'road aware'. Here are some points you may want to discuss with them to keep everyone safe.

- **Traffic is dangerous: Explain to children the importance of keeping a safe distance from cars on the road**
- **Stop, look, and listen before crossing the road**
- **Practice driveway safety, be aware of vehicles leaving driveways**
- **Pay attention and listen, don't be glued to your phone!**
- **Avoid running on roads and between parked cars**





Every School Day Counts



94%
Our overall
attendance this
academic year

Top 3 Tutors



KKh
Congratulations

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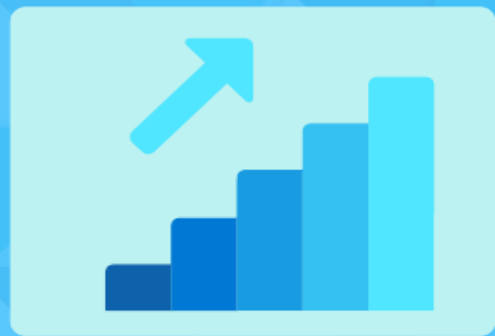


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Weekly Attendance

Year 5	94%
Year 6	95%
Year 7	93%
Year 8	91%
Whole School	93%



Year to date Attendance

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



Congratulations to KKh - 100% attendance last week!
Well done to everyone for your continuing efforts.
and to Years 6 and 7 in particular, whose attendance
has noticeably improved from the previous week!



Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...



Clubs and Activities



Spring term 1

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



Looking ahead



2025	
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