



# The Insider

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## Our Fruits of Faith:

Friendliness, Forgiveness, Aspiration, Achievement, Inquisitiveness, Inclusiveness, Tolerance, Thankfulness,  
Honesty, Honour

**The next assembly theme will be: Welcome**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a school year, we take this opportunity to reflect and to celebrate the great achievements and successes of our Walkwood pupils. We are so proud of our children and staff, and all that we have collectively achieved this year.

We were all disappointed on Tuesday of this week when we had to make the difficult decision to cancel Sports Day; the field was sodden and the weather persisted in being utterly miserable. This was such a shame but typical of English summertime. We have high hopes for Sports Day 2025!

On Wednesday afternoon, we held our Leavers' Service in school for year 8 pupils. This was a special, prayerful event and we were delighted by the number of parents and carers who were able to join us for the celebrations. Year 8 pupils sat beautifully and listened to the service led by Father Glenn, with a number of pupil contributions, reflecting on their special memories of Walkwood.

Thursday was a busy day in school for us, as pupils and staff had lessons in the morning and then enjoyed some free time on the field in the afternoon (basking in the sun, which finally made an appearance!). Year 8 had their reward trip to Drayton Manor. Members of the public stopped staff to praise our year 8 pupils for their good manners and conduct. The very best of luck to all of them, as they embark upon their journey to high school in the autumn.

We have ended the school year with our Celebration Assembly today, which as usual highlighted the plethora of wonderful moments and memories we have all made this year.

Wishing you all a restful, peaceful summer break.

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](#)





# 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](#)



### Lunch Money

Please can we ask that **all** ParentPay accounts are settled regularly. Once the outstanding balance is cleared, please ensure the account remains in credit at all times.

You are able to set up regular weekly payments via ParentPay, as well as email alerts to remind you when the balance is getting low. Can we also remind you that the FSM allowance is £2.80 per day, to be used at lunchtime only. For any accounts that are constantly in debt we may be asking you to provide a packed lunch from home.

If you have any queries, please contact the finance office.

Thank you.

# 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: **annotate**

## This week's winners!



### Individual

- 1 Harley Moorhead
- 2 Archie Fisher
- 3 Ryan Graburn

### Tutor Group

- 1 BNWR
- 2 AJWA
- 3 BBBO





# Every School Day Counts



## 94%

Our overall attendance this academic year

## Top 3 Tutors



### AJWa



Congratulations

### MPBo

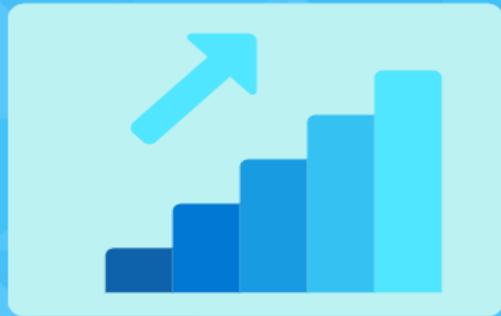


### BKKh



## Weekly Attendance

Year 5	95%
Year 6	93%
Year 7	91%
Year 8	93%
Whole School	93%



## Year to date Attendance

Year 5	95%
Year 6	95%
Year 7	92%
Year 8	93%
Whole School	94%



'Congratulations to AJWa for leading the way with a strong performance this week!'

'Congratulations to everyone at Walkwood Middle school for keeping our attendance above the national average this year a great achievement'



# Celebrating attendance

## Because attendance matters...





# Looking ahead



## 2024—2025

Monday 2 September	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 3 September	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 4 September	First day of the Autumn Term
Monday 28 October- Friday 1 November	<b>Half Term</b>
Friday 20 December	<b>End of Term</b>
Monday 6 January	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 7 January	First day of the Spring Term
Saturday 1st Feb-Saturday 8th Feb	<b>Year 5 - 7 Ski Trip, Obertauern, Austria</b>
Monday 17 - Friday 21 February	<b>Half Term</b>
Friday 11 April	<b>End of Term</b>
Monday 28 April	First day of the Summer Term
Monday 26 – Friday 30 May	<b>Half Term</b>
Monday 2 June	Staff Development Day
Friday 18 July	<b>End of Term</b>