



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: Talents

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a positive start to a new year and a new term! The children have returned to school looking very smart and are demonstrating great enthusiasm towards their learning which is so lovely to see.

During the first week, we have spoken to the children during assemblies about the development of our routines and expectations regarding behaviour. We have extremely high expectations of pupil behaviour and wish to start the new year with these being maintained to the highest possible standards, in order for all students to realise their full potential. We have continued to remind pupils of the need for respect and responsibility within the school community at all times. As a result, we are building upon our existing framework for celebrating pupil achievement and behaviours, as well as looking at our use of demerits and resulting sanctions to swiftly support our students in making the correct choices. Pupils will be rewarded generously for their hard work and positive choices; the value of demerits accrued will be indicative of the level of sanction. We have no doubt our pupils will rise to these expectations for the new term, ably supported by teaching staff who seek to reward and praise at every opportunity. Further details will be shared in due course.

We are also excited to inform you that we will be developing lunchtime opportunities for our children through new play and sporting equipment. Miss Reeves has set up a Pupil Voice Survey to provide your child with opportunity to vote on the equipment they would like to be able to use during their lunchtime. Please see p.5 for further guidance and information.

On the last day of Christmas term, Walkwood staff and pupils wore Christmas jumpers for the day to raise money for Children In Need. The school raised a fantastic £350.05. A big thank you to all those who contributed; all the money will help fund grassroot organisations and projects to support children and young people.



I wish you all a lovely weekend!

Mrs Lowe

Key Information for Parents

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

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



Artsmark
Silver Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England

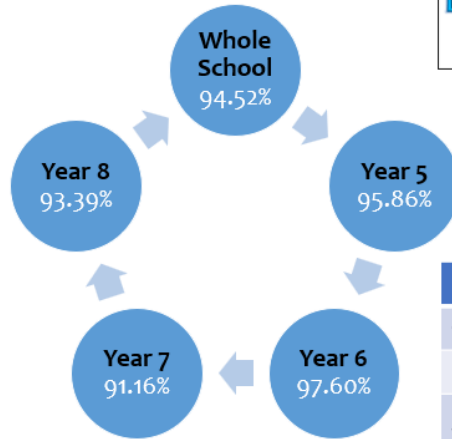


Every School Day Counts



Celebrating Attendance at Walkwood

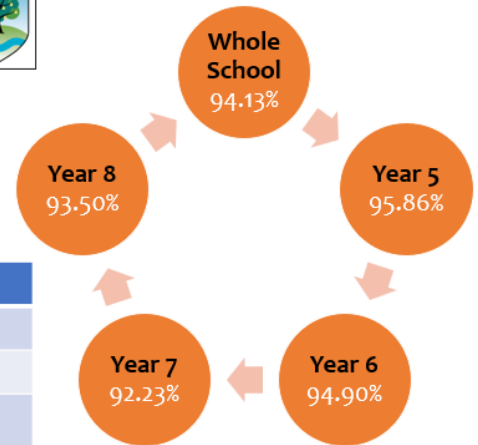
18.12.23 to 21.12.23



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Academic Year to date



18.12.23 to 21.12.23

Congratulations- Top 3 Tutor Groups....

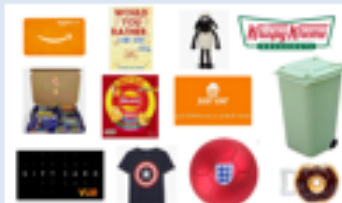
1	CGLA	99.55%
2	BKKH	98.28%
3	CLTH CMGR	98.15%

The Walkwood Celebration Assembly Prize Draw Autumn Term



The Attendance Goldfish Bowl

Pupils are entered into the draw if attendance is 97% and above



The Zero Demerit Goldfish Bowl

Pupils are entered into the draw for having ZERO Demerits for the term



Attendance

Riley Phaby	
Harriet Iremonger	
Lily-Mae Edwards	

Bradley Nash	
Evie Hodge	
Holly Broadhurst	

Zero Demerits

Gracie Hope	
Morgan Holder	
Caitlin Hanks	

Audrey Opoku	
Roxy Doehler	
Meredith Akerman	



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



Welcome back to a new term of reading adventures! We hope you've enjoyed a restorative break. Reading is more than a skill; it's a gateway to imagination, empathy and understanding. We are committed to fostering a love for reading that lasts a lifetime and to kickstart this term's reading journey, we've gathered some top tips to encourage reading at home, suitable for all ages:

1. Create a cosy reading nook:

designate a special spot filled with comfy pillows and good lighting where your child can curl up with a book.

2. Explore a variety of genres:

from picture books to poetry, let your child discover different types of reading materials that ignite their interest.

3. Set a reading routine:

whether it's bedtime stories or weekend reading time, a consistent routine helps make reading a beloved habit.

4. Join in the fun:

read together as a family and take turns reading aloud to make the experience engaging and interactive.

Word of the Week

Each week, there is a word displayed below. If the pupils have a go at the related tasks shared by their tutor, which are connected to the weekly word, they will earn a merit. 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: **assess**

Questionnaire: Playground equipment

To ensure you have your say, please find below a pupil voice questionnaire about playground equipment at break/lunch times.

You can either click on the hyperlink or scan in the QR code. All answers are anonymous and voluntary. Please make sure you click on the correct year group. Closing date Friday 19th January at 1pm.

Miss Reeves

Year 5 and 6

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Year 5/6 Have your say! -
Playground Equipment



Year 7 and 8

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Year 7/8 Have your say! -
Playground Equipment



Clubs and Activities

Spring Term 1



	Lunchtime 12.15 – 1.00pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	
Tuesday	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	School Production Rehearsals for whole cast for full run of Act 1 (GLA/DDE/PAL/LHA) (3.45pm-4.45pm) <u>Homework club (sign up only)</u>
Wednesday	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	<u>Homework club (sign up only)</u>
Thursday	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	<u>Homework club (sign up only)</u> School Production Rehearsals for Shrek, Donkey, Adult Fiona, Gingy, Lord Farquaad, Captain of the Guards, Guards Ensemble and ALL fairytale characters (including the ensemble) for Thurs 11 th Jan (further plans for the term to be emailed out to parents) (GLA/DDE/PAL/LHA) (3.45pm-4.45pm)
Friday		

Looking ahead



2023—2024

Thursday 25 January	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00 - 7.00pm
Wednesday 31 January	Y6, Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00 - 7.00pm
Monday 12 – Friday 16 February	Half Term
Friday 22 March	End of Term
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	Half Term
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	End of term
2024—2025	
Saturday 1st February—Saturday 8th February	Year 5—7 Ski Trip, Obertauern, Austria