



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,

Another busy week has flown by at Walkwood with many achievements to celebrate and be proud of for all our pupils.

I am pleased to share with you our sporting successes which have taken place over the past weeks, which include varying medals and accolades. Congratulations to all our pupils for their commitment, teamwork and enthusiasm. They are a credit to Walkwood and we are incredibly proud of what they have achieved. Well done!

On 8th April, our Year 7 pupils, along with some members of the school choir and orchestra, will be visiting the Bridge Church to participate in our Easter service. We very much value and look forward to this special opportunity.

Thank you to all of our school community for your generosity on our non-uniform day. In total, we raised £270 for Comic Relief.

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](#)

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This week's winners!

Individual

Year 5 Martha Cooke

Year 6 Alexis Brough

Year 7 Alice Machado-Edwards

Year 8 Kyle Hill



Top Tutor Group

Year 5 RSH

Year 6 AFA

Year 7 BCA

Year 8 FCL



Sport round-up

Swimming success

On **11th March 2025**, both **KS2 and KS3** swimming teams proudly represented Walkwood in their respective competitions at Abbey Stadium. It was a fantastic display of skill, determination, and teamwork, with both teams performing exceptionally well in a highly competitive field.

Against tough opposition, our swimmers gave it their all and secured a well-earned **third place overall** in both key stages. A special mention goes to the following pupils for their outstanding contributions in the pool:

🏆 **KS2 – Libby, Jack, Emily, and Nate**

🏆 **KS3 – Carmen, Bobby, Harriet, and Hugo**

A huge **well done** to everyone who took part—you did **Walkwood** proud!





Sport round-up

Continued

Tournament triumph

Last week year 7's played in a tournament at Woodrush School. The first game we drew with St Bede's, but after a nervous start we went on to win our group. In the quarter finals we played Birchensale and won 4-2, the girls then competed in the final against Ridgeway and won 7-4. The girls played really well, and we are now going through to the School Games in April to represent the Redditch district.

Yesterday, the year 6's went to St Bede's to play their tournament. We played 5 schools in total, winning some of the games by 7 goals! Our last game was against St Bede's, and this would decide who would win the gold medal. The game was equally matched and ended in a draw. After a nervous wait for the girls, we came out with the gold medal after winning on goal difference. Well done to all the girls who played and showed fantastic teamwork skills.



Year 8 Football

The year 8 District football final, Walkwood vs Woodrush, will be held at Redditch United on Friday 4th April, 7:45 Kick off.

Spectators welcome.





Every School Day Counts



94%
Our overall attendance this academic year

Top 3 Tutors



PAI



Congratulations

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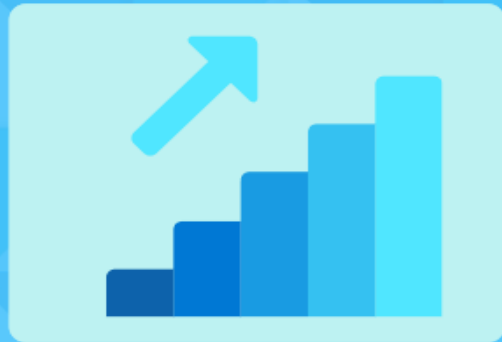


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Weekly Attendance

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



Year to date Attendance

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



Well done to PAI for leading the way last week!
 Congratulations to everyone, but to Year 8 in particular, whose attendance increased from 92% to 94% last week! Let's keep it moving in that direction!



Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...

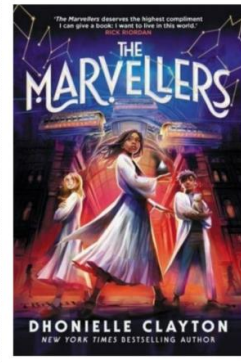
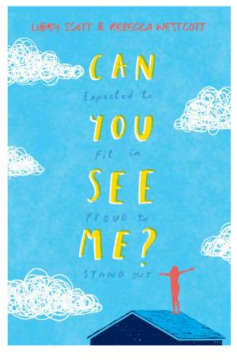




Reading Matters

Over the past fortnight, we have been sharing some recommended reads with you for key stage 2. This week, we have a list of reads for year 7. Watch this space for more recommended book titles next week – year 8, you will not be forgotten!

