



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: Salvation

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and productive week at Walkwood!

This week, children proudly brought their science projects into school which they have been working on over the past few weeks. The quality of the work was of an exceptionally high standard with so much hard work, pride and careful thought applied to all the projects. This work will shortly be on display in school and images posted on our Facebook page. Well done to all our children; what amazing scientists we have at Walkwood!

I would also wish to sincerely thank the pupils and our school community for supporting Comic Relief. We are still tallying how much money has been raised today for this worthy cause and will be able to share this amount with you in next week's newsletter.

Just a reminder that Reward's Day will be held in the final week of term. As you will be aware, this is a new system which has had a pleasingly positive impact across the school. The staff have been working hard to embed whole school consistency and the children have responded extremely well. A letter has been sent out this week providing further information regarding the Behaviour Pathway. We thank you for your support and feedback, which is very much valued, and has helped to shape how this system evolves and embeds to provide the best support for our pupils.

Looking ahead to next week, the children will have the opportunity to explore the Easter Story on Wednesday 20th March through a variety of focused and engaging activities within their tutor groups. The afternoon will finish with a whole school worship led by Father Glenn.

Have a restful 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](#)

Lunch Money



Please can we ask that all ParentPay accounts are settled regularly.

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

Thank you.





Walkwood
Church of England Middle School

Pastoral Manager (permanent post)

Ofsted stated (2023):

“The school’s ethos and values are central to every aspect of school life at Walkwood Church of England Middle School. Relationships between pupils and teachers are strong. Pupils enjoy their learning. Pupils achieve well, including those with special educational needs and / or disabilities (SEND)”

SIAMS (2017) identified:

“Parents speak highly of the care which their children receive and are very supportive of the vertical tutor groups which develop a caring, family environment. Pastoral care extends to all members of the school community. Staff also talk about the school having a family feel which is welcoming to new members of staff and supportive of all.”

The Governors of this Church of England academy wish to appoint a Pastoral Manager who can work with children across KS2 and KS3.

Remuneration:

- TA 3 – TA 4 pro rata from £ 24,294 to £ 31,364 pro rata.
- 5 days a week, 35 hours per week, term time only plus the 5 Inset Days (with a view to flexibility in hours due to after school club support).

We are looking for a Pastoral Manager who is:

- An outstanding practitioner.
- Able to establish and maintain high expectations and provide high quality pastoral support for all pupils through a fully inclusive approach.
- Able to establish positive and purposeful working relationships with pupils and parents, acting as an exemplary role model.
- Flexible and works effectively as part of a team.
- Excellent communication skills with pupils and all stakeholders.
- A reflective practitioner.
- Committed to their own professional development.
- Committed to promoting our Christian Ethos and values.

We can offer:

- A committed and supportive leadership team.
- Wonderful, motivated children.
- A commitment to your future professional development.
- Support from the whole community of our church school.
- Support from The Spire Academy Trust (currently transitioning).

Closing date for applications is **9.00am** on the 5th April 2024. Short-listed candidates will be contacted soon after this date and interviews will be held during the week of the 15th April 2024. For the successful candidate, the start date will be from as soon as they are available.

Walkwood Church of England Middle School is committed to the protection and safety of children and young people. An enhanced DBS check and full references will be expected from the successful candidate.

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: **Reflect**



This weeks winners!

Top Points Scorers

- 1 Ibrahim Rehman
- 2 Erin Ashford
- 3 Scarlett Mander

Top Tutors

- 1 MLDW
- 2 BKKH
- 3 NNWR





Every School Day Counts



94%

Our overall attendance this academic year

Top 3 Tutors



BPAL



Congratulations

MLDW

BNWR

2

3

Weekly Attendance

Year 5 **96%**

Year 6 **94%**

Year 7 **94%**

Year 8 **92%**

Whole School **94%**



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!'

'Congratulations to the 488 students who received their points boosters for 100% attendance, a great way to boost points for the end of term reward!'



Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...



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	<u>Homework club (Closed until further notice)</u>
Wednesday	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	<u>Homework club (Closed until further notice)</u> Year 5 netball club starting 13th March 3.30-4.45pm Sign up only
Thursday	Lunch Club, Room 2, duration of lunch, KCR/CMI	<u>Homework club (Closed until further notice)</u>
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

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