



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 motto: Respect. Believe. Succeed

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another school year, it's a perfect time to pause, look back and celebrate all that has been achieved.

This year has been full of learning – not just in lessons but from each other. We began with a fantastic SIAMS Inspection and ended the year with greatly improved SATs results! A heartfelt congratulations to our amazing pupils and to all of our parents and carers: for the part that you played and for the continuing support which you generously offer, thank you.

Throughout the year, our pupils have demonstrated resilience through challenges; kindness in friendships and curiosity in learning. It has been wonderful to see our pupils grow and flourish in so many ways. It was lovely to see the pupils having fun and participating in Sports Day on Tuesday, where a great time was had by all. We have had many sporting achievements this year which have been a credit to our pupils, and we look forward to further success next year.

On Wednesday, our year 8 pupils, staff and parents gathered for our Leavers' Service, where some of our pupils shared their memories and we gave thanks for everything they had achieved, acknowledging the amazing young people that they are becoming.

I would also like to take this time to thank the teachers and staff who have supported and encouraged our pupils every step of the way and to our families and friends for your continued support.

For those moving onto new places, we wish you every success and happiness for the future. At this time, we say goodbye to Mrs Peplow, Mrs Hayward-Bailey and Mrs West. Their hard work, dedication and care have made a lasting impact on this school. You will be missed and we wish you every success for the future.

For everyone returning in September, we look forward to another exciting year ahead.

We wish you all a lovely summer holiday!

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](#)



This week's winners!



Individual

Year 5 **Alisha Hollinson**
Year 6 **Natalia Bildea**
Year 7 **Aston Wallis**
Year 8 **Seren Horne**



Top Tutor Group

Year 5 **RSH**
Year 6 **AFA**
Year 7 **LWA**
Year 8 **PBO**



[Summer Safeguarding @ Walkwood 2025!](#)

Safeguarding at Walkwood – Summer Holidays

[Go to this Sway](#)



Every School Day Counts



94%

Our overall attendance this academic year

Top 3 Tutors



EDu



Congratulations

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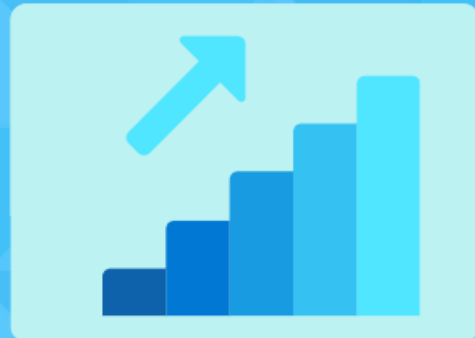


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Weekly Attendance

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



Year to date Attendance

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



Well done to **EDu** for the highest attendance of the week again! And congratulations to everyone else but particularly to **Year 8**, whose attendance has increased from 91% to 94% for the penultimate week. Have a safe and enjoyable break and we will see you in September!



Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...



INSTRUMENT LESSONS

APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER NOW OPEN!



VOCALS, DRUM KIT, VIOLIN,
WOODWIND AND PIANO
WITH PRO MUSIC TUITION

ALL STYLES OF GUITAR
WITH MR NICHOLSON



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WORCS.SCH.UK/MUSIC](https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/music)



Instrument Lesson Applications Now Open for September!


We are delighted to announce that applications for **instrument lessons starting this September** are now open!

This year, we are proud to be partnering with **Pro Music Tuition**, who provide high-quality music tuition across the West Midlands. They will be offering lessons in:

-  Vocals
-  Drum Kit
-  Violin
-  Woodwind
-  Piano

In addition, our **specialist Guitar teacher, Mr Nicholson**, will continue to offer expert tuition in all styles of guitar playing.

There has **never been a better time to learn a musical instrument!** Lessons are open to **all students** – whether you're a complete beginner or continuing your musical journey. With both **group and individual tuition** available, there's something to suit everyone.

 For application forms and more information, visit our website:

 walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Music

or simply **scan the QR code**.



Please ensure any Parent Pay accounts are settled in full, this is especially crucial for our year 8's who have now left us, and for any other pupils who may have left the school.

Thank you.



Appointment of Class Teacher 0.4 fixed term until 31 August 2026 (Teachers' Main Scale or Upper Scale)

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 stated (2024):

Led by the vision, leaders are resolute in driving forward the work of the school. This ensures positive outcomes for pupils and adults.

Pastoral care is exceptional and extends from the school into the local community. As a result of this feeling of being treasured, lives are transformed.

There is a strong culture of togetherness, respect and trust between all members of the school community.

We wish to appoint a part – time Class Teacher 0.4 fixed term until 31 august 2026.

We are looking for a teacher who is:

- An outstanding classroom practitioner
- Able to establish and maintain high expectations, challenge and support for all pupils through a fully inclusive approach.
- Able to share the vision for and deliver a curriculum that links content, skills and values; building on prior knowledge.
- Responsive and proactive to enable sustained high standards of learning and teaching for their pupils.
- Able to provide effective pastoral care and understanding of all pupils.
- 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.

The post holder will be responsible for planning, delivering and assessing high quality lessons which engage and inspire all learners across KS2 and KS3. The successful candidate will demonstrate consistently high standards of teaching and excellent classroom management.

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)

The post is available from 1 January 2026 and is on a fixed term contract until 31 August 2026.

Closing date for applications is **9.00am on Friday 5 September 2025**. Short-listed candidates will be contacted soon after this date.

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.



Looking ahead



2025	
Friday 18 July	End of Term
Monday 1 September	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 2 September	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 3 September	First Day of Autumn Term
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
Monday 16 – Friday 20 February	Half Term
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