



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: Mother Teresa

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable and restful half term! The pupils have started the term positively and are really working hard, which is great to see.

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

At Walkwood we passionately believe in promoting a love for reading and ‘reading for empowerment’. Engagement in reading increases general knowledge of the world around children, directly impacts on the quality of their writing, as well as positively supporting well-being. On the 7th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day where children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character, or alternatively in their own clothes if they prefer not to dress up. We suggest a voluntary contribution of £1 or a donation of a reading book that your child has finished reading, which would be placed on the bookshelf in their tutor room.

Date for the diary: Comic Relief, Friday 15th March. More information to follow on how we will be supporting this charity.

Have 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](#)





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](#)

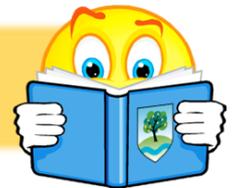
[Science](#)

[Spiritual & Social Education](#)

[Careers](#)

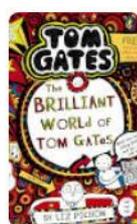


Reading matters



As you know, World Book Day this year is to be held on Thursday 7th March. Pupils and staff are invited to dress up as their favourite book character on this day, to celebrate our love of books and reading! In the past, we have had superb outfits ranging from Oompa-Loompas to Hagrid. We cannot wait to witness our pupils' creative efforts and to get the school abuzz, with plenty of book talk and reading recommendations. Please note that we do not expect families to spend any money whatsoever on dressing-up costumes; instead using a creative approach to clothing and items at home is absolutely fine.

The school library would appreciate book donations. We are particularly looking for the following book collections as these are the most read and most likely damaged or lost:



Thank you, [Mrs M West](#), Librarian

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: **factorise**



This weeks winners!

Top Points Scorers

- 1 Natan Grabowski
- 2 Thomas Smith
- 3 Miley Moulder

Top Tutors

- 1 BKKH
- 2 BAFA
- 3 AJWA





Every School Day Counts



94.0%
Our overall attendance this academic year

Top 3 Tutors



BPAL



Congratulations

MPMI

AKMO



Weekly Attendance

Year 5	95%
Year 6	95%
Year 7	90%
Year 8	92%
Whole School	93%



Year to date Attendance

Year 5	96%
Year 6	95%
Year 7	93%
Year 8	93%
Whole School	94%



'Congratulations to BPAL for leading the way!
'Walkwood are still soaring above the national average! - a big well done to everyone for keeping this up'



Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...



Where Next will be in school on Friday 8th March for children to purchase items for Mother's Day.



MOTHER'S DAY SALE
Price list

40 WHERE IN NEXT
A CHARITY NURTURING POTENTIAL SINCE 1968
CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

PRIMROSES	£1
OSTESPERNUM	£4
SENETII	£4
POTTED BASKETS	FROM £5
AZELA	£8
ROSES	£10
KITCHEN HERB GARDENS	£5
OTHER GIFTS AND PLANTS	£5-£20

Where Next is a charity working with adults with learning difficulties nurturing their potential. Last years sale raised just short of £1,000 everybody in Where Next were very grateful for your support.

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Clubs and Activities



Spring Term 2

	Lunchtime 12.15 – 1.00pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	Multi sports club 26 th February, 4 th March, 11 th March KS2 – sign up only. 3.30-4.45 RDJ and PMC
Tuesday	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) Homework club (sign up only)
Wednesday	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	Homework club (sign up only) Year 7/8 squad training. 21 st February, 28 th February, 6 th March. 3.30-4.45pm KRE Year 5 netball club starting 13 th March 3.30-4.45pm Sign up only Year 5 football training (selected by RMA) 28 th February, 6 th and 13 th March
Thursday	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	Homework club (sign up only) 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) Year 6 girls netball club 22 nd February, 29 th February, 7 th and 14 th March Sign up only 3.30-4.45pm KRE CHU year 6 football team training (selected by CHU) 29 th February and 7 th March.
Friday	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/PWE	



Looking ahead



2023—2024	
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