



# 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,

Thank you to the parents and carers who were able to join us for our SEND and pastoral coffee morning on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January. We will continue to hold these each term, as they are a fabulous opportunity for parents and carers to raise questions about or discuss aspects of pastoral or SEND.

This calendar year is designated as the National Year of Reading in the UK, a campaign led by the National Literacy Trust and The Reading Agency. The intention is that this focus will boost nationwide reading for pleasure among all ages by connecting it to existing hobbies and interests, using various formats like books, audiobooks, and online content, through events, ambassador support, and community programs. Reading continues to be a huge priority for us in school and as such, we are delighted to inform you that our book vending machine will be with us in the very near future! This is a wonderful achievement and again we must thank our brilliant PTA for the funds they have raised towards this. We have many other exciting aspects planned across this year to celebrate the Year of Reading – watch this space!

A reminder that Year 6 and 8 Parents' Evenings are now bookable on Epraise for the evenings of Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 4-7pm. Please book these appointments at your earliest opportunity. Year 5 and 7 Parents' Evening appointments will take place in March.

Best wishes for a peaceful 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](#)



## This week's winners!



### Individual

Year 5 **Carter Fereday**  
Year 6 **Minnie Hunt**  
Year 7 **Caitlin Hanks**  
Year 8 **Alexa Evident**



### Top Tutor Group

Year 5 **JWA**  
Year 6 **AVE**  
Year 7 **PAL**  
Year 8 **PBO**





# Every School Day Counts



**94%**

Our overall  
attendance this  
academic year

**7EDU**



Congratulations

**5NHU**

**8PBO**



## Weekly Attendance

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



## Year to date Attendance

Year 5	<b>95%</b>
Year 6	<b>94%</b>
Year 7	<b>92%</b>
Year 8	<b>94%</b>
Whole School	<b>94%</b>



Congratulations to 7EDU, for consecutive weeks, with an attendance rate of 97.1%. A wonderful achievement- Well done! The first in a while that a Year 7 class has won this award.

Walkwood continues to be in top 15% for attendance in the country. Thank you to you all for keeping our standards for attendance in school high. Room for even more improvement? Absolutely.



## Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...





## British Values and news

In our Collective Worship this week, we took time to reflect on and discuss a current news story, considering its relevance to one of our key British Values: Mutual Respect and Tolerance.

We encourage you to take a moment to speak with your child about what was discussed and see if they can identify other examples of Mutual Respect and Tolerance in action in our everyday lives—both within school and beyond. It's a wonderful way to continue these important conversations at home and help deepen their understanding of the world around them.



### Mutual Respect and Tolerance

The Jane Goodall Earth Medal shows us that being respectful means looking after all living things. It encourages tolerance by focusing on a goal that brings different cultures and beliefs together to protect our world.





# FUN & ACTIVE MULTISPORTS HOLIDAY CLUB

Monday 17th to Friday 21st February

NEW Day clubs  
for Gymnastics,  
Cricket, Football  
& Netball

Early bird  
booking  
discounts

Sibling  
discounts

EVERY SCHOOL HOLIDAY  
AGES 5 TO 13

9.00AM - 3.30PM

DODGEBALL / FOOTBALL / CRICKET / CAPTURE THE FLAG /  
GOLF / TENNIS / HOCKEY / NON STOP FUN

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR COACHING PROGRAMMES & SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLUBS VISIT [AUSPORTED.COM](http://ausported.com)

# MULTI SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUB

Early bird,  
sibling &  
multiple day  
discounts

St Augustine's High School, Redditch

Ages 5 to 13

9:00 am - 3:30pm

Early drop-off option from 8.30am

Late pick up options available

Booking - [ausported.com](http://ausported.com)



# HOLIDAY CLUB

February Half Term

Monday 16 Feb  
**Multi Sports**

Thursday 19 Feb  
**Multi Sports & Gymnastics**

Tuesday 17 Feb  
**Multi Sports & Netball**

Friday 20 Feb  
**Multi Sports**

Wednesday 18 Feb  
**Multi Sports & Football**

## The Lion King Jr - Rehearsal Schedule - Spring Term

Remember, a musical is a living, breathing entity. Where it is necessary to make changes to the rehearsal schedule, we will notify you in advance. Please make sure you know your child's character or which ensemble group they are a part of.

