



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,

Following the unprecedented heatwave we experienced last week, and the need to close the school early on Thursday and Friday, I would like to thank you for your understanding and support as we worked to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our school community. Our pupils were exceptional throughout, demonstrating maturity, respect for one another and a continued commitment to their learning. I would also like to thank our staff for their dedication in ensuring that all pupils were well cared for during this time.

On Friday, we held our Sports Day, which proved to be a highly enjoyable event for all. It was wonderful to see so many excellent sporting performances and to celebrate pupils' achievements together as a community. Everyone participated with enthusiasm, giving their best and enjoying the experience.

This week, we also came together to celebrate our Annual Awards, recognising the outstanding achievements of our pupils. These accolades were thoroughly deserved and reflect great credit on the students and the wider Walkwood community.

Next week, we look forward to our transition days on Wednesday and Thursday. During this time, pupils will spend valuable time with their new tutors, familiarising themselves with routines and expectations as they prepare to move into the next year. They will also have the opportunity to ask questions, get to know staff, and become familiar with their timetables, helping them to feel confident and reassured ahead of the summer holiday.

As we look ahead to next week, temperatures are forecast to rise. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and will communicate with you, should any adjustments need to be made.

We wish you a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Lowe

Key Information for Parents

For information about our school: 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](#)

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, this is **particularly important for our year 8 pupils as they will be leaving us soon.**

You are able to set up regular weekly payments via ParentPay, as well as email alerts to remind you when the balance is getting low. Can we also remind you that the FSM allowance is to be used at lunchtime only. For any accounts that are constantly in debt we may be asking you to provide a packed lunch from home.

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

Thank you.

This week's winners!



Individual

Year 5 Cora Linford
Year 6 Primrose Whittles
Year 7 Natalia Bildea
Year 8 Alexa Evident



Top Tutor Group

Year 5 JWA
Year 6 AVE
Year 7 PJE
Year 8 GLA





Every School Day Counts



94%

Our overall
attendance this
academic year

8LWO



Congratulations

5NCU

6PMI

2

3

Weekly Attendance

Year 5	94%
Year 6	92%
Year 7	90%
Year 8	90%
Whole School	93%



Year to date Attendance

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



Congratulations to 8LWO, who have had an outstanding week of attendance (99.4%).

We will continue to celebrate excellent attendance and encourage improved attendance as we reach the end of another successful academic year.



Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...



Music lessons

🎵 ✨ Unlock Your Musical Talent Next Year! ✨ 🎵

Ready to get involved, build confidence, and learn an amazing new skill? 🎵
Instrument lessons for the **next academic year** are now open for sign-ups at Walkwood!

🎵 What can you learn?

🎷 Woodwind with **Pro Music** – Flute, Clarinet & Saxophone

🎹 Piano

🎤 Vocals

🥁 Drum Kit

🎻 Violin

🎸 Guitar with **Mr Nicholson**

Whether beginners or budding performers, there's something for everyone—come and discover the joy of music!



✉️ Good news!

Information and application forms have already been sent home via Arbor to all **Year 5, 6 and 7** parents.

🌐 You can also find everything you need right here:

👉 <https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Music>

🎵 Don't miss out — sign up now and start your musical journey! 🎵



INSTRUMENT LESSONS

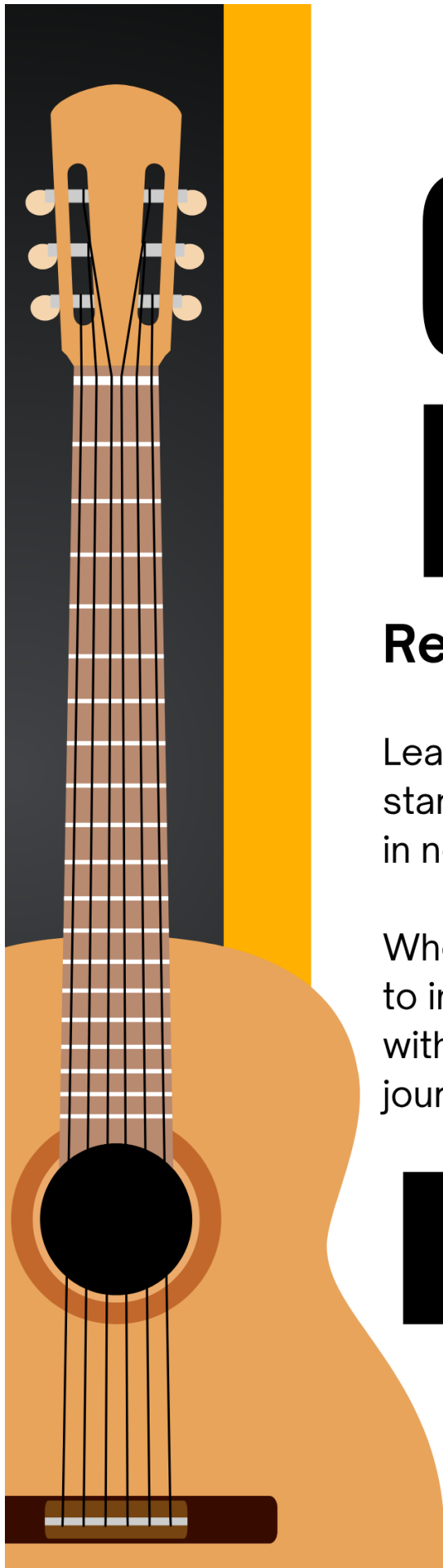
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WITH ONE OF OUR
PRO MUSIC TUTORS!

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GUITAR LESSONS

Ready to rock?

Learn guitar with expert guidance and start playing your favourite songs in no time!

Whether you're a beginner or looking to improve, sign up now for lessons with Mr Nicholson and let your musical journey begin!

**Applications open for
September!**





PARKING MATTERS

PLEASE PARK CONSIDERATELY



We have received concerns from local residents about parking at drop-off and pick-up times. When cars are parked inconsiderately, it can cause real problems for our neighbours and can put children's safety at risk.

Thank you for helping us keep our community safe and respectful.

THE ISSUE

- ✗ Residents are being blocked in and out of their driveways.
- ✗ Double yellow lines are in place for a reason – please respect them.
- ✗ Stopping on driveways or yellow lines is illegal and inconsiderate.
- ✗ It causes stress and inconvenience for local families.
- ✗ Our neighbours have the right to access their homes at all times.



PLEASE DO

- ✓ Park legally and safely – follow all road markings.
- ✓ Do not stop on double yellow lines or across driveways.
- ✓ Be mindful of our neighbours and show consideration.
- ✓ Allow time to park a little further away and walk the rest of the way.
- ✓ Keep our children and community safe.



TOGETHER, WE CAN...

- ♥ Keep our children safe
- ♥ Respect our neighbours
- ♥ Build a kind and considerate school community

Thank you for your support and for being a positive role model for our children.

Let's work together to make drop-off and pick-up times safe, legal and respectful for everyone.



Clubs and Activities



Summer 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	Netball Club KS2 girls (PMC) Sign up on ParentPay
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	Cricket Club Yr 5 & 6 girls and boys Yr 7 & 8 girls and boys (PMI & CHU) Sign up on Arbor
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	Rounders Club Yr 5 & 6 girls and boys Yr 7 & 8 girls and boys (KGR & LWO) Sign up on Arbor Homework Club All year groups (LTI) Sign up on Arbor
Thursday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	
Friday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	



Looking ahead



2026	
Friday 17 July	End of Term
Tuesday 1 September	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 2 September	Staff Development Day
Thursday 3 September	First day of the Autumn Term for pupils
Friday 23 October	Staff Development Day
Monday 26 – Friday 30 October	Half Term
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