



# 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,

It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evening on Monday. We hope you found the event helpful in gaining insight into how your child has settled into their new year group. If you have any questions moving forward, please don't hesitate to contact the school. We are always keen to work in partnership with you to ensure your child has a positive and successful experience at Walkwood.

Please keep an eye out for a parents' survey which will be sent out shortly. Your feedback is incredibly valuable in helping us grow and improve as a school, so we would be very grateful if you could take a few minutes to share your thoughts. Clubs for the next half term will be launched over the coming weeks. You will soon have the opportunity to sign your child up for one that interests them.

On Thursday 23rd October, our Year 6 pupils will be attending a Harvest service at The Bridge Church. As part of this, the whole school community is invited to bring in donations of non-perishable food items and/or toiletries. These will be donated to a local food bank.

A reminder that our Open Evening for prospective pupils joining in September 2026 will be held on Wednesday 15th October, from 6:00–7:30pm. If you have a child due to move to middle school in 2026, or know someone who does, we would be delighted to welcome them!

Please see our revised uniform policy on our school website: [School Uniform - Walkwood Church of England Middle School](#)

Wishing you a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Warm regards,

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](#)




## This week's winners!

Individual

Year 5	Oliver Iduitua
Year 6	Jessica Davies
Year 7	Alexis Brough
Year 8	Lilly Garvey

Top Tutor Group

Year 5	RSH
Year 6	AVE
Year 7	BKI
Year 8	GLA





# 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.



## British Values and news

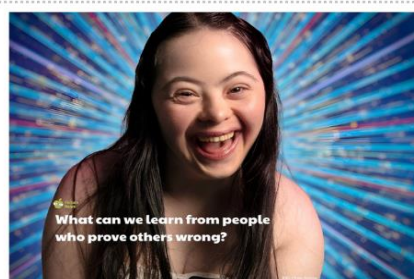
In our Collective Worship this week, we took time to reflect on and discuss a current news story, considering its relevance to one of our key British Values: Mutual Respect and Tolerance.

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 Mutual Respect and Tolerance 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.



### Mutual Respect and Tolerance

We can be inspired by people who prove others wrong by achieving things we might not expect. Everyone deserves respect for what they do and the ways they can shine.





