



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,

It has been another busy and productive week in school, with pupils working incredibly hard across the curriculum and demonstrating great enthusiasm for their learning.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended Parents' Evening this week. It was wonderful to see so many of you, and we greatly appreciate your continued support as we work together to support your child's progress and wellbeing.

A special delivery also arrived in school this week and can now be found in the reception area. It has certainly generated a great deal of excitement, as pupils have been eagerly trying to solve the riddle to discover what might be hiding beneath the covers!

A reminder that Year 7 will be visiting The Bridge Church on Friday 20th March during the school day, to take part in the Easter service, marking the start of our Easter celebrations. This will be a special service, and we are very much looking forward to it. Other events will also be taking place in school during the final week of term, so please keep an eye out for further details in due course.

Next Friday 20th March is also World Happiness Day – please see further details on p5 of how we will be celebrating this in school.

We wish you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Lowe

Key Information for Parents

For information about our school: www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk





Every School Day Counts



94%

Our overall attendance this academic year

6KKH



Congratulations

6PMI

6RCO



Weekly Attendance

Year 5	96%
Year 6	96%
Year 7	91%
Year 8	94%
Whole School	95%



Year to date Attendance

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



Congratulations to 6KKH, with an attendance rate of 98.5%. A wonderful achievement- just look! Year 6 hold the top 3 positions this week- they are making an attendance comeback. Great effort.

Points Boosters will be applied this weekend- 20 extra pts for Zero Demerits and 20 extra pts for 100% attendance for the past 2 weeks.

We will also be holding our fortnightly prize draw for improved attenders. Winners to be announced on Monday.



Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...





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](#)



Spring 2 E-praise Milestones



BRONZE

200



SILVER

350



GOLD

475



WORLD HAPPINESS DAY



MARCH 20TH 2026

OUR WELLBEING WARRIORS ARE EXCITED TO CELEBRATE WORLD HAPPINESS DAY BY RAISING MONEY TO DEVELOP OUR SCHOOL WELLBEING GARDEN — A CALM, REFLECTIVE SPACE FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY.

WEAR SOMETHING THAT MAKES YOU HAPPY" DAY - FRIDAY 20TH MARCH 2026
COME TO SCHOOL WEARING SOMETHING THAT MAKES YOU FEEL HAPPY!
IT COULD BE BRIGHT COLOURS, FUNKY SOCKS, A FAVOURITE ACCESSORY, OR SOMETHING CHEERFUL.
WE ARE ASKING FOR VOLUNTARY DONATIONS: VIA PARENTPAY
OR THROUGH BUCKET COLLECTIONS ON THE DAY
(PLEASE REMEMBER CLOTHING MUST STILL BE APPROPRIATE FOR SCHOOL)



CAKE & EASTER TREAT SALE



WE ARE KINDLY ASKING PARENTS AND CARERS TO DONATE
SHOP-BOUGHT CAKES (WITH INGREDIENT LABELS) OR
EASTER EGGS - COMPLETELY NUT FREE

THESE WILL BE SOLD AT BREAKTIME ON THURSDAY 19TH MARCH AND
FRIDAY 20TH MARCH 2026 TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR WELLBEING
GARDEN- PLEASE BRING IN CASH/CHANGE.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US SPREAD HAPPINESS WHILE SUPPORTING A
WONDERFUL CAUSE FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY!
ALL DONATIONS TO MRS MCKENNA/MR WEST'S OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY
18TH MARCH AT THE LATEST!



This week's winners!



Individual

Year 5 **Ayaan Zaman**
Year 6 **Primrose Whittles**
Year 7 **Caitlin Hanks**
Year 8 **Emily Mutchell**

Top Tutor Group

Year 5 **LPH**
Year 6 **AVE**
Year 7 **EDU**
Year 8 **PBO**



Parking Reminder for Parents and Carers

We have received a concern from a local resident regarding parking during school drop-off and collection times.

While we understand that parking can be challenging at busy times and appreciate that many parents need to park nearby to safely bring their children to and from school, we kindly ask everyone to be mindful of where and how they park.

Recently, vehicles have been double parked in a nearby close, which has prevented residents from being able to access their own homes. In addition, this type of parking could block access for emergency vehicles, which is a serious safety concern.

Double parking and obstructive parking can also reduce visibility on the road, which increases the risk of accidents involving children and other pedestrians.

