



# 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,

Another sun-filled week draws to a close at Walkwood and as we rapidly approach the end of another school year, our pupils continue to amaze us with the quality of their work and dedication to learning.

Next week, our Transition Days will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, which will provide an invaluable opportunity for your child to spend some time with their new tutor and class and to learn more about the arrangements and curriculum for September. Our tutors are very much looking forward to meeting with their new class and will ensure all children feel reassured and happy. During this time, your child will also have an opportunity to ask any questions that they may have. Please note that on Monday, during tutor time, pupils in years 5, 6 and 7 will be informed of their new class. Our wonderful year 8 pupils will also experience their new high schools on Transition Days; we know that they will shine brightly and represent Walkwood impeccably. Just a reminder that on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July our Year 8 Leavers' worship will take place in school at 11 o'clock. We very much look forward to welcoming parents and carers to join us for this very special service, where we can join together to reflect on everything that our pupils have achieved at Walkwood and to wish them well as they move onto the next stage in their education. Please ensure you have responded to the survey about attendance at this event, by the end of Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

Wishing you a restful 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](#)



## This week's winners!



### Individual

Year 5 Jasmine Chatfield  
Year 6 Skye McDonald  
Year 7 Alexa Evident  
Year 8 Roxy Trevitt

### Top Tutor Group

Year 5 RSH  
Year 6 AFA  
Year 7 PJE  
Year 8 GLA



ParentPay

### Lunch Money

Please can we ask that all ParentPay accounts are settled regularly. Once the outstanding balance is cleared, please ensure the account remains in credit, this is **particularly important for our year 8 pupils as they will be leaving us soon.**

You are able to set up regular weekly payments via ParentPay, as well as email alerts to remind you when the balance is getting low. Can we also remind you that the FSM allowance is £2.80 per day, to be used at lunchtime only. For any accounts that are constantly in debt we may be asking you to provide a packed lunch from home.

If you have any queries, please contact the finance office.

Thank you.



# Every School Day Counts



## 94%

Our overall attendance this academic year

## Top 3 Tutors



**DDe**



Congratulations

**EDu**



**RSh**



## Weekly Attendance

Year 5	<b>95%</b>
Year 6	<b>92%</b>
Year 7	<b>91%</b>
Year 8	<b>89%</b>
Whole School	<b>92%</b>



## Year to date Attendance

Year 5	<b>95%</b>
Year 6	<b>94%</b>
Year 7	<b>94%</b>
Year 8	<b>92%</b>
Whole School	<b>94%</b>



Well done to **LWo** for the highest attendance of the week and for setting a great example to the rest of us! And congratulations to everyone else but particularly to **Year 8**, whose attendance has increased from 89% to 92% this week. It's not long now until the end of term but there's still time to make a difference. Keep going!



## Celebrating attendance

Because attendance matters...





# Sport round-up

## Year 8 County Cricket Cup!

### Players:

Lily Amer.

Ismail Khan.

Harry Pearsall.

Ollie Carroll.

Jackson Strain.

Max Smith.

Reggie Peens.

Georgia Wharrad.

Hugo Hook.

### Schools:

Walkwood

Nunnery Wood

Aston Fields

Birchensale a,b

In the first game against Birchensale B team, we came out strong - proving we were there to win it, beating them by 67 runs.

In the second game, we played Aston fields and had a good game - beating them by 4 runs, with Lily coming to the rescue by bowling the player out on the last bowl.

For the third game, we played Nunnery Wood; we performed well. Ismail bowled out 2 of their strongest players in their first few bowls and Lily caught one out, which lead us to a Superover, where we unfortunately lost by 5 runs.

During the fourth game, we beat Birchensale by 40 - a great team performance!

As we came to the end of the tournament, it all came down to runs and there were only 12 runs in it.

Jackson



# Sport round-up

Continued

## School Games County Dodgeball Tournament.

The 2025 dodgeball and sports tournament took place on July 1<sup>st</sup> at Bromsgrove private school. Four Year eight pupils got chosen to support the Year sixes and persuade them to get involved with all the activities. Sadly, in dodgeball, they lost the first two matches to the winners and the other school who came second. After a pep talk with Mr Hunt, they went in strong and won the two halves of the game - within 2 minutes. They played another match afterwards: an amazing win - finishing fifth! There were also multiple sporting activities including:

Dance festivals

Dodgeball

Football

Aqua splash Festivals

Tri Golf

Boccia

Cricket

Rounders

In the school games village, there were plenty activities to join in with, including the most favoured one, which was the Smoothie Bike that everyone loved. Overall Walkwood Church of England Middle School rated it a 10/10. Thank you for having us 😊

Lottie D



# Walkwood

Church of England  Middle School

## Appointment of Teaching Assistant Grade 2

Remuneration: Scale 2 from £ 24,790 - £ 25,183 pro rata

8:45am -3:30pm

33 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> hours per week, term time only plus 5 Inset days

*“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.*

Walkwood Church of England Middle School are looking to recruit a Grade 2 Teaching Assistant.

### **We are looking for a teaching assistant who:**

- Demonstrates the ability to provide efficient and effective support to pupils and staff through a fully inclusive approach
- Assesses and reports on pupils’ development, progress and attainment
- Is able to provide effective pastoral care and understanding of all pupils
- Is proactive, flexible and works effectively as part of a team
- Has excellent communication skills with pupils and all stakeholders
- Is a reflective practitioner
- Is committed to their own professional development
- Is committed to promoting our Christian Ethos and values
- Has GCSE passes in Maths and English (4+)

### **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 Trust (currently in process of joining)

Previous experience is desirable for this role, although not essential. Experience of working with children with autism and other additional needs is desirable or at the least, a willingness to gain experience, together with GCSE passes in Maths and English (C/4+) or equivalent.

Walkwood Church of England Middle School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS check.

For full details of this position and how to apply, please visit our website at [www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk](http://www.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk). The application deadline is **7<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 9 am**. Interviews will take place during that week.



# 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



[HTTPS://WWW.WALKWOODMS.  
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](http://walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk/Music)

or simply **scan the QR code**.

# Clubs and Activities



## Summer term 2

	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	12.50-13.15 Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only 12.50-13.15 Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only 12.50-13.15 Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	
<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 (Computer Room) 12:50 – 1:30pm – FCL  12.50-13.15 Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	
<b>Friday</b>	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Library is open – read, quiz or exchange books	Choir Year 6 and 8 1.15pm – 1.35pm during playground time GLA – Music Room  Lunch club (LTI) – Invite only  Library is closed	



# Looking ahead



2025	
Thursday 17 July	Year 8 Drayton Manor
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