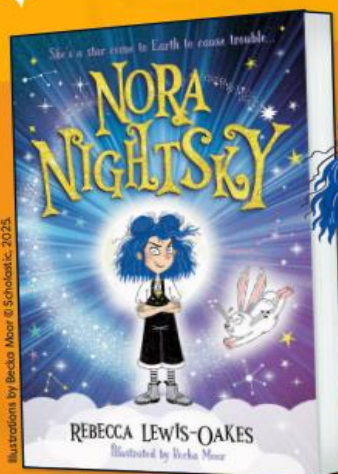
Come to our

# 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!

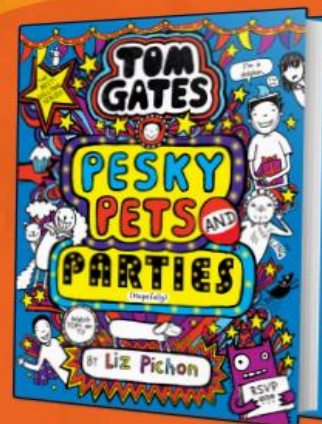


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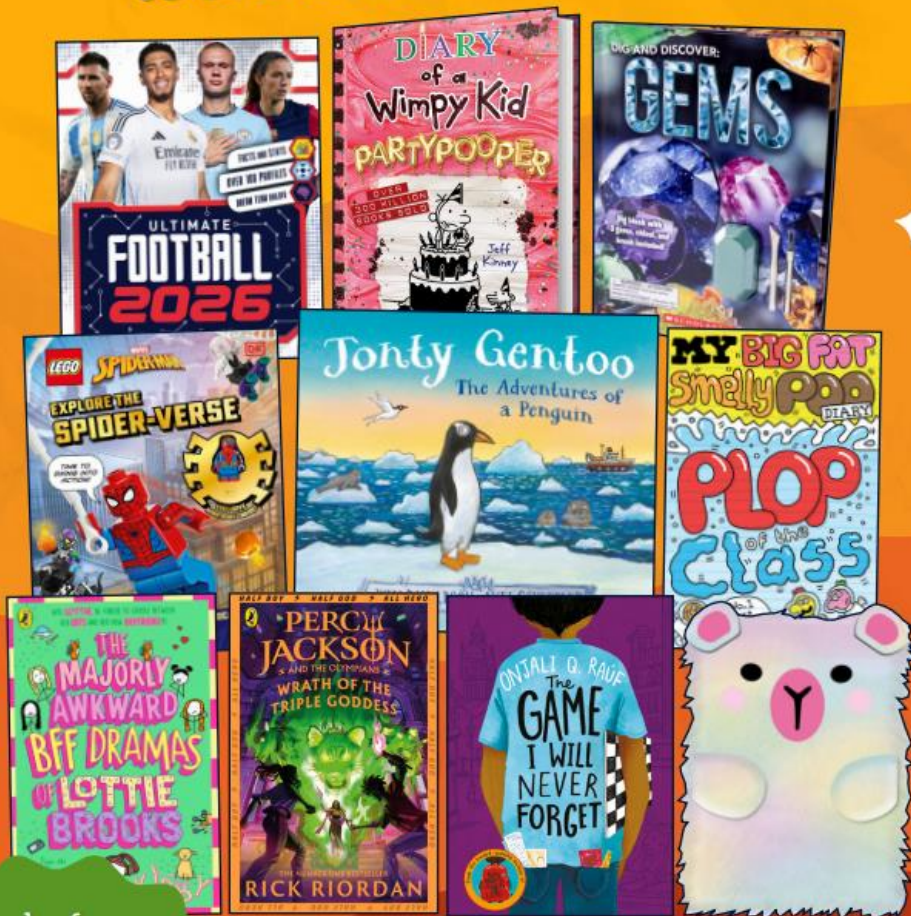
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# MORE NEW BOOKS

to look out for!



Books from  
**£2.99**

**DISCOVER MORE BOOKS ONLINE!**

[www.travellingbooks.co.uk/books](http://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](http://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](http://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.



# Every School Day Counts



**95%**  
Our overall  
attendance this  
academic year

## Top 3 Tutors

**LWa**



Congratulations



**PMi**



**RCo**



## Weekly Attendance

Year 5	<b>95%</b>
Year 6	<b>95%</b>
Year 7	<b>93%</b>
Year 8	<b>93%</b>
Whole School	<b>94%</b>



## Year to date Attendance

Year 5	<b>97%</b>
Year 6	<b>94%</b>
Year 7	<b>93%</b>
Year 8	<b>95%</b>
Whole School	<b>95%</b>



**LWa** are leading the way this week, setting a shining example for us all to follow. Congratulations also to **Years 6 and 7** for both improving attendance from the previous week - and by a whole 3% each! 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...







# 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 28<sup>th</sup>

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.