We kindly ask all parents and carers to:

- Park considerately and legally
- Avoid double parking
- Ensure driveways and road access remain clear
- Be mindful of residents and emergency access

Thank you for your support in helping keep our school community and local neighbourhood safe.

The Lion King Jr - Rehearsal Schedule - Spring Term

Remember, a musical is a living, breathing entity. Where it is necessary to make changes to the rehearsal schedule, we will notify you in advance. Please make sure you know your child's character or which ensemble group they are a part of.

Tuesday 3.30pm-4.45pm GLA, PAL, LHO	Thursday 3.30pm-4.45pm GLA, PAL, LTI
<i>Ticket Sales will open on Monday 9th February.</i>	
Tuesday 17th March All cast required.	Thursday 19th March No rehearsal due to Parents' Evening.
<u>Dress Rehearsals</u> Arrangements are currently being made for our dress rehearsals. Please be aware that it <i>may</i> be necessary to hold a dress rehearsal on either Saturday 21 st March or Sunday 22 nd March. This will be confirmed as soon as possible.	
<u>Performance Dates</u> Tuesday 24 th March Wednesday 25 th March Thursday 26 th March	



Can you help us?

Are you having a clear out?



Do you have any outgrown wellies, any size
or lightweight waterproof coats?

Have you got an unused chess set, sitting in a cupboard?

Do you have a rug, cushions or beanbags, no longer needed?

Please contact Mrs Griffiths in the Orchard, as we would really
appreciate them 😊

tgriffiths@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk

THANK YOU

FUNZONE



EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

OPEN 7:30 AM
UNTIL 6:00 PM!



WE ARE OPEN:

MONDAY 30TH MARCH- THURSDAY 2ND APRIL &
TUESDAY 7TH APRIL - FRIDAY 10TH APRIL @

HOLYOAKES FIELD FIRST SCHOOL

TEL: 07703610788

POSTCODE: B97 6HF



Easter Crafts & Games

Park Trips

Planting

Tuesday 31st March -

COTSWOLD WILDLIFE PARK

ADDITIONAL £25 FEE APPLIES. TRIP FOR ALL*

Face painting &
Glitter Tattoos

EASTER COOKERY



OUTDOOR
SPORTS

EASTER EGG HUNT



Book your child by going to
<http://funzoneltd.uk> or scan
the code!

for a full Information pack
including prices and for any
general enquiries please email
funzoneltd@hotmail.co.uk

IPADS,
SWITCH &
XBOX

*All staff and children this day will be attending the day trip

Netball Training

SCHOOL YEARS 2-8



Is your child looking to start netball or join a team?

- ✔ Mondays 5-6pm Year 2/3/4
- ✔ Mondays 6-7:30pm Year 5/6/7/8
- ✔ Weds 5-6pm Year 2/3/4
- ✔ Weds 6-7:30pm Year 5/6/7/8
- ✔ Experienced, qualified coaches
- ✔ Pathway to teams
- ✔ England Netball affiliated
- ✔ Walkwood Middle School, Redditch, B97 5AQ

Email to book your free trial
Monday 13th April
clare.ausports@gmail.com

Contact Us

Instagram - @ausported
Facebook - AU Sports



www.ausported.com/netball

Clubs and Activities



Spring term 2

	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	Netball Year 5 & 6 girls Sign up required – KGR & PMC
Tuesday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Choir - Year 5 and 7 12:55-13:15 (during playground time) Music Room. GLA Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	The Lion King Junior Rehearsals Students to attend according to rehearsal plan. Year 6 SATs revision club- invite only LCu & RCo Tag rugby Year 7 & 8 boys & girls Sign up required – LWO & PMC Tag rugby Year 5 & 6 girls & boys Sign up required – LWO Junior Duke Drop In Invite Only - FCL
Wednesday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books Junior Duke Drop In Invite Only - FCL	Netball Year 7 & 8 girls Sign up required – KGR & PMC
Thursday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books Junior Duke Drop In Invite Only - FCL	The Lion King Junior Rehearsals Students to attend according to rehearsal plan.
Friday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Choir - Year 6 and 8 13:15-13:35 (during playground time) Music Room. GLA Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	



Looking ahead



2026	
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 18 th – Wednesday 20 th May	Yr7 Trip - The Ultimate Adventure Centre
Monday 25 – Friday 29 May	Half Term
Monday 1 June	Staff Development Day
Sunday 28 th June – Wednesday 1 st July	Yr5 Devon residential Trip
Friday 17 July	End of Term