



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 another busy and productive week filled with wonderful achievements comes to a close, we once again have much to celebrate and be thankful for.

On Wednesday, our local Community Support Officers visited Walkwood to speak with our Year 8 pupils about future careers in the police force. Our pupils were incredibly respectful throughout the visit, asking thoughtful and insightful questions. Opportunities like this provide invaluable experiences for our young people to explore different pathways for their future careers.

A special thank you to our amazing pupils who represented Walkwood so brilliantly during our Open Evening on Wednesday. They were polite, respectful and exceptionally welcoming to our visitors. On Thursday morning, we also welcomed prospective parents and their children into school. The feedback we received was fantastic and visitors commented that were truly impressed by the purposeful learning, respectful relationships and genuine engagement they saw in every classroom. We are so proud of our pupils and our dedicated team of staff, who make our school community such a special place.

We would also like to extend our gratitude for the generous donations to our local foodbank, which continue to flow into school. Your kindness at this time of harvest is greatly valued and appreciated.

As we approach the end of term, please note that school finishes on Thursday 23rd October, and we look forward to welcoming pupils back on Monday 3rd November 2025.

Wishing you all a lovely and 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](#)



This week's winners!

Individual

Year 5	Cora Linford
Year 6	Jessica Davies
Year 7	Alexis Brough
Year 8	Lilly Garvey

Top Tutor Group

Year 5	RSH
Year 6	AVE
Year 7	EDU
Year 8	PBO





Please ensure any Parent Pay accounts are settled in full as we near the end of term.
Thank you.



Every School Day Counts



95%

Our overall
attendance this
academic year

Top 3 Tutors

RSh



Congratulations



JWa



LPh



Weekly Attendance

Year 5 **97%**

Year 6 **94%**

Year 7 **95%**

Year 8 **97%**

Whole School **96%**



Year to date Attendance

Year 5 **97%**

Year 6 **94%**

Year 7 **94%**

Year 8 **95%**

Whole School **95%**



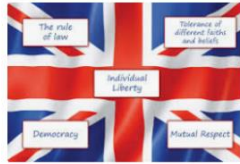
RSh are leading by example this week. Well done to you all! Congratulations also to **Years 5 and 7** for both improving attendance from the previous week - and by a whole 2% each - and to **Year 8**, which has increased by 4%! It might not sound a lot, but it can make all the difference: as we all know, every school day counts!



Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...





British Values and news

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: Rule of Law.

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 the Rule of Law 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.



Rule of Law

The United Nations was created after the war, to help countries follow rules and keep peace. Just like in our own lives, rules can bring people together and guide us to live safely and fairly.



Reading Matters

Our Scholastic Book Fair will be in school Monday 3rd November to Thursday 6th November. Pupils will be able to browse books and pay with either cash or card. On Thursday 6th November, parents and carers are invited into school to browse the Book Fair and make any purchases, between 3.45- 4.00pm. We will also email you a QR code so that you can pay for books online, if you prefer. Any books purchased accrue free books for our school! Thank you for any support you can give to this.





Come to our

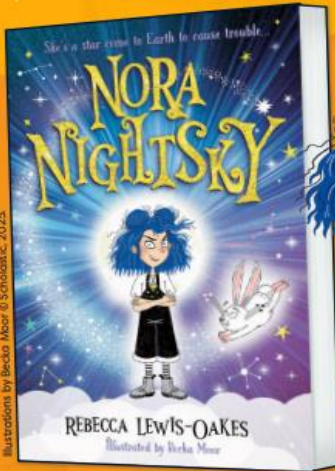
BOOK FAIR

to spot the books you'll
LOVE to read!

Every book
you buy earns
**FREE
BOOKS**
for our school*



Come and
find me!





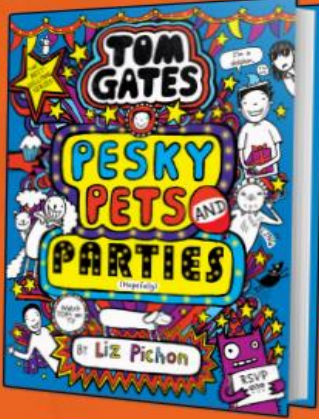
My brand
new book!











DATE:

TIME:

LOCATION:

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MORE NEW BOOKS

to look out for!



Books from
£2.99

**DISCOVER MORE
BOOKS ONLINE!**

www.travellingbooks.co.uk/books



All books subject to availability.

