



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,

Our end of term festive celebrations are starting to take shape, with Christmas lunches planned for Wednesday 10th December (for pupils in years 5 and 7) and Thursday 11th December (for pupils in years 6 and 8). An optional festive/Christmas jumper day will take place on the last day of term (Friday 19th December), with all proceeds going to Children in Need.

We warmly invite you all to join us next Friday 28th November for our Christmas Fayre, taking place from 4:00pm to 5:30pm. Thank you for your generous donations of chocolate and bottles for the tombola stall; your support is greatly appreciated. We look forward to enjoying some community festive fun! Raffle tickets for this will be sent home with your child next week. There are numerous tombola prizes on offer – please see further details within this newsletter.

Parents and carers are also welcome to join us for our Christmas Carol Service on Wednesday 17th December at The Bridge Church, at 6pm. We hope to see you there for this special and joyful event.

Wishing you an 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](#)

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This week's winners!

Individual

Year 5 **Cora Linford**
Year 6 **Jessica Davies**
Year 7 **Thomas Spencer**
Year 8 **Paisley Kendrick**

Top Tutor Group

Year 5 **JWA**
Year 6 **RCO**
Year 7 **PJE**
Year 8 **FCL**





Every School Day Counts



95%

Our overall
attendance this
academic year

5NWR



Congratulations

8EWO

7EDU



Weekly Attendance

Year 5	94%
Year 6	93%
Year 7	93%
Year 8	96%
Whole School	94%



Year to date Attendance

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



Welcome back and congratulations to 5NWR, who had an attendance rate of 99.21% for the week. As always, well done to all of you who have attended every day for the whole of the Autumn Term so far. As you know, every school day counts!



Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...



Parent Workshop: Helping Your Child with Fears & Worries

Is your child finding it difficult to separate from you, sleep in their own bed, or manage worries? The WEST Team (NHS) are offering a 6-week virtual course designed to help parents support children struggling with anxiety. See poster on next page.

 What's included?

- ☒ Understanding anxiety & goal setting
- ☒ Supporting thoughts and rewards
- ☒ Step-by-step strategies for worries
- ☒ Problem-solving skills

 Phone-call support sessions included

 Key Session Dates:

Session 1: 29 January 2026 — 12:30–1:30pm

Session 2: 5 February 2026 — 12:30–1:30pm

Session 3: 12 February 2026 — 12:30–1:30pm

Session 5: 26 February 2026 — 12:30–1:30pm

(Sessions 4 & 6 by phone — dates TBC)

 How to register

If you are interested, please contact your child's Pastoral Manager before the beginning of December to secure a place.

 Worksheets will be emailed ahead of each session.

Help your child feel more confident and supported — we hope you can join us! 



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Helping Your Child with Fears and Worries Group

Is your child finding it difficult to leave you or sleep in their own bed? Are they worrying more? Is anxiety affecting the quality of their life?

In partnership with your school the WEST Team NHS are offering a series of virtual sessions over six weeks lasting an hour which will cover:

Session 1 **29/01/2026** 12.30-1.30pm: Understanding anxiety and Goal Setting

Session 2 **05/02/2026** 12.30-1.30pm: Child's thoughts and rewards

Session 3 **12/02/2026** 12.30-1.30pm: Step by Step approach to fears and worries

Session 4 PHONECALL: Date and time **TBC**

Session 5 **26/02/2026** 12.30-1.30pm : Problem Solving

Session 6 PHONECALL: Date and time **TBC**

If you are interested and able to commit to these dates (Sessions 1 and 2 are essential) above, please contact your School's Mental Health lead to discuss a referral by **28/11/2025**. Please also make it known to them if you have any needs or requirements which would make accessing this course easier for you. The worksheets will be emailed you prior to each session.

★ Please bring cash ★ Parking available



Walkwood Middle School

Christmas Fayre

28th November : 4pm – 5:30pm

Terrific Tombola Stalls

Fun Games

Glitter Tattoos

Craft Stalls

Jingle Jackpot

Play Your Cards Right

Guess the Weight of the
Cake

Refreshments and More!



Join us for an afternoon
of fun and festive cheer!





THE BIG WALKWOOD RAFFLE

Here is a list of prizes currently on offer:

1. Smart Watch from Dolphin Tec
2. Boiler Service by John Bayliss Plumbing & Heating
3. £50 Amazon Vouchers from Concero
4. Two £50 Tesco Vouchers from A&E
5. £50 Miller and Carter Voucher from Spirehouse Recruitment
6. Nature to Nurture Voucher
7. £50 Wild and Nourish Voucher for Reiki and Holistic Wellbeing
8. Tenpin Bowling for 6 at Tenpin
9. Chocolate Hamper from Forward Products
10. Salted Caramel Caribbean Rum & Pina Colada Cocktail from Biddles
11. Coffee Supply for a Month from Nomad Coffee Company
12. Flowers from The Flower Man
13. 2 Hours of Darts for 4 People at The 180 Lounge
14. 2 Hours of Golf for 4 People at Par 4 Golf
15. Hair Cut and Blow Dry by Kate Bosworth
16. Beauty Voucher from Harmony Beauty
17. Sports Club Voucher from AU Sports
18. Tonne of Kindling from Wood Robinson Tree Surgery
19. Caramel Crumble from MKG
20. £20 Hart at Headless Cross Voucher

get
YOUR
TICKETS

**Tickets on sale
soon.
You have to be
in it to win it!**



Walkwood C of E Middle School

Christmas Dinner Lunch Menu



ONLY £3 PER MEAL

Roast Chicken
Quorn Fillet (V)
Stuffing, Pigs in Blankets and Yorkshire Pud
Carrots and Peas
Roast Potatoes
Gravy

Christmas Tree Ice cream
Christmas Cracker

Year 5 and 7 10th December/ Year 6 and 8 11th December



Walkwood

Church of England  Middle School

Appointment of a Class Teacher, primarily the teaching of English (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 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 or as soon as the candidate is available after that date.

