



# 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 the new school year begins, we look ahead with renewed excitement and enthusiasm for the many learning opportunities that await your child. These include chances to build lasting friendships, grow in confidence and self-belief and celebrate achievements along the way. Our dedicated staff are here to support both pupils and families throughout this journey. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact your child's tutor.

I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate all our pupils on such a positive start to the term. They have been working exceptionally hard and are already producing some outstanding work. Movement around school has been calm and purposeful. Our new one-way system is running smoothly, helping to reduce congestion in the corridors and ensuring a calm and focused start to lessons.

A heartfelt thank you to the parents, carers and family members who joined us for the Year 5 Welcome Service. It was wonderful to see so many of you and to share this special occasion together. Our Year 5 pupils have settled into life at Walkwood brilliantly, showing excellent manners and exemplary behaviour.

**Uniform:** Pupils are looking very smart in their school uniform, which is great to see. Please help us maintain these high standards throughout the year. A copy of our uniform policy is available on the school website for your reference.

**Attendance and Punctuality:** Good attendance is vital to your child's success. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time each day. If you require any support, our team is always here to help.

**Open Evening – Wednesday 15th October, 6:00pm – 7:30pm**

We warmly invite families of current Year 4 pupils (or those who know someone with a child in Year 4) to attend our Open Evening. There will also be additional opportunities to visit on **Thursday 16th October at 9:15am or 1:45pm** (please contact the school office to arrange daytime visits).

Thank you for your continued support. We wish you a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Lowe

### Key Information for Parents

For information about our school: [www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk](http://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](#)



## Reading Matters

A reminder that our wonderful school library is open **every day** before school (08.30-08.45); at break times (10.20-10.35) and at lunchtimes (12.55-13.15).

Pupils have an allocated library session once per fortnight and as such, all pupils should have a library book on loan, once they have had their first library lesson. This will enable pupils to be fully prepared for their daily DEAR (Drop Everything and Read sessions) and to engage fully with their reading, both in and out of school.

Please support your child with reading for **15-20 minutes each day** (wherever possible) outside of school, as this will help them to make optimal progress across the whole curriculum! Let's get reading, Walkwood!



## Importance of labelling belongings

We accumulate a large number of items of lost property in our Reception area. We do endeavour to get the items back to the children, which is much easier when there is a name on the item. We can then notify the tutor so the pupil can come and collect the piece of uniform or equipment from Reception.

Unfortunately, if articles are not named, we do not know who they belong to!

Please therefore ensure that you **name in full all your child's belongings** i.e. School bag/rucksack, lunch box/bag, water bottle etc so that we can return the items to your child.



## This week's winners!

### Individual

Year 5 Oscar Crooke  
Year 6 Joel Jobin  
Year 7 Alexis Brough  
Year 8 Corey Whitmore



### Top Tutor Group

Year 5 JWA  
Year 6 AVE  
Year 7 BOB  
Year 8 PBO





# Every School Day Counts



## 96%

Our overall attendance this academic year

## Top 3 Tutors

### JWa/LWa/NHu



Congratulations

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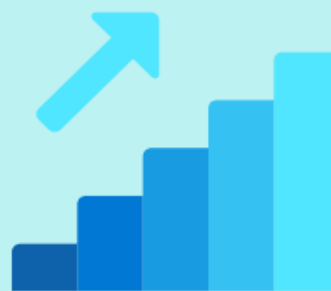


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## Weekly Attendance

Year 5	99%
Year 6	94%
Year 7	98%
Year 8	95%
Whole School	96%



## Year to date Attendance

Year 5	99%
Year 6	94%
Year 7	98%
Year 8	95%
Whole School	96%



Welcome back and what an amazing start to the year: JWa, LWa and NHu have all set a shining example with 100% attendance last week! Well done also to the whole of Year 5 for a very impressive 99%! Remember, every school day counts so let's all aim for 100%!



## Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...





**Walkwood**  
Church of England  Middle School

# Admission 2026

**Open Evening**  
**15th October 2025 6-7:30pm**

**Open Day**  
**16<sup>th</sup> October 2025**  
**9:15am and 1:45pm**

Please contact the school office to book in.



