



# 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,

As we near the end of the Autumn term, our pupils continue to work extremely hard and have produced some outstanding work, which is lovely to see. Many epraise points have been awarded in recognition of their success. We look forward to the Celebration Assembly next Friday, where pupils will be rewarded for their hard work this term. This week we enjoyed our Christmas lunches, which was a wonderful event for all! Thank you to our kitchen staff for their hard work in making this an enjoyable and festive occasion for everyone.

In our final week of term, we look forward to the Carol Service at the Bridge Church, where our school choir, orchestra and readers will participate in this special service.

Additionally, we will join together in school as a whole community to hold a Christmas service; Father Glenn will join us for this.

On the penultimate day of term, pupils will be tutor-based to spend time collectively looking at aspects of the Christmas story, as a Deep Day afternoon.

On the last day of term, it is Christmas jumper day/non-uniform. There is no obligation to buy a jumper especially for this day and if your child wishes to wear non-uniform and/or something festive, they are very welcome to do so. We ask for donations of £1, which will go to the Redditch Food Bank and which is payable on ParentPay.

We wish you a restful weekend.

Mrs Lowe

## Key Information for Parents

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



[Safeguarding Newsletter December 2024](#)

How to take part in the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme | Worcestershire County Council

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## This week's winners!

### Individual

- Year 5 [Martha Cooke](#)
- Year 6 [Sophia Iduitua](#)
- Year 7 [Connor Postans](#)
- Year 8 [Maisie-Leigh Green](#)

### Top Tutor Group

- Year 5 [RSH](#)
- Year 6 [KKH](#)
- Year 7 [BCA](#)
- Year 8 [FCL](#)



**Epraise**

# 9 WEEK PARENTING COURSE UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD

Have you ever heard the phrase 'the terrible teens' and thought this exactly what we are experiencing with our teenager?

Bringing parents and carers of teens together, to meet other families in similar situations and develop your knowledge through peer support. This relaxed group is designed to help explain what happens to the brain as our children hit adolescence and understand the changes in behaviour. These workshops explore what you can do to help your teenager and will focus on the following topics:

- Understanding brain development
- Behavioural difficulties
- Parenting styles
- Exploring feelings
- Ways to relax
- Attachment
- Relationships

Suitable families with teens aged 11-19 years old, these groups runs over a 10 week period.

If you would like to find out more about these groups, or to book onto our next available workshop please contact your local Family Hub on 01905 520 032 or speak to your child's pastoral manager.

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MONDAY 3RD  
FEB - 31ST  
MARCH  
FAMILY HUB  
5PM - 7PM



# Every School Day Counts



## 94%

Our overall attendance this academic year

## Top 3 Tutors



### JWa



Congratulations

### NWr

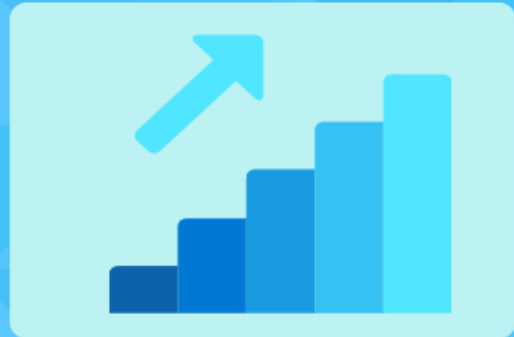


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## Weekly Attendance

Year 5	97%
Year 6	93%
Year 7	92%
Year 8	91%
Whole School	93%



## Year to date Attendance

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



'Congratulations to JWa for all your efforts!'

'Another great week. Your attendance really does matter so keep it up. One last push to make a difference before our 2-week break.'



# Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...



# Clubs and Activities



## Autumn Term 2

	Lunchtime 12.15 – 1.00pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
<b>Monday</b>	Choir Year 5 and 7 12.50pm – 1.15pm during playground time GLA	
<b>Tuesday</b>		
<b>Wednesday</b>	Homework club Year 5 12:50pm – 1:15pm RSH	
<b>Thursday</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	Choir Year 6 and 8 1.15pm – 1.35pm during playground time GLA	



# Looking ahead



## 2024—2025

Friday 20 December	End of Term
<b>2025</b>	
Monday 6 January	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 7 January	First day of the Spring Term
Thursday 23 January	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4:00 - 7:00 pm
Wednesday 29 January	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4:00 - 7:00 pm
Saturday 1 Feb-Saturday 8 Feb	Year 5 - 7 Ski Trip, Obertauern, Austria
Wednesday 5 February	Pastoral Coffee morning 9:00 – 9:55 am
Monday 17 - Friday 21 February	Half Term
Thursday 27 March	Y5, Y7 Parents' Evening 4:00 – 7:00 pm
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
Monday 26 – Friday 30 May	Half Term
Monday 2 June	Staff Development Day
Sunday 29 June- Wednesday 2 July	Year 5 Barton Hall, Devon
Friday 18 July	End of Term