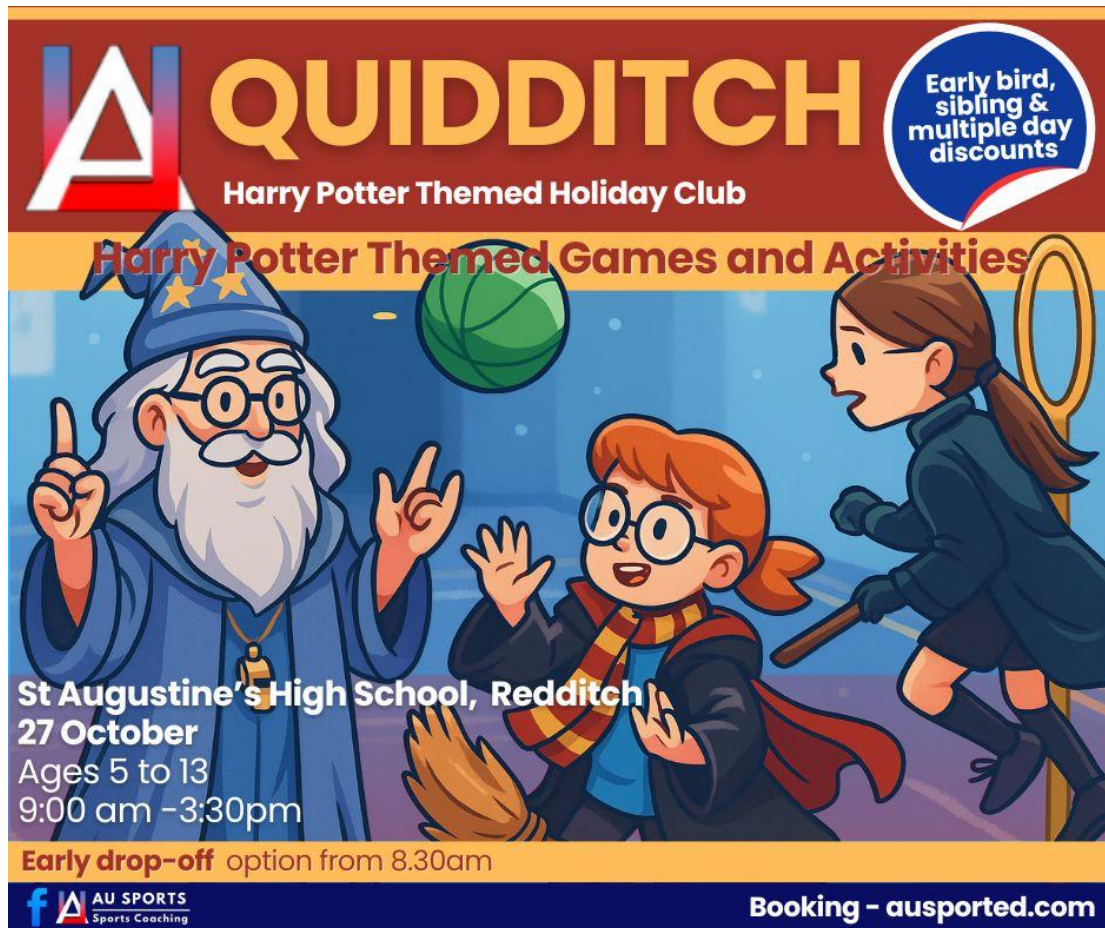
Donations can be dropped off at reception or emailed in via

[office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk](mailto: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

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

Early drop-off option from 8.30am

Early bird, sibling & multiple day discounts

f A AU SPORTS Sports Coaching

Booking - [ausported.com](http://ausported.com)



**A MULTI SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUB**

October Half Term - Mon 27 - Fri 31 October

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

Early bird, sibling & multiple day discounts

f A AU SPORTS Sports Coaching

Booking - [ausported.com](http://ausported.com)



# FOOTBALL HOLIDAY CLUB

October Half Term – Wed 29 & Fri 31 October



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



Booking – [ausported.com](https://ausported.com)

# NETBALL HOLIDAY CLUB

October Half Term – Tuesday 28 October



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



Booking – [ausported.com](https://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](https://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
<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	<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	Choir Year 5 and 7 12.55-1.15 (during playground time) Music Room  Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	<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	Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only  Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	<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	Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only  Homework Club /Seneca Help (FCL)  Lab 1  <b>12:55 –13:30</b>  Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	<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	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	

### Netball, Bench Ball and Football College matches

The PE department run college matches twice a year, where pupils participate in a sporting activity against the other colleges in the school. Points are awarded to teams and these then go towards the college sports total at the end of the year.

College matches take place during lesson time where a whole year group will come down to PE at once. This may mean your child has two PE lessons that week and so will need to bring their kit in on two days.

Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Lesson 6 and 7	Year 6
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Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Lesson 2 and 3	Year 8
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Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Lesson 2 and 3	Year 7
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Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Lesson 6 and 7	*Year 5
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Please can you make sure pupils have correct PE kit for the following days. It is also recommended that boys have boots and shin pads where possible.

Thanks,

PE Department



## 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 17<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> October	2 & 3	7C
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	2 & 3	5JWA / 5RSH / 5LPH
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	6 & 7	6E
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	6 & 7	6C

Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	2 & 3	8E
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	6 & 7	8C
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	2 & 3	7E
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> 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



# Looking ahead



2025	
Wednesday 15 October	Open Evening 6:00 – 7:30pm
Thursday 16 October	Open Day 9:15 – 10:15am & 1:45 – 2:45pm
Friday 24 October	Staff Development Day
Monday 27 – Friday 31 October	Half Term
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 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Yr7 Trip - The Ultimate Adventure Centre
Monday 25 – Friday 29 May	Half Term
Monday 1 June	Staff Development Day
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Yr5 Devon residential Trip
Friday 17 July	End of Term