



# 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,

Welcome back to school after half term. It has been wonderful to see the children return with such a positive attitude, settling quickly and engaging well in their learning. For this half term our school value is respect, and it has been lovely to see our pupils demonstrating this so clearly in their classrooms and around the school each day.

We would like to commend a fantastic group of Year 6 pupils who have independently formed their own litter-picking team: Rose, Evie, Angel, Connie and Florence. Giving up part of their lunchtimes, they have been helping to keep our school grounds clean and tidy for everyone to enjoy. It is wonderful to see our pupils taking positive action to care for the environment in which we live and living out our value of respect. They are showing real pride in our school community and setting a brilliant example to others. Thank you to each of you for your initiative, responsibility and commitment. We are very proud of you!

We are also looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. Pupils are invited to dress up as their favourite book character if they would like to, or they may come to school in their own clothes. Please ensure that all outfits are safe and appropriate for wearing in school. We kindly request a £1 voluntary donation towards new books for our school. We cannot wait to see the wonderful and innovative book characters on the day!

A reminder that Parents' Evening for Years 5 and 7 will take place on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 19th March – we look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress. We are also very excited for our upcoming production of *The Lion King*, which will be held on 24th, 25th and 26th March. The children are working incredibly hard, and it is set to be a fantastic show. Tickets are still available, but they are selling fast, so please book soon to secure your seats!

We wish you a restful weekend!

Mrs Lowe

## Key Information for Parents

For information about our school: [www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk](http://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](#)



## Spring 2 E-praise Milestones





## British Values and news

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: Individual Liberty.

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 Individual Liberty 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.



### Individual Liberty

Gladiators celebrates our freedom to choose who we want to be by working hard and developing our strengths. We can all respect the rights of others and play fairly.

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**Epraise**

# This week's winners!

Individual	Top Tutor Group
Year 5 <u>Emilia Phelan</u>	Year 5 <b>NHU</b>
Year 6 <u>Emmanuel Kidess</u>	Year 6 <b>RCO</b>
Year 7 <u>Gracie-Leigh Green</u>	Year 7 <b>PJE</b>
Year 8 <u>Jacob Trevitt</u>	Year 8 <b>PBO</b>



# Sport round-up

Dear Walkwood middle school,

We're delighted to share some fantastic news about your pupil Ellanya Fitzpatrick who recently represented the Droitwich Valkyries at the MO Hunt Cup at Cinderford RFC, hosted by Gloucester Rugby and Gloucester Hartpury.

The girls played ten-a-side matches in a very fast, competitive format and did themselves proud. They showed incredible determination, teamwork, and resilience across every game. Highlights included a hard-fought draw against the Barbarians, strong wins against Cotswolds and Drybrook 2s, and a competitive showing against Cardiff Quins. Overall, the squad finished 6th out of 10 teams in a very strong field—a brilliant achievement.

Beyond the results, the girls gained unforgettable experiences: professional photos, meeting Mo Hunt, and building friendships and confidence that will last a lifetime.

Girls' rugby is competitive, fun, and builds teamwork, confidence, and pride. We warmly invite any girls interested to come and join the Droitwich Valkyries a great place to grow, learn, and enjoy the game.

Kind regards,  
Matt, Gary, Ben & Brian Droitwich Valkyries Coaches





# Every School Day Counts



## 94%

Our overall attendance this academic year

## 6PMI



Congratulations

## 6RCO



## 5NWR



### Weekly Attendance

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



### Year to date Attendance

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



Congratulations to 6PMI, with an attendance rate of 98.8%.

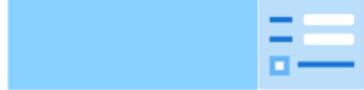
A wonderful achievement- Well done to 6PMI! That is 2 consecutive weeks. Just a reminder- We have a variety of rewards and incentives to encourage attendance in school. These include the attendance booster points, which are awarded every 2 weeks. We have also started a brand-new prize draw which occurs every 2 weeks- these are for most improved attenders and those who have 100% for the previous 2 weeks.



## 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

This year, World Book Day is to be held on **Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup>**. Pupils and staff alike are invited to dress up as their favourite book character on this day to celebrate our love of books!

This is entirely optional; pupils can also choose to come in non-uniform if they prefer, without the aspect of dressing up. For pupils who wish to dress up or to come to school in non-uniform, we will ask pupils to either donate £1 to further enhance our reading provision within the school.

Pupils can opt to come to school uniform if they wish.



## 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 9<sup>th</sup> February.</i>	
<b><u>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</u></b> Act 1 Scenes 1-8 All cast required.	<b><u>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March</u></b> Act 2 Scenes 9-13 All cast required.
<b><u>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March</u></b> Act 1 Scenes 1-8 All cast required.	<b><u>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March</u></b> Act 2 Scenes 9-13 All cast required.
<b><u>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March</u></b> All cast required.	<b><u>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March</u></b> No rehearsal due to Parents' Evening.
<b><u>Dress Rehearsals</u></b> 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 <sup>st</sup> March or Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March. This will be confirmed as soon as possible.	
<b><u>Performance Dates</u></b> Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	

# 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 31<sup>st</sup> March -

COTSWOLD WILDLIFE PARK

ADDITIONAL £25 FEE APPLIES. TRIP FOR ALL\*

Face painting &  
Glitter Tattoos

EASTER COOKERY



OUTDOOR  
SPORTS

EASTER EGG HUNT



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including prices and for any  
general enquiries please email  
[funzoneltd@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:funzoneltd@hotmail.co.uk)

IPADS,  
SWITCH &  
XBOX

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

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



# Looking ahead



2026	
Thursday 5 March	World Book Day
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 18 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Yr7 Trip - The Ultimate Adventure Centre
Monday 25 – Friday 29 May	Half Term
Monday 1 June	Staff Development Day
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Yr5 Devon residential Trip
Friday 17 July	End of Term