Payment at our Book Fair

Please check with your school for the best way to pay for your books

- You may pay by card at the Fair via card reader machines if your school has one or by using the online payment link at www.travellingbooks.co.uk/pay and simply selecting your school from the drop down menu.
- Pre-paid gift vouchers are available in £5, £10, £15, £20 and £25. Go to www.travellingbooks.co.uk/gift-vouchers to buy vouchers for your child before the Fair.
- If you can't attend the Fair in person, your child can order books via a Wish List – please ask your school for details.

HELP EARN FREE BOOKS

Scholastic is one of the largest providers of free books to schools via our Reward scheme which helps to ensure that as many children as possible have access to books that support reading for pleasure. Every time you buy from the Book Fair, you help to make a difference by supporting literacy in your child's setting. Last year, with your help, we gave over £5.3M worth of free books to schools nationwide, which stocked school libraries and classrooms.



*Free books are subject to terms and conditions. Please contact your Book Fair Organiser or Scholastic Book Fairs for details.
All books subject to availability. Book range may vary. ⚠ Warning: Not suitable for children under 3. Small parts.

College Cross Country Runs

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of both the PE Curriculum and intra-school competition, your child will be taking part in a College Cross-Country Run during their normal timetabled PE lessons during the days of Friday 17th – Thursday 23rd October 2025.

Not only do the children gain points for their college in taking part but it helps us to identify pupils that will be invited to compete in the Redditch Schools District cross country after half term.

Date	Lesson	Classes
Friday 17 th October	2 & 3	7C
Monday 20 th October	2 & 3	5JWA / 5RSH / 5LPH
Monday 20 th October	6 & 7	6E
Tuesday 21 st October	6 & 7	6C

Wednesday 22 nd October	2 & 3	8E
Wednesday 22 nd October	6 & 7	8C
Thursday 23 rd October	2 & 3	7E
Thursday 23 rd October	6 & 7	5LWA / 5NWR / 5NHU

We can't predict what the weather will be like next so we ask that your child could bring the following to their next timetabled PE lesson:

- Walkwood PE kit.
- A towel.
- A carrier bag to put dirty shoes in.
- Football boots to run in. (Optional but recommended)
- An old T-shirt to prevent PE tops getting muddy if the weather conditions are poor.

If your child suffers from asthma, please ensure they have their inhaler with them clearly labelled.

Every pupil is expected to take part but if your child is unwell and unable to take part, please provide us with a letter excusing them. However, they must still come with PE kit as they will take part in an officiating role down on the field.

Faithfully,

Mr L Wootton

Head of PE



HARVEST

Festival



DONATE WHAT YOU CAN

Hello Parents!

We would love for the entire school community to participate in the upcoming harvest celebration. Please support this initiative and donate what you can, such as non-perishable food items or toiletries, which will be given to a local food bank. Students can drop off their donations at the reception.



Friends of Walkwood present...



Christmas Fayre

Save The Date!

All the fun at the Fayre....Tombola,
Crafts Stalls, Raffle and Festive
Tunes!

Friday November 28th

4pm-5:30pm



We need your help!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE PRIZES

This season is the perfect time to give and celebrate. We need your donations for the Christmas raffle, with proceeds supporting the PTA's next school project—a

