



# The Insider

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## Our Fruits of Faith:

Friendliness, Forgiveness, Aspiration, Achievement, Inquisitiveness, Inclusiveness, Tolerance, Thankfulness,  
Honesty, Honour

**The assembly theme next week will be: God's creatures**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the term, there is much to celebrate at Walkwood. Firstly, the total raised for World Book Day was £482.00 so thank you again very much for these donations towards new library books.

Congratulations to our Year 6 football team who came first in the EFL Northern finals that were held in Leeds. Our talented team will now be playing in the finals at Wembley in May, which is an exceptional achievement. We are so proud of the team and wish them every success at the finals: we will be cheering you on!

This week a cast of over 70 pupils performed Shrek Jr to a packed audience over three nights. What a spectacular show! The quality of their performance was exceptional, and we were all thoroughly entertained by their performance. Well done to all the pupils for their hard work; we are incredibly proud of them all. Thank you also to the staff for their hard work and the continued support and encouragement from our families. It was lovely to meet with you all.

On Wednesday afternoon we welcomed Father Glenn into school where we all joined together as a school to participate in our Easter Service. Thank you to the pupils who helped to lead this service, which was enjoyed by all.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Easter. Have lots of fun and we will welcome you all back on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April.

Mrs Lowe

## Key Information for Parents

For information about our school: [www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk](http://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk)

A summary of how our school works can be found in: [handbook for parents and carers](#)





# Sport round-up

## Wembley

The journey to Wembley began back on the 13<sup>th</sup> December when the Year 6 boys team made their way to the WBA dome to compete in the regional finals. 18 teams were present on the day, with Walkwood being put into a group of 5 teams. The team won all 4 group games without conceding. The team continued with wins in the Q/F and S/F to set up a difficult final. The team conceded first in the final and were 1 minute from going out of the competition, until they forced an equaliser. The game went to penalties, with our boys scoring all their penalties to be crowned champions of the tournament. The dream of going to Wembley was still on, however we now needed to play the tournament winners from the other half of the draw, to see who would go on to represent WBA at the Northern finals.

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January, we made our way back to the WBA dome. We played against a team from Sandwell. The team were fast out the blocks and we scored our first goal 5 seconds into the match. At the end of the match, the result was 4-0 to Walkwood and we were going to the Northern finals.



The Northern finals were held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March at West Riding FA in Leeds, with the event being hosted by Leeds United. 12 Championship team representatives were there on the day, with each team having been selected to represent their team by being crowned champions of their club events. The 11 championship teams we had to beat to be crowned Northern champions were: Leeds United, Preston, Blackburn, Stoke, Rotherham, Hull, Sheffield Wednesday, Leicester, Middlesbrough, Sunderland and Huddersfield.

The 12 teams were divided into two groups of 6 teams. The first game was a 1-0 win against Stoke in a very competitive match. The team continued to perform to a high level and finished the group top with 4 wins and 1 draw against Stoke, Rotherham, Blackburn, Leicester and Hull. They scored the most points scored by any of the teams in both groups.

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## Sport round-up

The team had to face the host team Leeds United in the Quarter Finals with the home team being extremely well supported from the sidelines. The team started brightly and went 1-0 ahead early on. The match finished 2-1 to Walkwood.

The Semi-final was a 2-0 win against Preston in a brilliant match. The lads scored after a few seconds, with the team capitalising on a defensive error. The second came later in the game when Preston were pushing an equaliser. We had made the final and were one game away from Wembley. The final was against Blackburn who we had beaten 2-0 in the group stages. The final was a very difficult match against a well-organised team. The team went 1-0 ahead and were on course for the final until a defensive mishap allowed Blackburn to equalise. The game ended 1-1 in normal time and so it went to extra time. In the second half of extra time, the pressure Walkwood put on the Blackburn team allowed us to score a second goal and win the match 2-1. The team only conceded 3 goals during the tournament - scoring 14 goals, winning 7 and drawing one - in a very competitive tournament.

They will now go to Wembley to play against Southampton in the national finals, played directly before the Championship play off final. The team will get overnight accommodation, complementary tickets, guided tour, access to the changing rooms pre-game, as well as names and photo in the match day programme. Congratulations on reaching Wembley.

## Netball



Last week the year 7 netball team went to Woodrush to compete in the district tournament. Within their group, they drew one game and won two games, which put them into the semi finals and then through to the final. The girls ended up playing Woodrush who they drew to, in the group stages. They came home with the silver medal, which is fantastic.

Year 6 went to their district tournament at St Bede's on Wednesday and came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Round Robin. The girls were nervous to start with but found their confidence and played really well together. Well done!



## 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](#)

## Knowing our curriculum

For information about the curriculum for each year group, please select:

[Year 5](#)

[Year 6](#)

[Year 7](#)

[Year 8](#)

For information about specific curriculum subjects, you will find the calendars here:

[Art and Technology](#) [Computing](#) [Drama](#) [English](#) [French](#) [Mathematics](#)

[Music](#) [Physical Education](#) [Science](#) [Spiritual & Social Education](#) [Careers](#)

### Lunch Money



Please can we ask that all ParentPay accounts are settled regularly. Once the outstanding balance is cleared, please ensure the account remains in credit.