Year 7 books - a recommended reading list for 11 year olds

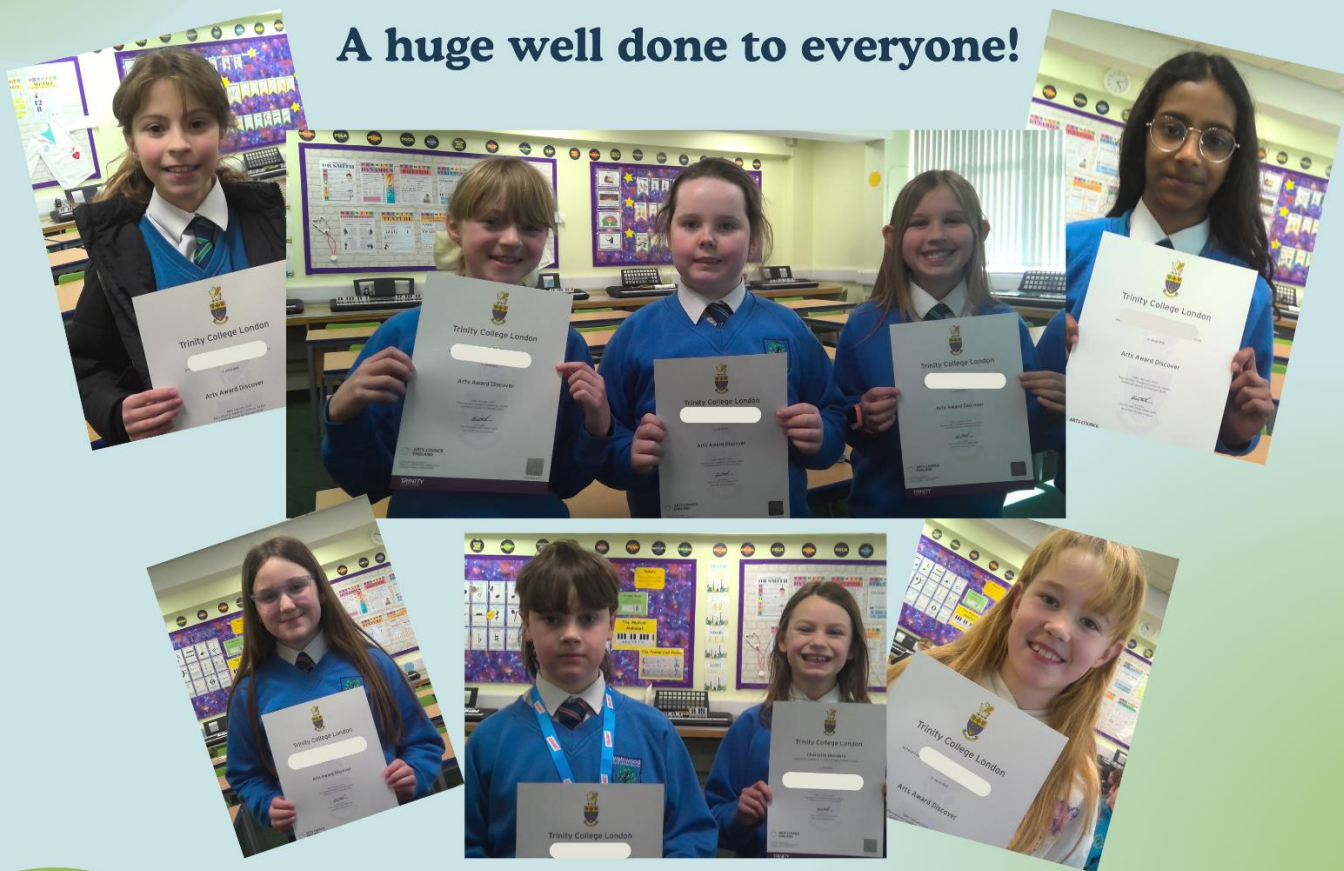


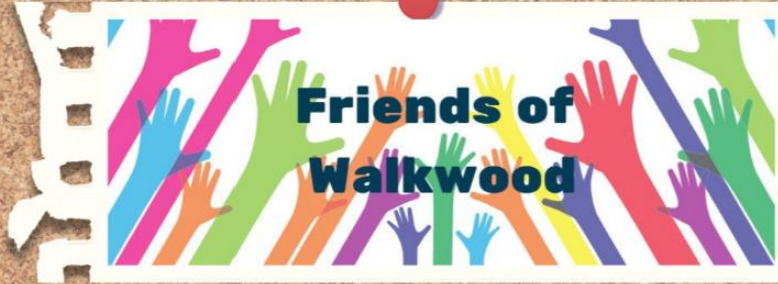


CONGRATULATIONS

Year 5 students completed their Arts Award Discover courses as part of an after-school club. They tried musical activities along with some art and research tasks to complete their awards.

A huge well done to everyone!





Reasons to join...

For the children

Become a role model to show your child you value their education. The events we will plan will improve your child's school experience.

Builds trust

Joining the PTA helps build trust between parents and teachers, fostering a collaborative environment.

Networking Opportunities

Connect with other parents and teachers, enhancing your community involvement

Fundraising

Contribute to raising funds for school resources and activities

Community

Participate in events that strengthen the school community. Meet others who share the goal of improving our school.

How?

Even if you can only help with the occasional event, we really do need your help.

Contact us via
the Facebook page: 'Friends of Walkwood'
or our email: ptfawalkwood@gmail.com

Friends of Walkwood

"Friends of Walkwood will be meeting on Tuesday 1st April at 7pm at the Bramley Cottage. We would love for you to join us and everyone is welcome. We will be discussing allocating roles for fundraisers such as second-hand uniform sale, disco and sip and paint night. We would also like parental involvement in where to allocate the funds. If you can't attend but would like to be involved, contact ptfawalkwood@gmail.com to join our 'whatsapp' group. Thanks in advance, Friends of Walkwood"



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Tie – Royal, Green, Red, Gold £6.50



PE Polo £15.95



PE Shorts £12.95



PE Socks From £6.95



¼ Zip PE Top £25.00



Trousers From £7.00



Skirts From £10.25



Twinpack Shirts/Blouses From £14.50



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Clubs and Activities



Spring 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	Choir Year 5 and 7 12.50pm – 1.15pm during playground time GLA – Music Room Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only 12.50-13.15 Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Year 5/6 boys Recreational futsal 10 th March - March 31 st - - if you are part of the year 6 school football team you are unable to apply this time.
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	Year 7/8 Netball recreational - KRE 1 st April Dungeons and dragons Learn to Play (FCL)
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	Year 5 Craft club – Invite only (LTI)
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	Year 5/6 boys and girls dodgeball 13 th , 20 th March & 3 rd April KS2 Science Club Year 6&7 Craft club – Invite only (LTI)
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 Library is closed	



Looking ahead



2025	
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
Thursday 17 July	Year 8 Drayton Manor
Friday 18 July	End of Term