



# 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:** The NHS

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another week, it is lovely to be able to reflect on the achievements of the children across the curriculum.

This week saw the launch of our new reward system as voted for by the children in recognition of the fantastic work produced and the outstanding behaviour that has been achieved this term by pupils.

Bronze – *Bronze certificate and entry into our lucky prize draw*

Silver - *Silver certificate and non-uniform day.*

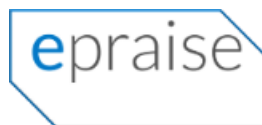
Gold – *Gold certificate and, non-uniform and rewards*

Please note that the points will be reset at the beginning of every half term, enabling pupils to collate up to six awards over the year. If your child has received a certificate and reward, this will take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Well done to all these children for such an amazing achievement!

Road safety: It has been brought to our attention that when children are leaving school, they understandably enjoy walking with their friends, however, some children walk in large groups and at times step onto the road which is putting them at risk. As a school, we have delivered some additional education regarding road safety and will continue to remind and advise our children. We would greatly appreciate parents and carers spending a few moments reminding their children to remain vigilant as they walk home from school.

We wish you all a lovely weekend!

Mrs Lowe



Our Top 3 Point Scorers in the past week...

1. Ava Bayley
2. Thomas Nash
3. Jacob Mills

Our Top 3 Tutor Groups this week...

1. MPBO
2. AFCL
3. BPAL

## 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](#)



Walkwood Church of England Middle School presents

 **SHREK**  
The MUSICAL JR.

**19th - 21st**  
**March 2024**

Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture  
and the Book by William Steig

Book and Lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire  
Music by Jeanine Tesori

Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street  
Productions

Original Production Directed by Jason Moore and Rob Ashford  
"I'm A Believer" by Neil Diamond

Shrek the Musical JR. is presented  
through special arrangement with and all authorized materials  
are supplied by Music Theatre International,  
421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019



# Every School Day Counts



## 94.13%

Our overall attendance this academic year

### Top 3 Tutors



## CEDU



Congratulations

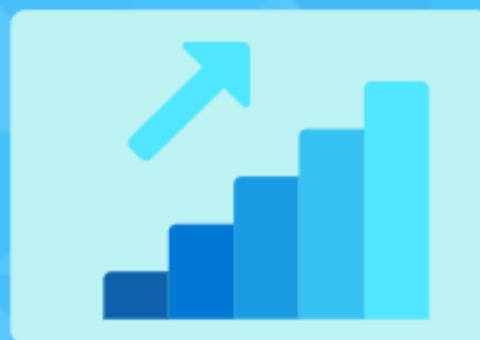
## CLWA

## ARCO



### Weekly Attendance

Year 5	96%
Year 6	96%
Year 7	91%
Year 8	93%
Whole School	94%



### Year to date Attendance

Year 5	96%
Year 6	95%
Year 7	94%
Year 8	92%
Whole School	94%



'Congratulations to CEDU who have a near perfect attendance for the previous week!'

'Walkwood are currently soaring above the National average for their attendance! well done everyone.'



## Celebrating attendance

### Because attendance matters...





# 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](#)

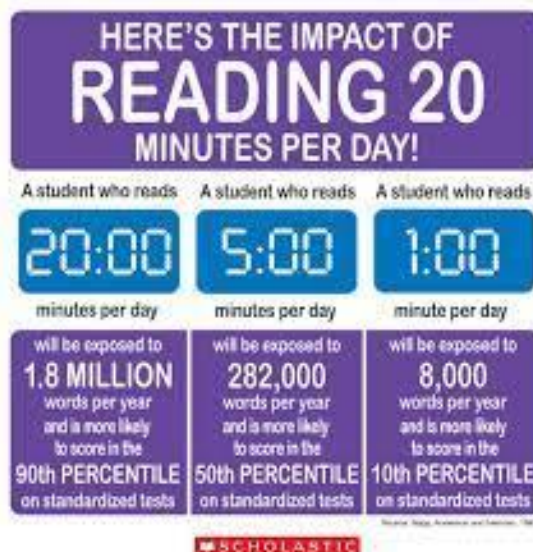
[Music](#) [Physical Education](#) [Science](#) [Spiritual & Social Education](#) [Careers](#)



## Reading matters



Please support your child with reading for 20-30 minutes each evening. The benefits are vast...



# 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: **enlarge**



## Sport round-up

### Cricket

The girls competed in the County Final to play for a place in the regional finals. After a hard-fought battle against some very strong opposition, the girls finished second in their group and in third place overall. The girls demonstrated fantastic team spirit and were unlucky not to qualify. Special mention to Lily Amer and Izzy Fennell, who were a cut above the rest of the players in the tournament.

### Cross Country

Two Year 8 pupils qualified for the County Final Cross Country races. The calibre of racing was incredibly high and both pupils gave their all! Special mention to Yeuhennii who was third of the Redditch based runners and 20<sup>th</sup> overall in his category!

# Clubs and Activities



## Spring 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	School Production Rehearsals Pupils to see Daily Notices (Parents to check emailed information which may differ to Arbor) (GLA/DDE/PAL/LHA) (3.45pm-5pm) <b><u>Homework club (sign up only)</u></b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	<b><u>Homework club (sign up only)</u></b>
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<b>Friday</b>		



# Looking ahead



<b>2023—2024</b>	
Monday 12 – Friday 16 February	<b>Half Term</b>
Friday 22 March	<b>End of Term</b>
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>
<b>2024—2025</b>	
Saturday 1st February—Saturday 8th February	Year 5—7 Ski Trip, Obertauern, Austria