

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 school, with so much to celebrate in terms of pupil achievement and success. Through our assemblies this week, we have continued to promote the importance of Anti-Bullying Week, including inviting pupils to become Anti-Bullying Representatives and to play an active role in supporting their peers and fostering a positive school community.

We have also focused on road safety through assemblies and tutor-time activities, helping pupils to understand how they can stay safe both on the roads and within the wider community.

As our Christmas Fayre on 27th November rapidly approaches, raffle tickets were sent home this week. There are some wonderful prizes on offer, and we would be grateful if ticket stubs and payments could be returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you also for your generous donations for the tombola and to everyone who supported our non-uniform day on Friday.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Lowe

Key Information for Parents

For information about our school: www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MUSIC MARK SCHOOL MEMBER

SCHOOL GAMES GOLD

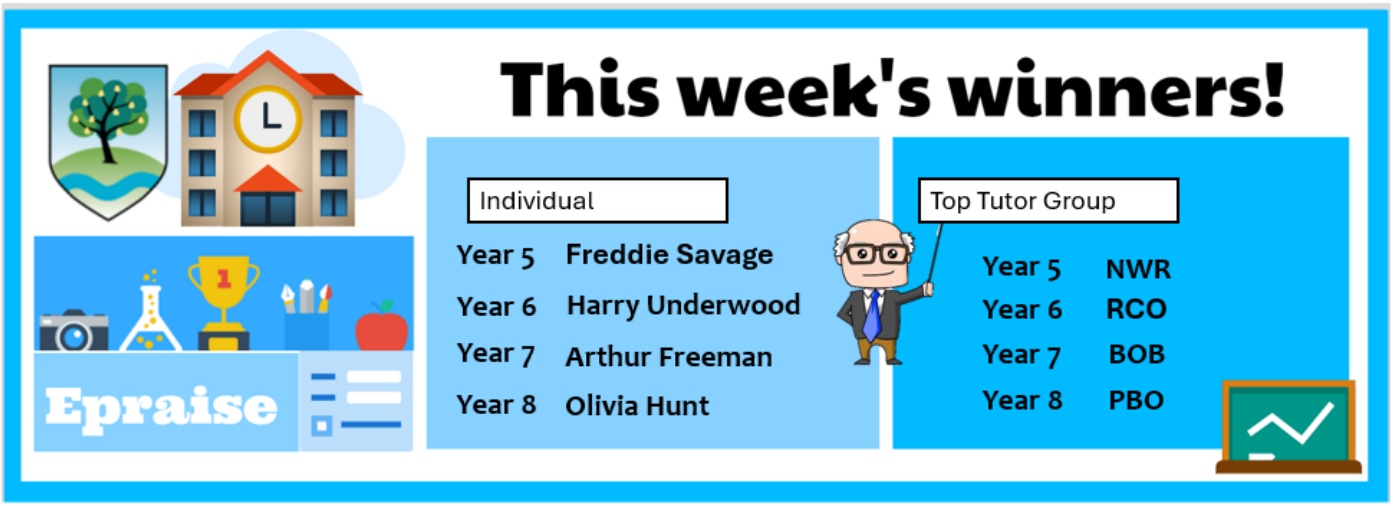
Keeping children safe

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



Every School Day Counts

95%

Our overall attendance this academic year

5LWA

Congratulations

5LPH 2

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Weekly Attendance

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

Year to date Attendance

Year 5	96%
Year 6	95%
Year 7	94%
Year 8	93%
Whole School	95%

Congratulations to **5LWA**, who are top attenders for the 3rd time this academic year (99.0%).

Well done to all pupils who have achieved 100% attendance for this half term (Aut 2 425 pupils in total). We had 60 pupils who were successful in winning a trip to the cinema. Congratulations!

BREAKING NEWS

Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...



Christmas Fayre

Please, please, please support our Christmas Fayre by selling as many raffle tickets as possible to family and friends. Pupils can return tickets and money from Monday onwards, staff on the gate will be there to collect or the drop box will be available in reception.

Mrs G Mckenna
Pastoral Coordinator

Walkwood
Church of England Middle School

Appointment of Teaching Assistant Grade 2

Remuneration: Scale 2 from £ 25,614 - £ 26,016 pro rata

8:30am -3:40pm (including 30 minutes lunch break)

33 hours 20 minutes per week, term time only plus 5 Inset days

"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.

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 **30th November 2026 at 9 am.** Interviews will take place week beginning 7th December 2026. CV's will not be accepted.

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	Dance club Paid club run by AU sports. (Sign up on Parent pay. 20 places-open to all year groups) Multi-sports-Hall PMC (sign up only in Arbor-KS2-25 places)
Tuesday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Choir 3.30pm-4.45pm Music with GLA/ABR *Continued from Autumn Term 1*
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	KS2 boogie bounce Movement area 3.30-4.45pm KGR (sign up only-20 places) KS2/KS3 dodgeball Hall –LWO/LPH 3:30-4:45 (sign up only- 30 places) Homework club LTI 3:30-4:30 DT hub (sign up only-20 places)
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Looking ahead



2026	
Friday 27 November	Christmas Fayre
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**