



# 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,

Although it has been a shorter week, so much has still been achieved.

A great day was had by all during our VE Day Celebrations. Thank you for your generous donations and a special thank you to our Friends of Walkwood and staff for their preparations in organising the event, which raised money both for our school fund and the charity SSAFA The Armed Forces Charity.

The Friends of Walkwood are working with us to raise funds in order to develop our quiet area next to the KS2 playground. This provides a calm space for pupils to sit and chat with their friends. We are also raising money for a book vending machine, as part of our priority to promote reading across the school.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our Year 6 pupils the best of luck for their SATs test next week. They have all worked incredibly hard and should be really proud of their achievements, knowing that they have given their best. Just a reminder that there will be breakfast on offer and an opportunity for them to meet with their friends every morning to enable a relaxed start to the day. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Have a lovely 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](#)



## 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 Alexis Brough  
Year 7 Connor Postans  
Year 8 Kyle Hill



## Top Tutor Group

Year 5 NWR  
Year 6 AFA  
Year 7 BCA  
Year 8 FCL



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## Attention Year 8 Parents! 📢

We understand that moving on to a new school can feel overwhelming for some pupils, so we're offering extra transition workshops in the summer term! These sessions will be facilitated by our WEST (Wellbeing and Emotional Support Team) after school to help ease any worries and support students on their journey. If you'd like to book a place for your child please complete the form below...



#SupportingOurStudents #SmoothTransitions  
#WellbeingMatters

<https://forms.office.com/e/DhNwyJth1T>



# Reading Matters

A reminder that our wonderful school library is open every day before school; every day at break time and each day lunchtime (12.50-13.15), with the only exception being Friday lunchtime.

Pupils have an allocated library session once per fortnight and as such, all pupils should have a library book on loan, at all times. This will enable pupils to be fully prepared for their daily DEAR (Drop Everything and Read sessions) and to engage fully with their reading, both in and out of school.





# Every School Day Counts



**94%**  
Our overall  
attendance this  
academic year

## Top 3 Tutors



**ZBi**



Congratulations

**SII**

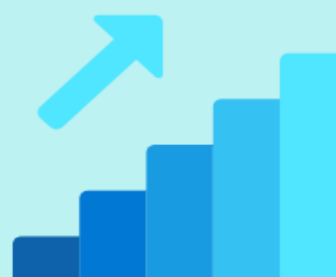


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## Weekly Attendance

Year 5	<b>94%</b>
Year 6	<b>94%</b>
Year 7	<b>90%</b>
Year 8	<b>91%</b>
Whole School	<b>92%</b>



## Year to date Attendance

Year 5	<b>95%</b>
Year 6	<b>94%</b>
Year 7	<b>94%</b>
Year 8	<b>92%</b>
Whole School	<b>94%</b>



Well done to ZBi: top Tutor for 2 weeks in a row!

Congratulations to everyone for all of their efforts last term. Welcome to a new term and a new opportunity to achieve your highest attendance! Remember - every school day counts, so let's make this the best term yet!



# Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...





# Clubs and Activities



## Summer Term 1

	Before school 8.30-8.45	Breaktime 10.15- 10.30	Lunchtime 12.15 – 1.00pm	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	Choir Year 5 and 7 12.50pm – 1.15pm during playground time GLA – Music Room  Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only	Learn to Play Dungeons and Dragons (continued) FCL Until 13 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Wednesday</b>	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only	
<b>Thursday</b>	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	
<b>Friday</b>	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is closed	Choir Year 6 and 8 1.15pm – 1.35pm during playground time GLA – Music Room  Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only	



# Looking ahead



2025	
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
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