



The Insider

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Our Vision

In our inclusive community,
Each valued individual is taught self-belief
We are resilient and optimistic,
Caring for ourselves and our peers.
We are Children of God, with hope,
Awe and wonder in our hearts.

Our Bible verse: *Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*
Ephesians 4:32

Our Values: Respect Friendship Honesty Kindness

Our value this half term is Friendship

Our motto: Respect. Believe. Succeed

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another busy week draws to a close, we reflect on the many wonderful achievements and successes—both academic and social. Our value this half term is friendship, and it has been lovely to see this value lived out through the kind and thoughtful actions of our pupils.

Looking ahead, Parents' Evening will be held on Monday, 6th October. This will be an opportunity for you to meet with your child's tutor to discuss how they have settled into the new term and how we can continue to support them. Please ensure you have made a booking on Epraise, and we look forward to welcoming you into school.

For our Year 6 parents, a SATs Information Evening will take place on Monday 29th September, from 6:00pm – 7:00pm, where we look forward to the opportunity to share with you how we will support your child throughout this year to enable them to achieve their potential. If you are unable to make it but have questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school—a member of staff will be happy to get in touch with you.

Our Year 6 pupils will be visiting The Bridge Church on Thursday 23rd October for this year's Harvest Service. A letter will be sent out in due course with further information. If you would like to make any donations to the Redditch Food Bank, food items can be sent into school during the week beginning 13th October.

We wish you a restful weekend

Mrs Lowe

Key Information for Parents

For information about our school: www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk





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](#)

BRITISH VALUES AND NEWS

INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY



Individual Liberty

For 70 years, Guinness World Records has celebrated the many ways people shine. It shows us that we all have the freedom to follow our passions, try new things, and share what makes us unique.

In our Collective Worship this week, we took time to reflect on and discuss a current news story, considering its relevance to one of our key British Values: Individual Liberty.

We encourage you to take a moment to speak with your child about what was discussed and see if they can identify other examples of Individual Liberty in action in our everyday lives—both within school and beyond. It's a wonderful way to continue these important conversations at home and help deepen their understanding of the world around them.



This week's winners!



Individual

Year 5 **Lola Waite**
Year 6 **Jessica Davies**
Year 7 **Harrison Bridgman**
Year 8 **Emily Mutchell**

Top Tutor Group

Year 5 **RSH**
Year 6 **AVE**
Year 7 **PAL**
Year 8 **PBO**



Tutor Parents' Evening- Monday 6th October 4:00 -7.00pm

Just to remind you that the booking system for the Tutor Parents' Evening has opened in Epraise. Once you have logged into Epraise please:

- select [Community](#)
- then choose Tutor Parents' Evenings and you will be given the option to book in with your child's tutor teacher. The room number will also show within your booking in Epraise.

If you have forgotten your password, or have never logged into Epraise before, then click on the parent tab and enter your email address, leave the password field blank, press submit, and a password will be sent to your email.

If you do not have an email address registered with us, then you will be unable to login so you will need to contact the school reception to add an email address to your contact details.

We hope to see you and your child on the evening of Monday the 6th October.

Ski trip 2027

If you would like your child to be part of this exciting opportunity, then please indicate so by completing the following Microsoft form by 9am on Monday 13th October, ensuring payment of the £150 non-refundable deposit has also been made. <https://forms.office.com/e/HmqqBDnVLC>.

The maximum number of places available on this trip is 50. If the trip is oversubscribed, all the places will be allocated by a ballot and deposits returned accordingly.

The deadline for the deposit is Monday 13th October.





Every School Day Counts



95%

Our overall attendance this academic year

Top 3 Tutors

LWa



Congratulations



NWr



EDu



Weekly Attendance

Year 5 **97%**

Year 6 **92%**

Year 7 **91%**

Year 8 **92%**

Whole School **93%**



Year to date Attendance

Year 5 **97%**

Year 6 **93%**

Year 7 **95%**

Year 8 **94%**

Whole School **95%**



Congratulations to LWa for leading the way this week with excellent attendance. A huge well done also to Year 5 for being the only year group to maintain their attendance from the previous week: Years, 6, 7 and 8 now need to follow or - better still - exceed their example. Remember, every school day counts!



Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...





SINGING LESSONS

We have spaces on Tuesday
for singing lessons available
with our fantastic Pro Tutor Ms
Rivett!

If you love to sing and want to
gain skills, self-confidence
and have fun,
why not find out more!

**CONTACT MRS LAISHLEY FOR
INFORMATION**

glaishley@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk



Singing Lessons – Spaces Available!

🎵 *Tuesdays with Pro Tutor Ms Rivett* 🎵

If your child loves singing, this is a wonderful chance to grow in self-confidence, develop stage presence, and build musical knowledge and vocal technique.

❖ Limited spaces available – contact **Mrs Laishley** for more information.



10 OCTOBER

World Mental Health day



Dear Parents,

We are thrilled to announce our upcoming event to celebrate World Mental Health Day with a special “Wear What Makes You Feel Good” non-uniform day. This initiative aims to promote self-expression and positivity among students. While we encourage creativity, please ensure that outfits are suitable for school by avoiding short shorts or belly tops.

The goal is for each student to wear something that brings them joy and comfort. Maybe their favourite football top, dance outfit, cadet uniform or even their PJs! Whatever makes them feel amazing!



Clubs and Activities



Autumn Term 1

	Before school 8.30-8.45	Breaktime 10.20- 10.35	Lunchtime 12.55-13.15	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
Monday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Year 5 & 6 boys' football 3:30-4:45pm (AU Sports/ PMC) Sign-up only
Tuesday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Choir Year 5 and 7 12.55-1.15 (during playground time) Music Room Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	KS2 girls' netball 3:30-4:45pm (AU Sports/ KGR) Sign-up only KS3 girls' football (AU sports) Sign-up only
Wednesday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	KS2 girls' football (AU Sports/LWO) Sign-up only
Thursday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only Homework Club /Seneca Help (FCL) Lab 1 12:55 –13:30 Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Year 7 & 8 boys' football 3:30-4:45pm (AU Sports/ PMI/PMC) Sign-up only KS3 girls' netball (AU Sports/KGR) Sign-up only
Friday	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only Choir Year 6 and 8 1.15-1.35 (during playground time) Music Room Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	



Looking ahead



2025	
Monday 29 September	SATs Information Evening 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Monday 6 October	Tutor Parents' Evening 4:00 – 7:00pm
Monday 10 November	Parents' Maths and English Workshop 6:00 – 7:00pm
Friday 24 October	Staff Development Day
Monday 27 – Friday 31 October	Half Term
Friday 19 December	End of Term
2026	
Monday 5 January	First Day of Spring Term
Wednesday 4 February	Yr6 & Yr8 Parents' Evening 4:00 – 7:00 pm
Thursday 12 February	Yr6 & yr8 Parents' Evening 4:00 – 7:00pm
Monday 16 – Friday 20 February	Half Term
Wednesday 11 March	Yr5 & Yr7 Parents' Evening 4:00 – 7:00pm
Thursday 19 March	Yr5 & Yr7 Parents' Evening 4:00 – 7:00pm
Friday 27 March	End of Term
Monday 13 April	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 4 May	Bank Holiday
Monday 25 – Friday 29 May	Half Term
Monday 1 June	Staff Development Day
Friday 17 July	End of Term