



# 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: Careers**

Dear Parents and Carers,



Another productive week at Walkwood with many successes celebrated!

As you will be aware, there has been a focus on promoting high expectations so that all pupils have the opportunity to learn and achieve their full potential in a calm and positive learning environment. In every lesson, the children have the opportunity to achieve merits and it has been lovely to personally reward so many children for some fantastic pieces of work, and for showing such a mature and positive attitude towards their learning. During the week, the children have been sharing their ideas with staff about the rewards they would like to receive. We will be revealing the results with children next week! Further information will be shared with you in due course.

I am pleased to share with you that the pupil votes for new playground equipment are in. Plans are in place to purchase some new equipment, to enable the pupils to have a positive and enjoyable social time with their friends.

It was lovely to meet so many parents and carers at Parents' Evening this week and we thank for your continued support.

Have a lovely 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](#)

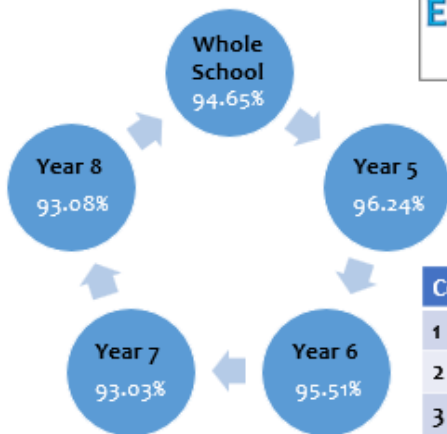


# Every School Day Counts



## Celebrating Attendance at Walkwood

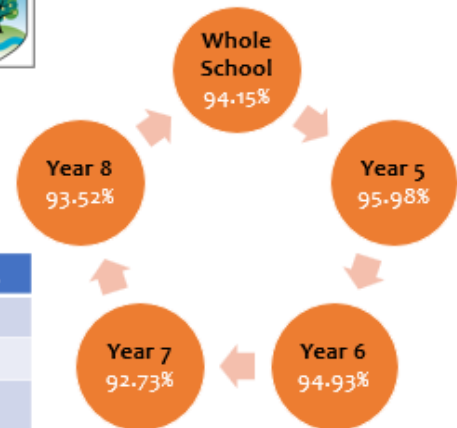
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## Every School Day Counts



Academic Year to date



15.01.24 to 19.01.24

### Congratulations- Top 3 Tutor Groups....

1	BKKH	100.00%
2	AJWA	98.89%
3	ASIL	97.78%

## Every School Day Counts



<b>Perfection!</b>	100%	0 days off school
<b>Excellent</b>	99%	2 days off school each year
<b>Good</b>	97%	5 days off school each year
<b>Concern</b>	95%	10 days off school each year
<b>Very concerned</b>	90%	20 days off school each year
<b>Extreme concern</b>	85%	30 days off school each year



Up to 5 days absence over the whole year <b>97% - 100%</b> Good chance of success and progress	20 days absence over the whole year <b>90%</b> Less chance of progress and harder to progress	20+ days absence over the whole year <b>Under 90%</b> Much, much harder to progress and feel successful
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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



Keep up the reading, Walkwood! Remember that we expect you to read for 20—30 minutes each day, and at least some of this reading needs to be done at home. Discussing new vocabulary and its meaning with an adult will help pupils enormously with their reading ability.

# 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

### Badminton

-Last Friday, the KS3 boys finished second in their Badminton tournament – winning 22 out of 25 games. Superb! Also, the girls' KS3 badminton team finished third in their competition. Well done all.

### Hockey

-On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan the Year 7 Hockey team participated in the district hockey tournament at Redditch hockey club. The team started off brightly against a well organised Birchensale, winning the game 1-0. The second fixture saw the team play some superb hockey with Hugo scoring 2 goals in a 3-0 win against Church Hill. In the next two fixtures the lads battled hard for each other, producing some great tackles to prevent the opposition from scoring, which enabled the team to win both 1-0 against St Bedes and Woodfield. With 4 wins from 4 the team were crowned district champions for a third year in a row. Congratulations to the team.



# Clubs and Activities



## Spring Term 1

	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><u>Homework club (sign up only)</u></b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	<b><u>Homework club (sign up only)</u></b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	<b><u>Homework club (sign up only)</u></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



<b>2023—2024</b>	
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>
<b>2024—2025</b>	
Saturday 1st February—Saturday 8th February	Year 5—7 Ski Trip, Obertauern, Austria