<b>Tuesday 3.30pm-4.45pm GLA, PAL, LHO</b>	<b>Thursday 3.30pm-4.45pm GLA, PAL, LTI</b>
<b><u>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January</u></b> Scene 1 and 2 (p.1-17) Rafiki, Mufasa, Zazu, Sarabi, Sarafina, Scar, Lion Pride, Pridelands Tribe, Hyena Clan.	<b><u>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January</u></b> Scene 3, 4 and 5 (p.18-38) Mufasa, Young Simba, Zazu, Scar, Rafiki, Young Nala, Sarabi, Sarafina, Zazu, Pridelands Tribe, Lion Pride, Hyena Clan.
<b><u>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January</u></b> Scene 6 (p.38-51) Scar, Shenzi, Banzai, Ed, Young Simba, Young Nala, Mufasa, Hyena Clan.	<b><u>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January</u></b> Scene 7 and 8 (p.52-70) Mufasa, Zazu, Young Nala, Young Simba, Rafiki, Scar, Banzai, Shenzi, Ed, Pridelands Tribe, Lion Pride, Hyena Clan.
<b><u>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January</u></b> Scene 9 and 10 (p.70-87) Young Simba, Adult Simba, Adult Nala, Timon, Pumbaa, Zazu, Scar, Banzai, Shenzi, Ed.	<b><u>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</u></b> Scene 11 and 12 (p.87-115) Adult Nala, Rafiki, Lion Pride, Timon, Pumbaa, Adult Simba, Adult Nala.
<b><u>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January</u></b> Scene 13 and Finale (p.116-127) All cast required.	<b><u>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January</u></b> Scene 1, 2, 3 and 4 (p.1-25) All cast required.
<b><u>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</u></b> Scene 5, 6, 7 (p.26-59) All cast required.	<b><u>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</u></b> Scene 8, 9, 10 (p.59-87) All cast required.
<b><i>Ticket Sales will open on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February.</i></b>	
<b><u>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February</u></b> Scene 11, 12, 13 and Finale (p.87-127) All cast required.	<b><u>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February</u></b> No rehearsal due to Parent's Evening.
<b>HALF TERM</b>	
<b><u>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February</u></b> Act 1 Scenes 1-8 All cast required.	<b><u>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February</u></b> Act 2 Scenes 9-13 All cast required.
<b><u>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</u></b> Act 1 Scenes 1-8 All cast required.	<b><u>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March</u></b> Act 2 Scenes 9-13 All cast required.
<b><u>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March</u></b> Act 1 Scenes 1-8 All cast required.	<b><u>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March</u></b> Act 2 Scenes 9-13 All cast required.
<b><u>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March</u></b> All cast required.	<b><u>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March</u></b> No rehearsal due to Parent's Evening.
<b><u>Dress Rehearsals</u></b> Arrangements are currently being made for our dress rehearsals. Please be aware that it <i>may</i> be necessary to hold a dress rehearsal on either Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> March or Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March. This will be confirmed as soon as possible.	
<b><u>Performance Dates</u></b> Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	



# Clubs and Activities



## Spring Term 1

	Before school 8.30-8.45	Breaktime 10.20- 10.35	Lunchtime 12.55-13.15	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
<b>Monday</b>	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books  <b>Chess club - Year 5 and 7</b> 12:55-13:15 (during playground time) Room 2. BKI  <b>Times tables rockstars - Year 5</b> 12:55-13:15 (during playground time) DT Hub. PMI	<b>Dance- KS3</b> AU sports in the hall. Sign up required.  <b>Dodgeball – KS2</b> In the hall. Sign up required. PMc
<b>Tuesday</b>	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	<b>Choir - Year 5 and 7</b> 12:55-13:15 (during playground time) Music Room. GLA  Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	<b>The Lion King Junior Rehearsals</b> Students to attend according to rehearsal plan.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	<b>Boogie Bounce KS2 and KS3</b> In the hall. Sign up required. KGr  <b>Dodgeball – KS3</b> In the hall. Sign up required. PMc
<b>Thursday</b>	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	<b>The Lion King Junior Rehearsals</b> Students to attend according to rehearsal plan.
<b>Friday</b>	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	<b>Choir - Year 6 and 8</b> 13:15-13:35 (during playground time) Music Room. GLA  Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	<b>Multi-sports – All year groups</b> In the hall. Sign up required. PMc





# Looking ahead



2026	
Wednesday 4 February	Yr6 & Yr8 Parents' Evening 4:00 – 7:00 pm
Thursday 12 February	Yr6 & yr8 Parents' Evening 4:00 – 7:00pm
Monday 16 – Friday 20 February	Half Term
Wednesday 11 March	Yr5 & Yr7 Parents' Evening 4:00 – 7:00pm
Thursday 19 March	Yr5 & Yr7 Parents' Evening 4:00 – 7:00pm
Friday 27 March	End of Term
Monday 13 April	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 4 May	Bank Holiday
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Yr7 Trip - The Ultimate Adventure Centre
Monday 25 – Friday 29 May	Half Term
Monday 1 June	Staff Development Day
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Yr5 Devon residential Trip
Friday 17 July	End of Term