



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: Prejudice

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the half term holiday has arrived, so we take the opportunity to reflect upon the achievements of our Walkwood children. From sporting success to high quality work in lessons, so much has been achieved in just five weeks. A particular success has been the high number of epraise merits awarded to our pupils for outstanding behaviour, a mature approach to learning and academic success. A particular well done to the pupils who achieved a bronze, silver or gold certificate. I know the opportunity to wear non-uniform for the day and to engage in a lesson of fun activities raised excitement levels across the school! The points have now been reset and the children are already working towards their next certificate. Please note that a copy of the Behaviour Policy is available on the school website.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term and look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 19th February.

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](#)

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[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



Did you know that research has found that the strongest factor affecting pupils' science scores is reading comprehension (EEF, 2017)?

Please remember our expectation for our students to read daily for between 20 and 30 minutes. Some of that reading will need to be done outside of school. Pupils will benefit from reading aloud daily to an adult (even if for a short time), right the way up to year 8 and is not just an exercise useful to younger children.

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: **pilot**



Sport round-up

The Ks2 indoor athletics competition took place at Arrow Vale High School. In the morning session the girls competed in a series of events in both track and field. The scoring was really close in the morning competition and the girls were unlucky to finish outside of the top 4, finishing 6th overall. In the afternoon session the boys looked to be leading in the running events and were in a strong position going into the final few races. Unfortunately, the boys were pipped to third place by Woodfield, only 8 points separating the two! A fantastic effort, nonetheless. Well done all who represented the school.



epraise

Top Merits earned this week:

1. Corey Whitmore
2. Miley Moulder
3. Eima Bibi

Top 3 tutor groups:

- 1.CLWA
- 2.BPAL
- 3.AFCL

Well done!



Every School Day Counts



94.06%

Our overall attendance this academic year

Top 3 Tutors



ASIL



Congratulations

BKKH

BPAL

2

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Weekly Attendance

Year 5	95%
Year 6	94%
Year 7	90%
Year 8	93%
Whole School	94%



Year to date Attendance

Year 5	96%
Year 6	95%
Year 7	92%
Year 8	94%
Whole School	94%



'Congratulations to ASIL who achieved 100% for their weekly attendance!'

'Congratulations to the 109 students who are still on 100% attendance since the start of this academic year - amazing achievement!'



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 NEXT
A CHARITY NURTURING POTENTIAL SINCE 1964
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.

scan the code to learn more about
Where Next



Walkwood Church of England Middle School presents

 **SHREK**
THE MUSICAL JR.

19th - 21st
March 2024

Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture
and the Book by William Steig

Book and Lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire
Music by Jeanine Tesori

Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street
Productions

Original Production Directed by Jason Moore and Rob Ashford
"I'm A Believer" by Neil Diamond

Shrek the Musical JR. is presented
through special arrangement with and all authorized materials
are supplied by Music Theatre International,
421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019



Walkwood

Church of England  Middle School

Safeguarding Newsletter Issue 3

Mrs Lowe, Headteacher has now joined our Safeguarding Team within school. Our Safeguarding contacts are as below:

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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	
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
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
Friday	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/PWE	



Looking ahead



2023—2024	
Monday 12 – Friday 16 February	Half Term
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