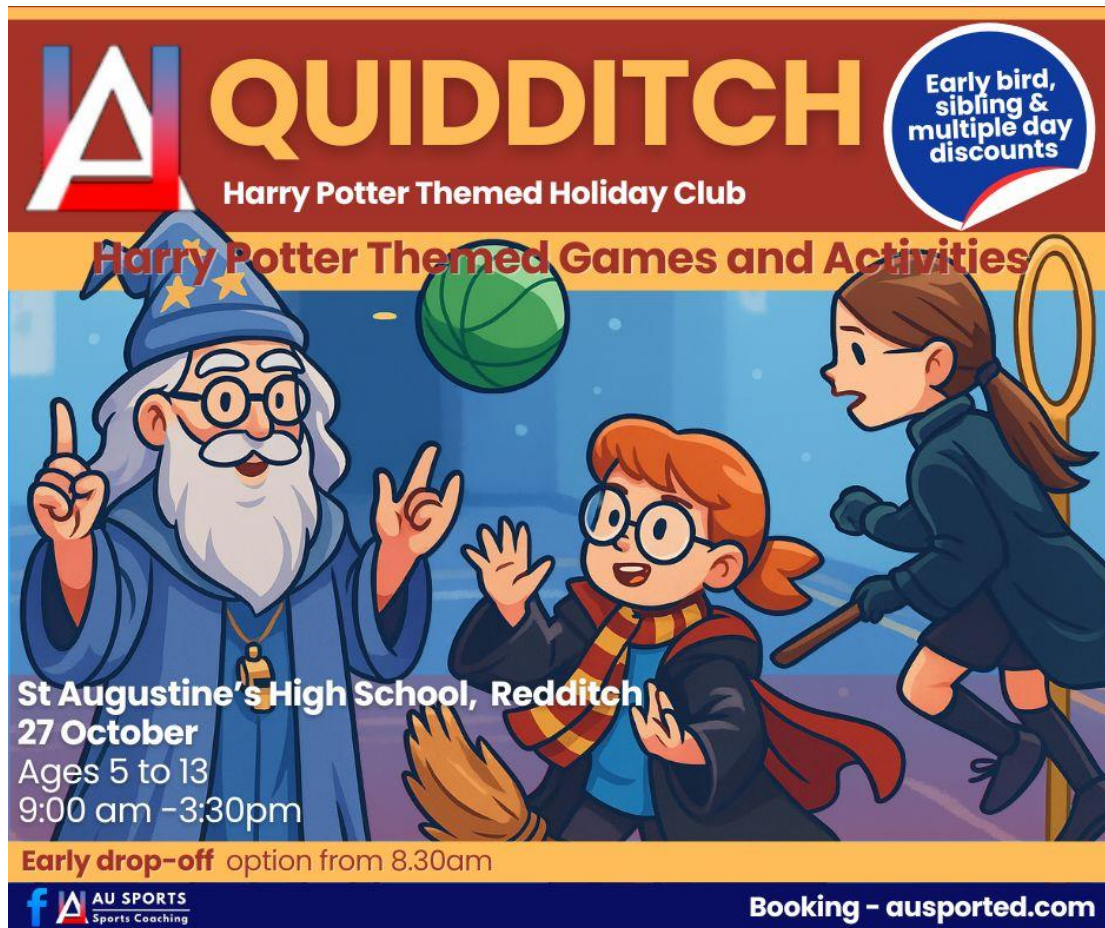
wellbeing garden in the school. We are looking for raffle prizes donated by the local community and parents, such as hampers, vouchers for local businesses, beauty treatments, the list goes on and any donation would be gratefully received.

Donations can be dropped off at reception or emailed in via

office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk
(marked for the attention of PTA).

Tickets on sale soon!





A QUIDDITCH

Harry Potter Themed Holiday Club

Harry Potter Themed Games and Activities

Early bird, sibling & multiple day discounts

St Augustine's High School, Redditch
27 October
Ages 5 to 13
9:00 am - 3:30pm

Early drop-off option from 8.30am

f A AU SPORTS Sports Coaching

Booking - ausported.com



A MULTI SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUB

October Half Term - Mon 27 - Fri 31 October

Early bird, sibling & multiple day discounts

St Augustine's High School, Redditch
27 Oct - 31 Oct
Ages 5 to 13
9:00 am - 3:30pm

Early drop-off option from 8.30am

Late pick up options available

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FOOTBALL HOLIDAY CLUB

October Half Term – Wed 29 & Fri 31 October



Early bird,
sibling &
multiple day
discounts

St Augustine's High School, Redditch
28 & 31 October
Ages 5 to 13
9:00 am – 3:30pm



Early drop-off option from 8.30am

Late pick up options available



AU SPORTS
Sports Coaching

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NETBALL HOLIDAY CLUB

October Half Term – Tuesday 28 October



Early bird,
sibling &
multiple day
discounts



St Augustine's High School, Redditch
28 October
Ages 5 to 13
9:00 am – 3:30pm

Early drop-off option from 8.30am

Late pick up options available



AU SPORTS
Sports Coaching

Booking – ausported.com

GYMNASTICS & DANCE HOLIDAY CLUB

October Half Term – Thursday 30 October with Hayley

Early bird,
sibling &
multiple day
discounts

St Augustine's High School, Redditch
30 October
Ages 5 to 13
9:00 am – 3:30pm

Early drop-off option from 8.30am

Late pick up options available



Booking - ausported.com

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	
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	School production rehearsal – Lion King
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	
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	School production rehearsal – Lion King
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	
Thursday 23 October	End of Term for Pupils
Friday 24 October	Staff Development Day
Monday 27 – Friday 31 October	Half Term
Thursday 6 November	Book Fair Open To Parents 3:45 – 4:00pm
Monday 10 November	Parents' Maths and English Workshop 6:00 – 7:00pm
Friday 28 November	Christmas Fayre 4:00 - 5:30pm
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 18 th – Wednesday 20 th May	Yr7 Trip - The Ultimate Adventure Centre
Monday 25 – Friday 29 May	Half Term
Monday 1 June	Staff Development Day
Sunday 28 th June – Wednesday 1 st July	Yr5 Devon residential Trip
Friday 17 July	End of Term