Contact with us  
**01527 543361**

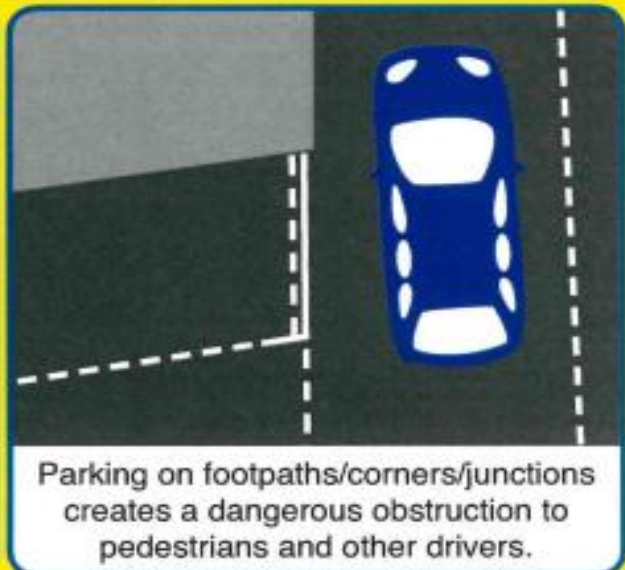
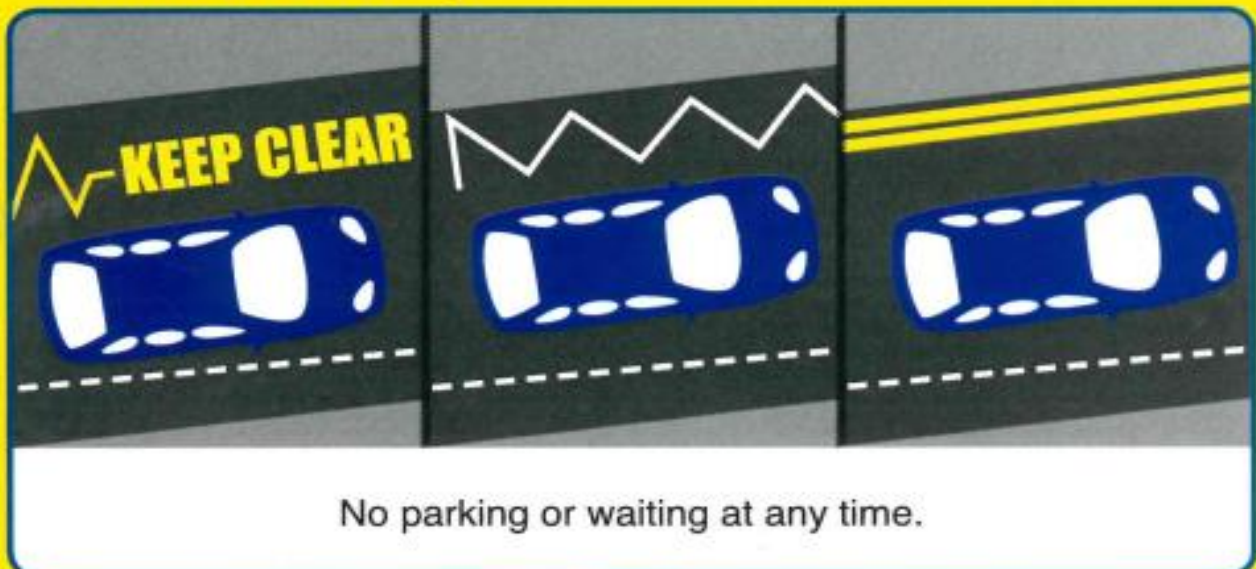


Visit our website  
**<https://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/>**



# Think before you park!

Illegal and irresponsible parking can put lives in danger.  
Remember the following:



**If you choose to ignore this advice you may be prosecuted.**

The safety of pedestrians is far more important than finding a close spot to leave your car. Always think before you park.



Walkwood Music Department



# Join our Choir

Year 5 and 7

Tuesday

12.55-1.15

Music

Year 6 and 8

Friday

1.15-1.35

Music

**Everyone is  
Welcome!**



## 🎵 Walkwood Middle School Choir 🎵

Open to EVERYONE — no experience needed!

Join us Tuesday & Friday lunchtimes.

👉 Sing. 🎤 Make friends. 🤝 Have fun. 🎶



# Clubs and Activities



## Autumn Term 1

	Before school 8.30-8.45	Breaktime 10.15- 10.30	Lunchtime 12.15 – 1.00pm	After School 3:30pm – 4:45pm
<b>Monday</b>	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books (12.55-13.15)	<b>Year 5 &amp; 6 boys football</b> 3:30-4:45pm (AU Sports/ PMC) Sign-up only
<b>Tuesday</b>	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books (12.55-13.15)  Choir Year 5 and 7 12.55-1.15 (during playground time) Music Room	<b>KS2 girls netball</b> 3:30-4:45pm (AU Sports/ KGR) Sign-up only  <b>KS3 girls football</b> (AU sports) Sign-up only
<b>Wednesday</b>	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books (12.55-13.15)  Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only	<b>KS2 girls football</b> (AU Sports/LWO) Sign-up only
<b>Thursday</b>	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books (12.55-13.15)  Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only  Homework Club /Seneca Help (FCL)  Lab 1 12:55 –13:30	<b>Year 7 &amp; 8 boys football</b> 3:30-4:45pm (AU Sports/ PMI/PMC) Sign-up only  <b>KS3 girls netball</b> (AU Sports/KGR) Sign-up only
<b>Friday</b>	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books (12.55-13.15)  Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only  Choir Year 6 and 8 1.15-1.35 (during playground time) Music Room	



# 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