



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,

We are delighted to share our fantastic SATs results with you! This year, we have exceeded the national expectation in writing with 73% achieving expected standard and we have also achieved 74% maths and 72% in reading. Exceptional progress has been made, and we are proud to say that these are some of the best results we have achieved in recent years. These outcomes reflect the incredible hard work, dedication and commitment of our Year 6 pupils, who have consistently demonstrated enthusiasm and a strong desire to learn. A special mention must also go to our dedicated team of staff, whose unwavering hard work and expertise have made this success possible. Thank you to all our families for your continued support of the school. It is through working together as a community that we are able to achieve such fantastic outcomes for our Walkwood pupils

On Wednesday, we will be holding our Year 8 Leaver's Worship at 11am and very much look forward to joining together with our families to enjoy this special service.

Thank you for your support with the uniform changes this week to enable our pupils to feel more comfortable during the hot weather that we are currently experiencing. Pupils will be allowed to wear their PE kit on Monday 14th July and Tuesday 15th July; this will then be reviewed with regards to the remainder of the week.

We wish you a restful 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 Jasmine Chatfield
Year 6 Skye McDonald
Year 7 Alexa Evident
Year 8 Roxy Trevitt

Top Tutor Group

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



Lunch Money



ParentPay

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.



Every School Day Counts



94%

Our overall attendance this academic year

Top 3 Tutors



EDu



Congratulations

AVe



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Weekly Attendance

Year 5	94%
Year 6	95%
Year 7	92%
Year 8	91%
Whole School	93%



Year to date Attendance

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



Well done to **EDu** for the highest attendance of the week and leading the way with an outstanding example! And congratulations to everyone else but particularly to **Year 6**, whose attendance has increased from 91% to 95% this week. Only 1 week until the end of term but there's always time to make a difference. Keep going!



Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...



INSTRUMENT LESSONS

APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER NOW OPEN!



VOCALS, DRUM KIT, VIOLIN,
WOODWIND AND PIANO
WITH PRO MUSIC TUITION

ALL STYLES OF GUITAR
WITH MR NICHOLSON



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WORCS.SCH.UK/MUSIC](https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/music)



🎵 Instrument Lesson Applications Now Open for September! 🎵

We are delighted to announce that applications for **instrument lessons starting this September** are now open!

This year, we are proud to be partnering with **Pro Music Tuition**, who provide high-quality music tuition across the West Midlands. They will be offering lessons in:

- 🎤 Vocals
- 🥁 Drum Kit
- 🎻 Violin
- 🎷 Woodwind
- 🎹 Piano

In addition, our **specialist Guitar teacher, Mr Nicholson**, will continue to offer expert tuition in all styles of guitar playing.

There has **never been a better time to learn a musical instrument!** Lessons are open to **all students** – whether you're a complete beginner or continuing your musical journey. With both **group and individual tuition** available, there's something to suit everyone.

📄 For application forms and more information, visit our website:

👉 walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Music

or simply **scan the QR code**.



Appointment of Class Teacher 0.4 fixed term until 31 August 2026 (Teachers' Main Scale or Upper Scale)

Ofsted stated (2023):

“The school’s ethos and values are central to every aspect of school life at Walkwood Church of England Middle School. Relationships between pupils and teachers are strong. Pupils enjoy their learning. Pupils achieve well, including those with special educational needs and / or disabilities (SEND)”

SIAMS stated (2024):

Led by the vision, leaders are resolute in driving forward the work of the school. This ensures positive outcomes for pupils and adults.

Pastoral care is exceptional and extends from the school into the local community. As a result of this feeling of being treasured, lives are transformed.

There is a strong culture of togetherness, respect and trust between all members of the school community.

We wish to appoint a part – time Class Teacher 0.4 fixed term until 31 august 2026.

We are looking for a teacher who is:

- An outstanding classroom practitioner
- Able to establish and maintain high expectations, challenge and support for all pupils through a fully inclusive approach.
- Able to share the vision for and deliver a curriculum that links content, skills and values; building on prior knowledge.
- Responsive and proactive to enable sustained high standards of learning and teaching for their pupils.
- Able to provide effective pastoral care and understanding of all pupils.
- Flexible and works effectively as part of a team
- Excellent communication skills with pupils and all stakeholders.
- A reflective practitioner.
- Committed to their own professional development.
- Committed to promoting our Christian Ethos and values.

The post holder will be responsible for planning, delivering and assessing high quality lessons which engage and inspire all learners across KS2 and KS3. The successful candidate will demonstrate consistently high standards of teaching and excellent classroom management.

We can offer:

- A committed and supportive leadership team
- Wonderful, motivated children
- A commitment to your future professional development
- Support from the whole community of our church school
- Support from The Spire Academy Trust (currently transitioning)

The post is available from 1 January 2026 and is on a fixed term contract until 31 August 2026.

Closing date for applications is **9.00am on Friday 5 September 2025**. Short-listed candidates will be contacted soon after this date.

Walkwood Church of England Middle School is committed to the protection and safety of children and young people. An enhanced DBS check and full references will be expected from the successful candidate.

Clubs and Activities



Summer term 2

	Before school 8.30-8.45	Breaktime 10.15- 10.30	Lunchtime 12.15 – 1.00pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	12.50-13.15 Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	
Tuesday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only 12.50-13.15 Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	
Wednesday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only 12.50-13.15 Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	
Thursday	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 12.50-13.15 Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	
Friday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Choir Year 6 and 8 1.15pm – 1.35pm during playground time GLA – Music Room Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only	



Looking ahead



2025	
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