



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 a new term at Walkwood. It has been a very positive start to the academic year, and I have been delighted to see our pupils returning with such enthusiasm and determination. They are looking exceptionally smart in their school uniform and have settled quickly into their routines. Attendance and punctuality have been particularly impressive, and I would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support in ensuring that children arrive at school on time and ready to learn. It is important that we maintain these high standards throughout the year.

Pupils have been working incredibly hard in lessons, and it has been wonderful to see so many ePraise points awarded already in recognition of their effort, achievement and positive attitudes.

As part of our continued commitment to promoting a love of reading, our book vending machine is currently being restocked with a range of fantastic new titles, and we look forward to seeing pupils enjoy these exciting additions as we continue to prioritise the importance of reading across the school.

A reminder to Year 5 families that our Year 5 Welcome Worship will take place on Monday 14th September at 9:30am. We look forward to welcoming our Year 5 parents and carers to this special service, as we celebrate the beginning of their journey at Walkwood.

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





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 Joey Chambers
Year 6 Toby Philbin
Year 7 Isaac Young
Year 8 Marcin Cartwright



Top Tutor Group

Year 5 LNE
Year 6 KKH
Year 7 BKI
Year 8 PBO





Walkwood
Church of England  Middle School

Admission 2027

Open Evening
15th October 2026 6-7:30pm

Open Day
15th October 2026
9:15am

Please contact the school office to book in.



Contact with us
01527 543361



Visit our website
<https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/>

WELLBEING AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT TEAMS

Parents online Workshop

**Supporting your
child with worries
and anxiety**

**Run by the NHS's
Wellbeing and
Emotional
Support in schools
team. (WEST)**

Online on Teams

**Monday online
12th October
12:30 - 1.30 pm**

**We are talking
about:**

**Signs of anxiety in children.
Common Worries
for Children.**

Fight Flight Freeze.

**The Cycle of Anxiety and
what keeps the cycle going.**

**Join the meeting
on Teams**

**Meeting ID:
347 393 306 381 368
Passcode:
KX693TD3**



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Online

**Wednesday
11th November
12 - 1pm**

On Teams

Who is it for:

Parent Workshop who
want to learn more
about

**What is low mood and
the symptoms.**

Things that can impact a
child's mood and how to
improve it.

**Sleep hygiene and five
ways to Wellbeing.**

Join on Teams

Meeting ID:

366 597 289 201 567

Passcode:

yw327Cv3



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Appointment of Teaching Assistant Grade 2

Remuneration: Scale 2 from £ 24,796 - £ 25,185 pro rata (further pay award April 2026)
8:30am -3:40pm (including 30 minutes lunch break)
33 hours 20 minutes per week, term time only plus 5 Inset days

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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.

Walkwood Church of England Middle School are looking to recruit a Grade 2 Teaching Assistant with expertise in Autism as desirable.

We are looking for a teaching assistant who:

- Demonstrates the ability to provide efficient and effective support to pupils and staff through a fully inclusive approach
- Assesses and reports on pupils’ development, progress and attainment
- Is able to provide effective pastoral care and understanding of all pupils
- Is proactive, flexible and works effectively as part of a team
- Has excellent communication skills with pupils and all stakeholders
- Is a reflective practitioner
- Has experience of working with pupils with Autism and SEND.
- Has experience working in an Autism Base or would like the opportunity to do so alongside working in mainstream setting.
- Is committed to their own professional development
- Is committed to promoting our Christian Ethos and values
- Has GCSE passes in Maths and English (4+)

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 Trust with whom we are affiliated

Previous experience is desirable for this role, although not essential. Experience of working with children with autism and other additional needs is desirable or at the least, a willingness to gain experience, together with GCSE passes in Maths and English (C/4+) or equivalent.

Walkwood Church of England Middle School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS check.

For full details of this position and how to apply, please visit our website at www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk. The application deadline is **25th September 2026 at 9 am**. Interviews will take place on Wednesday 7 October. CV's will not be accepted.



Appointment of an Administrative Assistant and Attendance

Remuneration: Scale 2 from £ 24,796 - £ 25,185 pro rata (further pay award April 2026)
8:15 am - 4:00 pm (including 45 minutes lunch break)
35 hours per week, term time only plus 5 Inset days

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We are looking for an Admin Assistant and Attendance who:

- Can create a professional and welcoming reception for all visitors and parents, acting as a first point of contact and presenting a positive and professional image of the school
- Can deal with telephone, email and face-to-face enquiries efficiently and in a professional and supportive manner
- Will respond to messages promptly and accurately, passing on information to relevant staff members as necessary in a timely manner
- Will update manual and computerised record/information systems
- Will monitor and maintain an accurate record of pupil attendance, producing reports as necessary
- Will monitor the late arrival of pupils and contact parents/carers to identify reasons for non-attendance, ensuring all safeguarding procedures are followed
- Is proactive, flexible and works effectively as part of a team
- Has excellent communication skills with pupils and all stakeholders
- Is a reflective practitioner
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Previous experience is desirable for this role, although not essential. Experience of working in a busy school office is desirable.

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Clubs and Activities



Autumn Term 1

	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		
Tuesday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books		Choir All year groups Music – GLA Sign up via Arbor
Wednesday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books		Yr 6 Boys' Football trials (9 th & 16 th Sep) LWO
Thursday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books		Yr 7 Boys' football trials (10 th & 17 th Sep) PMI Yr 8 Boys' football trials (10 th & 17 th Sep) CHU
Friday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books		



Looking ahead



2026	
Monday 28 September	SATs information Evening 6.00 – 7.00pm
Wednesday 21 October	Tutor Parents' Evening 4.00 – 7.00pm
Friday 23 October	Staff Development Day
Monday 26 – Friday 30 October	Half Term
Friday 18 December	End of Term
2027	
Monday 4 January	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 5 January	First day of the Spring Term for pupils
Monday 15 – Friday 19 February	Half Term
Thursday 25 March	End of Term
Monday 12 April	First day of the Summer Term for pupils
Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June	Half Term
Friday 2 July	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 21 July	End of Term