



# 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:** Sacred Art

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week at Walkwood with the children continuing to work really hard!

This week we introduced the Behaviour Pathway as part of our whole school approach to celebrating positive behaviour and ensuring high standards. The children also voted for the school rules that they felt were important to them and they are:

**Be respectful**

**Be safe**

**Be your best**

**One voice**

I am pleased to share with you that the children have demonstrated some great focus in lessons and clearly upheld the school rules. As a result, many children have earned merits this week with some children going above and beyond and earning recognition from myself and the Senior Leadership Team. This is an amazing achievement! I would also like to thank our parents and carers for your ongoing support as it is when we all work together, so much can be achieved for our pupils.

Thank you to all the pupils who have voted for the playground equipment that they would like to have at break and lunchtimes. The results will be collated, and some new equipment will appear over the next few weeks.

Please note that Parents' Evenings will be held on the following dates:

- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Y6 & Y8 4:00pm-7:00pm
- Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January Y6 & Y8 4:00pm-7:00pm

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Lowe

## Key Information for Parents

For information about our school: [www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk](http://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk)

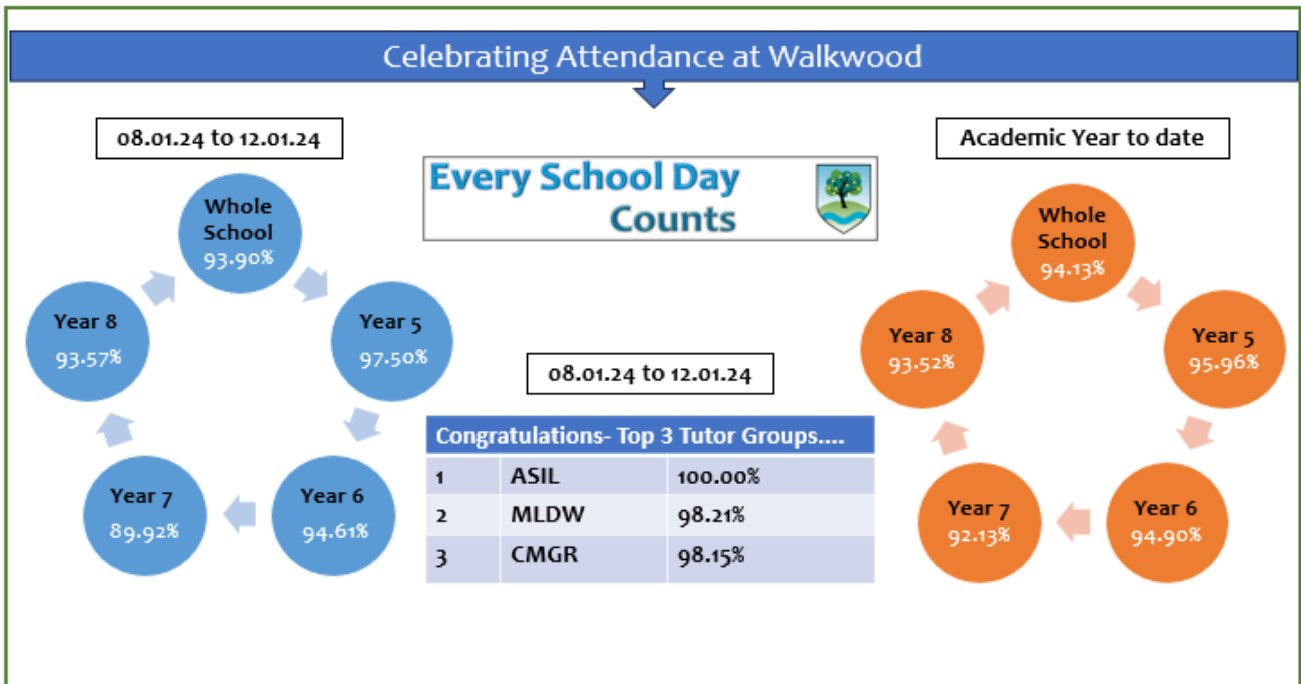
A summary of how our school works can be found in: [handbook for parents and carers](#)



# Every School Day Counts



## Celebrating Attendance at Walkwood



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# 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](#)

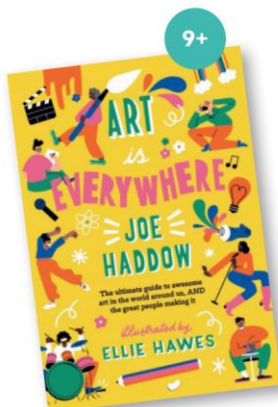
[Music](#) [Physical Education](#) [Science](#) [Spiritual & Social Education](#) [Careers](#)



## Reading matters



We would like to share some recommended reads with you, periodically. Here is a lovely book linked to art, which you may wish to explore with your child:



**Art is Everywhere** JOE HADOW

*Illustrated by Ellie Hawes*

What do you think art is? Is it pictures on the walls of a gallery? And what about an artist? Someone holding a paintbrush, standing in front of an easel? Yes, to both, but art and artists are so much more than that and in his new book, Joe Hadow explores this and much more!

Art is everywhere around us, we just need to know how to look for it... Joe is on a mission to show everyone how art can be found in so many different places, and created by so many different people. So, whether you sing, draw, write, dance, paint, act, play an instrument or tell jokes, or if you are just want to discover what kind of artist you can be – this book is for you!

*Art is Everywhere* is an inspiring, friendly guide to art and why it matters. From Matthew Bourne and Dr Who's Ncuti Gatwa to Joseph Coelho and Tim Minchin, meet the incredible people making art of all kinds and follow the tips to make your own!

# 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: **trivial**



## Sport round-up

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December the Y6 football team represented Walkwood in the EFL cup at West Bromwich Albion. The lads played some amazing football and were crowned winners at the tournament and we're now one game away from representing WBA at the northern regional finals. However, to represent WBA the team needed to beat the winners from the other half of the draw in a final.

Last Saturday (13<sup>th</sup> January), the Y6 team made their way back to the WBA dome to play Mesty Croft Primary school from Wednesbury. The team started off brightly and were 1-0 up in 5 seconds. The ball was played back to Alfred who played a cross field ball over to George who flicked the ball on to Oliver who then slotted the ball home in a composed fashion. The lads continued to play with pride and passion and were able to go 2-0 up after 4 minutes with a superb individual run and finish from Jacob. The game finished with 2 more goals from Jacob to win 4-0 with Jacob scoring a hat trick. After the game the team had complimentary tickets to watch the WBA v Blackburn game, which ended up with a 4-1 win for the home team.

The Y6 team will now go on and represent WBA against school representing Championship teams such as Leeds United, Leicester City, Middlesbrough, Stoke and Sunderland AFC. The winners of the next round will then go on to represent the northern championship teams against the southern champions in a EFL national final at Wembley Stadium on the 26 May 2024 before the Championship final. Good luck to the lads in the next fixture and hopefully they can go on and represent WBA in the finals at Wembley in May.



# Clubs and Activities

	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 (further plans for the term to be emailed out to parents) (GLA/DDE/PAL/LHA) (3.45pm-5pm)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	<b>Homework club (sign up only)</b> <b>Homework club (sign up only)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	<b>Homework club (sign up only)</b> School Production Rehearsals Pupils to see Daily Notices (further plans for the term to be emailed out to parents) (GLA/DDE/PAL/LHA) (3.45pm-5pm)
<b>Friday</b>		



# 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	<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>

## 2024—2025

Saturday 1st February—Saturday 8th February	Year 5—7 Ski Trip, Obertauern, Austria
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