If you have any queries, please contact the finance office.

Thank you.



# Word of the Week

Each week, there is a word displayed below. If the pupils have a go at the tasks linked here: <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/WordoftheWeektask>, which are connected to the weekly word, they will earn a point from their tutor. Once per fortnight the tutor will go through the previous two weeks' words and pupils will work collaboratively exploring their meanings, features and usage.

This week's word is: **rotate**

## This week's winners!



- 1 Ibrahim Rehman
- 2 Grace Robinson
- 3 Poppy Haines

- 1 BKKH
- 2 BNWR
- 3 MPBO



COMIC  
RELIEF

On the 15<sup>th</sup> March, Walkwood staff and pupils were invited to wear red as part of a non-school uniform day to raise money for Comic Relief.

The school raised a fantastic **£429.80**. Parent pay is open until April if anyone would like to make a donation. <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=14452>

A big thank you to all those who contributed; all the money will help fund projects to tackle poverty and social injustice across the UK, Africa, and some of the world's poorest countries. As part of the day pupils were asked to design their own 'red nose' - winners and prizes to be announced in celebration assembly.





# Every School Day Counts



**94%**

Our overall  
attendance this  
academic year

## Top 3 Tutors

**CLWA**



Congratulations



**CLTH**



**BPAL**



## Weekly Attendance

Year 5	<b>95%</b>
Year 6	<b>95%</b>
Year 7	<b>93%</b>
Year 8	<b>93%</b>
Whole School	<b>94%</b>



## Year to date Attendance

Year 5	<b>96%</b>
Year 6	<b>95%</b>
Year 7	<b>93%</b>
Year 8	<b>93%</b>
Whole School	<b>94%</b>



'Congratulations to CLWA for leading the way!'  
'Congratulations to all those pupils who remain at  
100% this is an amazing achievement!'



## Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...





## Pastoral Manager (permanent post)

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 (2017) identified:

*"Parents speak highly of the care which their children receive and are very supportive of the vertical tutor groups which develop a caring, family environment. Pastoral care extends to all members of the school community. Staff also talk about the school having a family feel which is welcoming to new members of staff and supportive of all."*

The Governors of this Church of England academy wish to appoint a Pastoral Manager who can work with children across KS2 and KS3

**Remuneration:**

- TA 3 – TA 4 pro rata from £ 24,294 to £ 31,364 pro rata
- 5 days a week, 35 hours per week, term time only plus the 5 Inset Days (with a view to flexibility in hours due to after school club support)

**We are looking for a Pastoral Manager who is:**

- An outstanding practitioner
- Able to establish and maintain high expectations and provide high quality pastoral support for all pupils through a fully inclusive approach.
- Able to establish positive and purposeful working relationships with pupils and parents, acting as an exemplary role model.
- 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.

**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)

Closing date for applications is **9.00am** on the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Short-listed candidates will be contacted soon after this date and interviews will be held during the week of the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024. For the successful candidate, the start date will be from as soon as they are available.

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.

## Appointment of Class Teacher

### (Teachers' Main Scale)

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The Governors of this Church of England academy wish to appoint a Class Teacher with a preference for Geography, although this is not essential.

#### **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<sup>st</sup> September 2024 unless you are able to begin sooner.

Closing date for applications is **9.00am on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**. Short-listed candidates will be contacted soon after this date.

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# Clubs and Activities



## Summer Term 1

	Lunchtime 12.15 – 1.00pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
<b>Monday</b>	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	One off year 7/8 Netball <b>team</b> training session 9 <sup>th</sup> April 3.30-4.45pm Sign up only KRe
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	Year 5 netball club last session 10 <sup>th</sup> April 3.30-4.45pm Sign up only
<b>Thursday</b>	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI  Choir, Music Room during 2 <sup>nd</sup> sitting (12.35pm- 1pm) GLA	
<b>Friday</b>	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/PWE	



# Looking ahead



## 2023—2024

Monday 8 April	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 9 April	First day of the Summer Term
Thursday 11 April	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00 - 7.00pm
Wednesday 17 April	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4.00 - 7.00pm
Monday 27 - Friday 31 May	<b>Half Term</b>
Friday 28th June - Monday 1st July	Year 7 Outward Bound, Osmington Bay Weymouth
Wednesday 3rd July - Friday 5th July	Year 5 Outward Bound, Brecon Beacons
Wednesday 3rd July and Thursday 4th July	Year 6 Outdoor Activity Centre, Blackwell Adventure
Friday 19 July	<b>End of Term</b>

## 2024—2025

Monday 2 September	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 3 September	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 4 September	First day of the Autumn Term
Monday 28 October- Friday 1 November	<b>Half Term</b>
Friday 20 December	<b>End of Term</b>
Monday 6 January	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 7 January	First day of the Spring Term
Saturday 1st Feb-Saturday 8th Feb	Year 5 - 7 Ski Trip, Obertauern, Austria
Monday 17 - Friday 21 February	<b>Half Term</b>
Friday 11 April	<b>End of Term</b>
Monday 28 April	First day of the Summer Term
Monday 26 – Friday 30 May	<b>Half Term</b>
Monday 2 June	Staff Development Day
Friday 18 July	<b>End of Term</b>