Closing date for applications is **9.00am on Monday 1 December 2025**. Short-listed candidates will be contacted soon after this date. Interviews will take place shortly afterwards.

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.

Lion King Rehearsal Schedule

The Lion King Jr - Rehearsal Schedule - Autumn Term 2

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
4th November Circle of Life: Rafiki, Zazu, Mufasa, Sarabi, Pridelands Tribe, Lion Pride Blocking pg. 16-17: Mufasa, Scar, Zazu, Hyena Clan	6th November Circle of Life: Rafiki, Zazu, Mufasa, Sarabi, Pridelands Tribe, Lion Pride
11th November Grasslands Chant: Pridelands Tribe, Lion Pride, Hyena Clan Blocking pg. 22-24: Mufasa, Young Simba, Zazu	13th November Lioness Hunt pg. 26-27: Lion Pride Blocking pg. 24-25, 28-30: Scar, Young Simba, Young Nala, Sarabi, Sarafina, Zazu, Rafiki
18th November Blocking pg. 38-44: Young Simba, Young Nala, Zazu, Mufasa, Scar, Banzai, Shenzi, Ed Blocking pg. 52-53: Mufasa, Zazu, Young Nala, Young Simba	20th November Be Prepared: Scar, Shenzi, Banzai, Ed, Hyena Clan
25th November They Live in You: Mufasa, Lion Pride Blocking pg. 59-60: Young Simba, Scar, Banzai, Shenzi, Ed	27th November The Stampede and Shadowland: Nala, Pridelands Tribe, Lion Pride Blocking pg. 64-66: Mufasa, Scar, Young Simba
2nd December The Mourning: Sarabi, Nala, Rafiki, Scar, Lion Pride, Hyena Clan. Blocking pg. 70-73, 84-87: Timon, Pumbaa, Young Simba, Zazu, Scar, Banzai, Shenzi, Ed, Nala.	4th December I Just Can't Wait to be King: Young Simba, Pridelands Tribe
9th December Circle of Life, Grasslands Chant, Lioness Hunt, Be Prepared: Rafiki, Zazu, Mufasa, Sarabi, Pridelands Tribe, Lion Pride, Hyena Clan, Scar, Shenzi, Banzai, Ed. Blocking pg. 92-97: Timon, Pumbaa, Simba, Nala	11th December Hakuna Matata and Can You Feel the Love Tonight: Timon, Pumbaa, Simba, Nala. <i>Small ensemble to be selected.</i>
16th December Blocking pg. 115-116: Nala, Timon, Pumbaa, Rafiki, Banzai, Shenzi, Ed Blocking pg. 118-123: Scar, Sarabi, Simba, Nala, Shenzi, Banzai, Ed, Timon, Pumbaa, Zazu, Rafiki, Hyena Clan, Lion Pride	18th December This rehearsal will be used as a "catch up". Students required for this rehearsal will be informed in advance.

Characters with solo songs, or those involving small numbers of students, may be called for lunchtime rehearsals. Information about these will be given on our daily notices for students.

Show Dates: Tuesday 24th March 2026, Wednesday 25th March 2026, Thursday 26th March 2026

Clubs and Activities



Autumn Term 2

	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	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Basketball- KS2 AU sports in the hall. Sign up required. PMc Dance- All year groups AU sports in the movement area. Sign up required. PMc
Tuesday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Choir Year 5 and 7 12.55-1.15 (during playground time) Music Room Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Homework club- DT hub- all year groups- LCU. Sign up required. The Lion King Junior Rehearsals Students to attend according to rehearsal plan. Debating Club KS2 MJo Rm20- Sign up required.
Wednesday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Basketball- KS3 AU sports in the hall. Sign up required. KGr Boogie bounce-KS2 movement area. Sign up required. KGr
Thursday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	The Lion King Junior Rehearsals Students to attend according to rehearsal plan.
Friday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Choir Year 6 and 8 1.15-1.35 (during playground time) Music Room Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Multi-sports-KS2 AU sports in the hall. Sign up required. LWo



Looking ahead



2025	
Friday 28 November	Christmas Fayre 4:00 - 5:30pm
Friday 19 December	End of Term
2026	
Monday 5 January	First Day of Spring Term
Wednesday 4 February	Yr6 & Yr8 Parents' Evening 4:00 – 7:00 pm
Thursday 12 February	Yr6 & yr8 Parents' Evening 4:00 – 7:00pm
Monday 16 – Friday 20 February	Half Term
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 th – Wednesday 20 th May	Yr7 Trip - The Ultimate Adventure Centre
Monday 25 – Friday 29 May	Half Term
Monday 1 June	Staff Development Day
Sunday 28 th June – Wednesday 1 st July	Yr5 Devon residential Trip
Friday 17 July	End of Term